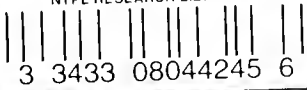


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M. H. Mayer

On February 19, 1884, Mr. Batcheler was married to Hattie B. Marsh, a daughter of Samuel Marsh, of Lock Haven. The marriage is without issue. Both Mr. and Mrs. Batcheler are identified with the M. E. Church.

ROBERT A. SHAW, Esq., one of the most successful agriculturists and prominent citizens of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, was born October 25, 1831, in Wayne township, the same county, when it formed a part of Lycoming county.

The Shaw family is of Scotch-Irish extraction, and possesses the chief characteristics so common to that people—thrift, industry, enterprise and energy—making them useful and valued citizens of any community where they may chance to reside. Robert Shaw, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, and at one time owned a farm in the vicinity of Bald Eagle, Penn. He reared his family in Lycoming county, but spent his last days in Venango county, Penn. Robert M. Shaw, the father of our subject, was born November 8, 1798, on Centre Plains, Lycoming (now Clinton) county, and received only a common-school education; but being a man of sound judgment and a close observer, he gained a good practical knowledge of men and events. He, too, was an agriculturist, and when a young man began life for himself upon a farm in Wayne township, and then removed to Pine Creek township, Clinton county, buying the Squire Hamilton farm of 115 acres, upon which he made very extensive improvements, including the erection of a good brick residence and a substantial barn. He also planted an orchard, and took great pride in his farming and stock-raising, being accounted one of the most practical farmers and reliable business men of his community. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and took quite an active part in political affairs.

On March 25, 1823, near Charlton, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shaw and Miss Fanny Crawford, who was born at Chatham Run, Clinton county, August 21, 1799, a daughter of Robert Crawford, a tanner by occupation, who was of Scotch-Irish descent. The children born to them are as follows: Hugh, born January 9, 1824, died suddenly in Pine Creek township, July 3, 1890; Elizabeth, born June 3, 1827, was married October 1, 1867, to William King, of Illinois, and died May 6, 1868; Robert A., of this sketch, is next in order of birth; Martha, born February 22, 1836, is the wife of Jacob Bubb, of Jersey Shore, Penn.; George C., born August 15, 1838, on the homestead. The father died

January 30, 1878, on the home farm, where the mother also passed away, and the remains of both were interred at Jersey Shore. In religious belief they were Presbyterians.

Robert A. Shaw pursued his studies in the public schools of Pine Creek township, under the direction of Squire Joseph Walters, Alexander Hamilton, Mr. Ross and Mr. Parker, who taught in an old log school house, known as the Duncan school. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, assisting in the labor of the fields, and becoming thoroughly familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of twenty-three he began operating the farm on shares, being thus employed for three years, and then he removed to the Martin farm near Jersey Shore, in Lycoming county. In 1865 he located upon his present farm, which he purchased from Henry Kissell, and on which he has made extensive improvements. He bought the Ramm farm of eighty-eight acres in 1871, and has also made many useful and valuable improvements upon that place. His present comfortable residence was erected in 1868 at a cost of \$3,500, and in its construction he did much of the work, making every door in the house, which would do credit to a skilled workman. In 1860 he began raising tobacco, being one of the first in the community to engage in that industry, and in the enterprise he has met with excellent success. His present fine barn was erected in 1876 at a cost of \$3,000, and all the improvements stand as monuments to the thrift and industry of the owner, who is recognized as one of the most systematic and thorough farmers of Pine Creek township.

Rev. J. G. Pearce, a Methodist Episcopal minister, performed a marriage ceremony at Lock Haven, November 10, 1853, which united the destinies of Mr. Shaw and Miss Margaret J. Dunn, who was born June 9, 1831, at Liberty, Dunstable township, Clinton county, a daughter of William and Sarah (Poorman) Dunn, the former a merchant of Liberty and a cousin of Judge William Dunn. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are the parents of five children: (1) James G., born August 25, 1854, is a farmer of Pine Creek township. He married Rebecca Jane Emory, and has five children. (2) Ida B., born in September, 1856, in Lycoming county, is the wife of M. B. Rich, a member of the firm of John Rich & Bros., at Woolrich, Clinton county, and has seven children—Jennie, Robert, Katie, John, Anabel, Gracie and Margaret. (3) William D., born at Charlton, March 27, 1858, is a merchant of Wellsboro, Penn. He wedded Mary Lamb, a niece of Judge Williams, and they have one

daughter, Margery. (4) Elizabeth C., born in March, 1861, is the wife of Dr. C. B. Schroeder, of Lock Haven, Penn. (5) Annie M. began her education in the public schools near her home, later graduated at the Jersey Shore Academy, and subsequently attended the Dickinson Seminary; later graduated at the Froebel Institute, of Washington, D. C. She is a young lady of scholarly tastes, and has for nine years successfully engaged in teaching.

Our subject is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and on that ticket, in 1875, was first elected justice of the peace of Pine Creek township, a position he has since most creditably and satisfactorily filled, his decisions always being sustained by the higher courts. For fifteen years he served efficiently as school director, and has also been auditor and tax collector in his township. In 1874 he was the candidate for county commissioner on the Greenback ticket, but as the party was in the minority he was defeated. Mr. Shaw's influence is great and always for good. His sympathy, his benevolence and kindly greeting will long be remembered when he has passed away, and he is justly regarded as one of the leading and representative citizens of Clinton county.

MON. WILLIAM H. MAYER, the present mayor of the city of Lock Haven, gives to his administration the energetic, economical and far-sighted management that a man of fair judgment brings to the conduct of his own affairs.

Mr. Mayer was born March 17, 1833, in Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Penn., and his early education was acquired in the schools of Chambersburg, Penn. From there he went to Philadelphia and secured employment in a hardware store where he became thoroughly acquainted with the details of that business. In 1855 he engaged in general mercantile business in the city of Lock Haven, Penn., which he conducted till the latter part of the year 1862. In 1865 he enlisted in the 37th P. V. I., with the rank of sergeant major, and in March of the same year he was appointed by President Lincoln as paymaster in the United States navy, which position he held until the close of the war. In 1870 he went to Chippewa Falls, Wis., and became interested in real-estate and lumber business, remaining there six years. In 1876 he returned to Lock Haven, Penn., and engaged in the general mercantile business, which business he still conducts. He has always taken a lively interest in municipal affairs, and although he is a staunch Democrat, while the city is largely Republican, his popular-

ity has stood the test of several elections. His sound judgment and impartiality make him an excellent mayor, and has won the support of all classes. Socially Mr. Mayer is prominent, and he is identified with the G. A. R., the B. P. O. E., the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F. He is also interested in a number of business enterprises of a corporate nature, and is vice-president of the Lock Haven Traction Railway Co.

PERRY WILSON McDOWELL, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Lamar township, Clinton county, has been identified with the agricultural interests of this section for more than half a century, and notwithstanding these long years of toil, care and responsibility, he finds himself toward the beginning of his eighty-first year robust and hearty. Always jovial and merry, he is a good companion, and his generosity is unflinching. It is said that he never forgets a friend or an enemy—though it is difficult to believe that he has any of the latter class. Young and old prize his acquaintance, and the children, always the keenest judges of character, delight in his kindly greetings.

Mr. McDowell was born September 8, 1817, in the Kishacoquillas Valley, Mifflin county, Penn., where his ancestors were pioneers. John McDowell, his grandfather, who was of Scotch-Irish stock, came from the North of Ireland about 1755, and for some time resided in the vicinity of Carlisle, Penn. During his residence there he paid a visit to his native land, and soon after his return he removed to the Kishacoquillas Valley and bought a claim of 600 acres of land, beautifully situated about three miles from the present site of Belleville. The former owners, two men named Topping, had abandoned the place because of their fear of the Indians, and had escaped from the supposed danger by way of the old trail across Jack's Mountain at McVeytown. As a token by which Mr. McDowell could identify his purchase, they told him that in the log cabin which they had built near a spring on the place, he would find buried an axe, a mattock, and a bottle of whiskey, which articles as stated were found there. John McDowell made substantial improvements upon the tract, and the old stone house that served as his residence still does duty as a farmhouse, being kept in excellent repair by its present owners. John McDowell was in all respects an example of the hardy, fearless men who laid the foundations for the civilization of to-day. In 1770, or earlier, he married Miss Elizabeth Reed, of Shavers Creek, Huntingdon county, near the present town of Peters-

burg. Both were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McDowell died in 1809 at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife in 1812 at sixty-five, their remains being interred in a small burial plat near the old farm house. Another member of the McDowell family who came to America was Robert, a brother of John, but we have no record of him after the latter's removal from Carlisle.

John McDowell left a large estate which was divided among his children, but as most of them seem to have inherited his love of travel there are few of his descendants now living in the Valley. Of his thirteen children all but two reached adult age: (1) Polly was scalded to death when quite small. (2) Robert (deceased) was a resident of Belleville, Mifflin county, Penn. He had four sons—William, who died at Belleville, unmarried; John; Robert, Jr.; and James, who married and settled in Fayette county, Penn. (3) William, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (4) James, who served in the war of 1812, resided at Long Hollow, near the present site of Newton Hamilton, Penn. Of his ten children, Robert and William settled in Altoona, Penn., James and Carson in Illinois, Jonathan and Walker remained near Newton Hamilton, Joseph disappeared during the late war, Mrs. Mary Brilhart located in Philadelphia, and Mrs. Belle Norton in Illinois. (5) John died in Kishacoquillas Valley, unmarried. (6) Samuel, who resided near the site of Altoona, was twice married and had four children by each union. By the first there were Isaac, Eliza, Lydia, and another who was killed; and by the second there were Brown, Samuel, Sarah, and Jennie. Samuel and Isaac removed to Iowa, but the rest of the family remained in or near Altoona. (7) Joseph lived and died in Mercer county, Penn., and had one daughter who married and probably settled in Ohio. (8) Jonathan resided in Clearfield county, Penn., and had the following children—Eliza, Samuel, Charles, Elizabeth, Bertha, and another daughter who settled in Clearfield, James, and George, both of whom located in Clarion, Penn. (9) Elizabeth married Samuel McGlathery, who owned and settled upon a part of the land now occupied by the city of Altoona. Of their children, Samuel, who resided at Altoona, left seven or eight children: Allen lived in or near Altoona, where most of his children also settled; John went to Virginia, where he died leaving several children; Elizabeth Reed, Mrs. Haggerty, resided near Altoona, and the two daughters and one son who survived her probably located in the same vicinity; Isabel married George Merriam. (10) Jean

married Henry B. Taylor and resided in the Kishacoquillas Valley, as did her two daughters, Elizabeth Reed, who married Dr. Mitchell, and Mary Williamson, wife of Robert Taylor. (11) Nancy never married. (12) Sallie died in early womanhood, unmarried. (13) Polly (2) died in childhood.

William McDowell, our subject's father, spent his early years at the old homestead and later removed to the eastern end of the same Valley, where his last days were passed, his death occurring in 1851 at the age of seventy-five. In 1809 he was married to Ann Alexander, daughter of Maj. Thomas Alexander, of Revolutionary fame, and seven children were born to the union; (1) Samuel Alexander settled in Centre county, Penn., where he died at over seventy years of age. He married Sarah Eichy, of Union county, Penn., and had one son, William, who inherited the farm near Jacksonville, married and had six children. (2) John Reed taught school in early manhood, and later conducted the "Valley House" at Lewistown for several years, but his remaining years were spent in farming. He was active in political affairs, and held office as deputy sheriff for some time, and in 1841 was elected prothonotary of Mifflin county, which position he filled acceptably two terms. He died in 1861, aged about forty-seven, and his wife, Margaret Jacobs, passed away April 19, 1887, at the age of sixty-eight. They had the following children—Margaret J., Mrs. Samuel McNitt, residing near Milroy; James, a resident of York county, Penn., who married first Helen Campbell, and, after her death, her sister Dora; Wildey, a resident of York county, who married Louisa Bacher; William Howard, who is mentioned more fully below; Annie, Mrs. S. F. Fry, of York county; and John, who died in childhood. (3) Thomas Jackson died at the age of nineteen. (4) Perry Wilson is the subject proper of this sketch. (5) William Elliott was a successful farmer in the eastern end of the Kishacoquillas Valley, where he died in 1882. He was married late in life to Louisa McGuire, of Luzerne county, Penn., who survived him. They had two children—Minnie, who died when a few months old, and a son, Milton Spear, who was graduated from the Pennsylvania State College, Centre county, and after spending some time there as a professor was employed as a chemist at the tannery in Ridgway, Penn. (6) Sarah Ann married Thomas Brown, now deceased, and had one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bunnell, who resided two miles east of Milroy. (8) Eliza Jane married William Kennedy, of Kishacoquillas Valley, and after his death, John Stroup, of Adams county, Ohio, a farmer by oc-

cupation. By the first marriage she had two children—James, who is married and resides in Adams county, Ohio, and Willa, who died in girlhood. By the second marriage she had one son, John, who inherited his father's farm.

William Howard McDowell, the first son of John Reed and Margaret (Jacobs) McDowell, was born in Lewistown, August 9, 1843, and when eleven years old accompanied his parents to the farm near Milroy, where he grew to manhood. After his father's death he removed with his mother to York county, Penn., and in 1862 enlisted from that county in Company G, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He took part in a number of important engagements, and was with Sherman's army on the march to Atlanta, being assigned to Kilpatrick's division. In September, 1864, while out on a scouting expedition, he was captured by guerrillas, with two of his companions. One of the latter escaped but Mr. McDowell, being wounded, was at the mercy of his captors. After suffering imprisonment in various places he was finally taken to Andersonville, where he died in March, 1865.

Perry Wilson McDowell was educated in a country school which was held in a log building furnished in the old-fashioned way, with benches around the wall. As farmers had little or no help from machinery in those days, there was plenty of work at all seasons of the year, and Mr. McDowell could give but a few weeks each winter to his studies. His practical training in agricultural work was not neglected, however, and as he was a willing, ambitious boy with great strength for one of his age, he was of much assistance on the farm, being able to plow when he was but twelve years old. Exposure, together with the effects of a fever, impaired his hearing, and from the age of six years he has been troubled with varying degrees of deafness, the disease becoming worse as time passed. In early manhood he spent several summers working for neighboring farmers, but he made his home with his parents until 1839 when he went to reside upon a small farm near Milroy (the first land that he ever owned). His first work was, when he was about thirteen years old, for John Lapp, receiving as wages four dollars per month one season; but the really first money he earned was seven dollars (paid in silver fifty-cent pieces) for "following a cradler" along with another boy.

On June 7, 1842, Mr. McDowell was married in Milroy, Penn., to Miss Catherine Conley, a native of Mifflin county, born April 5, 1819. Her parents, John and Mary (Duff) Conley, well-known residents of that county, had fifteen chil-

dren, of whom nine daughters and two sons lived to adult age. Mr. McDowell and his bride began their married life on the little farm near Milroy, in the spring of 1852, but later in the same year he purchased a farm in Marion township, Centre county; then finding it too far from the nearest school for his children, he removed to Milroy, near a school, and there remained some two years. He then bought a farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, and remained there until 1857, when he disposed of it and settled upon the Centre county farm. In 1871 he located at Howard, Centre county, where he spent eight years, and during half that period he was occupied in running a gristmill. In 1879 he bought his present farm near Mackeyville, a fine estate, formerly known as the Brady farm. He now owns two other well-improved farms in Marion township, Centre county, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of that section.

In 1892 our subject and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, the happy event drawing together four generations of their descendants. Mrs. McDowell died November 5, 1897, aged seventy-eight years and seven months, after a married life of fifty-five years; her's was the first death in the family. She had not been in good health of late years, having suffered a paralytic stroke in June, 1885, from the effects of which she never recovered. She was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. The children of this worthy couple were trained in early life to habits of usefulness, and their parents always appreciated the value of their assistance, Mr. McDowell having distributed among them about \$5,000 to give each a good start in life. A brief record of their children is as follows: (1) Anna M., born March 20, 1843, married J. W. Blair, of Belle Centre, Ohio, and has one child, Anna C. (2) Sarah E., born January 19, 1845, married James Allison, of Porter township, Clinton county, and four years later they moved to Seman, Ohio; they have three children—Kate C., David Mc D., and Nettie A., the eldest of whom is now the wife of Dr. Montgomery, of Huntsville, Ohio, and her two children give our subject the patriarchal honors of a great-grandfather. (3) N. Margaret, born May 28, 1846, married Capt. S. H. Benrison, of Marion township, Centre county, and they have had eleven children—Perry Mc., Jane, Robert H., Mary C., John, Bertha C., Guy, Emma, Nellie E., Dean, and Helen G., all yet living except John. (4) Emma J., born March 17, 1854, married Dr. J. E. Tibbins, of Beech Creek, Penn., and they have one son—Perry McD. (5)

Henry T., born October 28, 1857, married Miss Mary B. Kline, and located in Marion township, Centre county; they have had three sons: Willard K., living; and Perry W. and Eugene B., deceased.

Our subject has been a lifelong Democrat, his first vote having been cast for David R. Porter for governor. No change of policy or principle on the part of the leaders of the party has ever shaken his allegiance, and he has held many a heated argument with those who were less inclined to stand by the old organization at all hazards. Although he has not especially cared for official place, he has been chosen to various township offices, including that of justice of the peace. He is proud of the fact that he has followed farming fifty-eight years; is a man of much energy, and has a bright mind, has been a great reader, and is well-informed on all subjects, his advice and counsel being frequently sought.

BENJAMIN F. BROWN. For upward of half a century the name of Brown has been prominently identified with the business interests of Lock Haven and Clinton county. The gentleman, whose name introduces this sketch, is of the second generation of the name to have successful careers in mercantile lines here.

Jacob Brown, his father, whose death on March 13, 1896, closed a long busy, life, removing from the community a prominent business man, a good citizen, and one of the pioneer merchants of this section, was born March 20, 1820, in Wurtemberg, Germany. At the age of seventeen years he came to America. He found his way to Lycoming county, Penn., and secured work at Trout Run. A year later he went to Ralston, then passed several months at Farrisville, Clinton county. His next move was to come to Lock Haven, where he served two years in learning the carpenter's trade. After this he went to Muncy Creek, Lycoming county, and there remained two years engaged in farming and lumbering. The following three years he worked at his trade in Philadelphia, and at the expiration of this time he returned to Lock Haven, and here formed a partnership with his brother George Brown, who was then in the mercantile business. In 1852 George Brown withdrew from the firm, selling his interest to James Fearon. The business was carried on under the firm name of Jacob Brown & Co. Shortly afterward Mr. Fearon's death caused a change in the firm, his widow selling her interest in the business to Mr. Brown. Later W. H. Mayer, subsequently mayor of Lock Haven, se-

cured an interest, and the business was conducted under the name of Brown & Mayer. At that time the store was on Water street, opposite the "Fallon House." In 1857 Mr. Brown sold out to his partner, and one year later started a general store in a building which he erected for himself on Main street. In 1869 he confined his business to a general grocery which he conducted alone until 1874, at which time he admitted B. F. Brown (his son) and Peter Berger to a partnership, the firm becoming Jacob Brown & Co. Some time afterward Mr. Berger retired from the firm, since which time the business has been carried on under the name of Jacob Brown & Son, the widow succeeding her husband in the business. Jacob Brown was a thrifty German, honest, industrious, and a good manager. These essentials coupled with his business tact made him a successful business man. On his death one of the Lock Haven papers said: "By his death a prominent business man is removed from Lock Haven. He was a man of integrity, square in his business transactions, congenial with companions, and possessed a happy disposition." His progressive ideas and public spirit were shown in his long service in the city council and the school board, and in various other official positions. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and the Masons had charge of the funeral. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was made captain of the "Steuben Rifles," a local military company.

In 1848, in the city of Philadelphia, Jacob Brown was married to Margaret Heid, who was a native of Germany. To the marriage were born Caroline (Mrs. A. T. Elliott), Benjamin F. (our subject), Elizabeth (Mrs. W. F. Elliot), James (deceased), and George W. (deceased).

Benjamin F. Brown, who to-day is one of the best and most favorably known of the business men of Lock Haven, where he was born August 29, 1851, received his education in the schools of that city, supplementing his course there by one year of study in a school at Westchester, Penn., and by a business course at Williamsport, Penn. At the age of fifteen he entered his father's store, and he has been connected with the establishment ever since, having become a partner at an early age. As his father's health declined, more and more responsibility rested upon the son, and he may be said to have been the head of the enterprise for twenty years past. One factor in his success is his careful selection of his goods, of which he carries a large stock, thus meeting the demands of the best class of custom. The firm carries a large stock, and there are employed some half dozen clerks in the

conduct of the business. The building in which the business is carried on is large and roomy, be in size 20x100 feet, and has three floors and a basement. Mr. Brown's well-proven sagacity makes him a valued advisor in other important movements, and he is now a director in the Lock Haven Trust & Safe Company.

While not radical in his political views, our subject affiliates with the Democratic party. He has never sought official honors, however, preferring to give his time to his private business. Socially he is identified with several fraternal orders, including the B. P. O. E. and the F. & A. M.

ROBERT MANN. For nearly three-quarters of a century the name of Mann has stood the embodiment of all that there is in the manufacture of the best brand, most widely known, and extensively used axe in the country.

Robert Mann, the gentleman whose skill and foresight built up the great business in this line at Mill Hall, Clinton county, now the oldest living member of the "Axe Mann" family, and the only male representative of his generation, is a native of Rutland township, Jefferson Co., N. Y., born near Watertown, June 13, 1824. Thomas Mann, the founder of the family in America, was born in County Derry, Ireland, April 10, 1750, and was a lad of eight years when his parents came to America. They settled in New England, where Thomas grew up, and with his wife, Thankful, who was born in Massachusetts, January 7, 1737, migrated to Montgomery county, N. Y., where for some years he followed his occupation of blacksmithing, and later in life he moved to western New York, and died at Wales, Erie county, in 1820. Among their children that lived to reach adult age were, William, the father of the subject of this sketch: John was a lawyer, and died in New York City; David was a farmer, and died in western New York, and Nathan was a blacksmith and maker of edge tools, and died in western New York. Among the children were also several daughters.

William Mann, Sr., was born August 18, 1779, at Braintree, Mass., and was but a lad on his parents moving to Montgomery county, where he was reared to manhood. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father. After his marriage he started in business for himself on a small scale making scythes and axes. In 1829 he moved to Bellefonte, Penn., where two of his sons, William and Harvey, had preceded him and were engaged in the manufacture of axes. This journey to Pennsylvania the father made

with a two-horse covered wagon. On the arrival of the family at Bellefonte the father built a shop and began the manufacture of forks, hoes, rakes, etc. In about 1801, in Montgomery county, New York, he married Miss Rachel Gillette, who was there born, May 30, 1782, being a daughter of Stephen and Ruth (Case) Gillette, the former a native of near Hartford, Conn., born in 1753, and the latter of the same locality, born in 1763. William Mann, Sr., died at Boiling Springs, Centre county, February 19, 1860; his wife passed away years previously (1847) in Philadelphia, her remains being interred in that city. William, Sr., was buried at Bellefonte, in the beautiful cemetery on the hill under the shadows of the towering pine trees, which seemingly have been left as sentinels standing guard over the graves of the many distinguished dead of that renowned mountain town. The children born to this couple were: (1) William Mann, Jr., born October 18, 1802, and died June 11, 1855, near Lewistown, Penn. (2) Harvey Mann, born July 2, 1804, and died June 4, 1870, at Boiling Springs, Penn. (William was the pioneer of the family in the axe business in Pennsylvania, and with his brother Harvey started a factory in Bellefonte in 1825, and later at the Boiling Springs, two miles from Bellefonte). (3) Stephen G. died in Tennessee, whither he had gone in search of a better climate for his health. He was also an axe manufacturer. (4) Willis, born February 9, 1815, died February 18, 1879, and at the time of his death resided in Mifflin county, although his death occurred in Clearfield county. He, too, was an axe manufacturer, and the pioneer of the family in that business in Clinton county. (One James Hayes, a pupil of the Manns in the axe business in Bellefonte, Centre county, went to Clinton county and there established himself near Mackeyville in the axe business, but in time abandoned it. This business was revived by Willis Mann). (5) Maria died September 10, 1850, unmarried, near Lewistown, Penn. (6) Harris left Mifflin county when twenty-one years of age, and was never heard from afterward. (7) Robert is our subject. The father of these, William Mann, Sr., was a man of strong convictions, but kind-hearted and true. While industrious and a thorough workman, he was not a money-getter. He was a man of a high sense of honor, and had great antipathy for all forms of deception and untruthfulness. He was methodical in whatever he did and most thorough, and left as a legacy to his children a good name, and thorough schooling in his trade, which made them riches and renown throughout the



Robert Mann

country. He took great care of his health, and as a result sickness was almost unknown to him until extreme old age.

Returning to Robert Mann (to whom it was left to carry forward and to augment the business established in Pennsylvania by his older brothers), who was only a lad at the time of his parents' removal from New York to Bellefonte, as they came *en route* via Williamsport, Mill Hall and on into Nittany Valley, it did not dawn upon the mind of their youngest son that they were passing the site of his future great achievements, when he was to rescue the declining fortunes of the village of Mill Hall with its iron works collapsing into ruin, and rehabilitate it with a new industry that in less than a half century would make it a busy commercial center, with Robert Mann at the head of one of the leading axe manufacturing industries in the United States; and less than sixty years later finds the gentleman whose business sagacity and foresight developed this great industry retired with ample means to live as his refined tastes desire. He now is passing the evening of life in an elegant home that overlooks the picturesque mountains and valleys and streams of Nittany Valley—a home, too, that overlooks the factory where his sons are managing even to greater success the business of their forefathers.

Robert Mann recalls with great pleasure his childhood days at Bellefonte, where he received his first schooling; these were halcyon days, full of enjoyment—swimming, skating and coasting on those steep hills, and, in company with older boys, hunting squirrels, trapping rabbits, and, not the least interesting, listening to stories such as "Jack, the Giant Killer," as he sometimes sat on the platform of the old pump that stood in the diamond square. When he was twelve years of age his father finally settled on a small farm near where Unionville, Centre county, has since been built; here Robert took his first lessons as a practical worker in iron. He remembers an occasion when his father was sitting on the vice bench with a neighbor while he (Robert) was forging a piece of iron; and, no doubt stimulated by the spectator, he heard his father say "there is a boy who will make a good workman." Of course this was very gratifying to him, for he had no higher ambition. During the four years that Robert resided there he attended school three or four months each winter, and in summer worked principally on the land. His father, though then a man of some sixty years, worked with his sons Harris and Robert. He rarely scolded them, and he was indulgent as far as his limited means would permit.

They were allowed plenty of time for hunting and fishing, of which they were very fond. The father's favorite books were "Scott's life of Napoleon Bonaparte," "Blair's Sermons," and "Seneca's Morals." Robert read these books with interest, particularly the former. After dinner during the summer season his father usually lay upon his back, always preferring the hard floor, and read until he fell asleep. Robert's fondness for reading grew with his years, and was only limited by the very few books he had access to. They had a school book called the "National Reader," which was read and re-read many times over by the brothers, and the pieces they most admired were such as had acquired a wide celebrity in the world, such as "Gray's Elegy," and writings of Addison, Milton, Pope and Akenside.

William Mann, Jr., twenty-two years older than his brother, Robert, having finally settled near Lewistown, Mifflin county, and established an axe factory there that was destined to become famous, after, say, some five years' successful operation, visited his parents and the family near Unionville, and prevailed on his father to move near his place, he believing that there would be a better opening for Harris and Robert than there in the secluded place where they then resided. In the year 1840 the change was therefore made. William Mann, Sr., and family moved into the stone house at the entrance of the narrows below the axe factory, and here, practically in the employ of his brother, William, Robert Mann spent seven years of his life, principally in the forging department, in the manufacture of tools and axes, but a liberal proportion of this time was devoted to a subordinate care in the management, and also traveling on business over various parts of the State on horseback and in other ways in vogue half a century ago. Finally, Robert Mann, seeing that there was no favorable opening with his brother, William, for bettering his condition, as the latter had sons rapidly growing up, accepted an offer from his brother, Willis, at Mackeyville, Clinton county, to take a position in a new store which he was starting in connection with his axe business. Robert, therefore, bid adieu to Mifflin county, having little or nothing to carry out of it but his experience, which proved to be valuable in the years to come. Robert stayed with his brother, Willis, about two years, principally in the store, during which time he discovered that his brother's affairs were in bad shape, and that his failure was sure to come in the near future. While this condition of his brother's affairs filled him with sorrow and regret, it also inspired him with

a determination to start in business for himself; therefore, early in January, 1849, he made articles of agreement and co-partnership with Mr. Saul McCormick, a merchant of Mill Hall, for the erection of an axe factory on the site of the old forge. Soon after this, Robert Mann was married to Miss Christina Reesman, the former twenty-five and the latter twenty years of age, and April 1st they commenced housekeeping temporarily in Mackeyville. Thus the business and matrimonial enterprises started out simultaneously in the venture of life. And here it may safely be said that there has not been in the county of Clinton a couple who have contributed so much to the industry of the common people, so continuously and for so long a period of time, as the obscure pair who began their wedded life so lowly in Mackeyville.

John Reesman, the father of Mrs. Robert Mann, was born in Dauphin county, Penn., and when a small lad was thrown on his own resources; leaving home, he learned the milling business, which he followed for many years. He purchased land near Mackeyville, Clinton county, which he improved, and there built a mill. His wife, Christina, the mother of all his children, died at Mackeyville, in 1844. Both husband and wife were members of the Evangelical Church, and their house was often opened for prayer and worship. The church that stands on the hill near Mackeyville was erected as a memorial to Mrs. Christina Reesman. Mr. Reesman was a man of strict integrity, was industrious and a good citizen. He was married a second time, and died in 1872, and is buried with his first wife at Mackeyville.

The new firm of Robert Mann & Co. started up about August 1, 1849, with five men. The business increased slowly, but steadily, until the end of the lease for five years. Prior to its expiration, however, a new lease was made for eight years, and arrangements made for greatly enlarging the works, which was carried out. In 1857 Mr. McCormick died; Mr. Mann then purchased the property, and in 1863 the factory was further enlarged, and again in 1876 he further increased its size, until from the small beginning of the capacity of twenty axes per day, it was increased so that in 1877 the output was upward of 400 per day. The works never from the start ceased operation until they were destroyed by fire on September 11, 1877. Plans for the rebuilding of the factory were immediately perfected, and by April, 1878, the new works, with increased capacity, were in operation. In 1880 Mr. Mann built a new factory, complete in its appointments, below Mill Hall, at which exclus-

ively "double-bit" axes have ever since been made. Four years before the absorption of the business by the American Axe & Tool Co., Mr. Mann had given exclusive control to his three sons, Thomas R., at the lower factory, with an output in 1890 of 400 "double-bit" axes per day, employing sixty-five men, and Alfred C. and William H., at the upper factory, with an output of 800 single axes per day, and employing 100 men. At that period the Mann family were the most extensive manufacturers of axes in the world, making at their various factories 2,800 per day, or 840,000 per year, their trade and reputation extending around the globe. The great success of the "Mann Axe" is due to the close attention given to the one business, and to the constant care they have ever exercised in keeping their goods up to the highest point of excellence. In 1890 these factories were absorbed by the American Axe & Tool Co., and the business at this point is now being managed by the sons of Robert Mann. For some years have been manufactured here all of the "double-bit" axes made by the above company, with a capacity of 1,200 "double-bit" axes per day, employing 180 men.

Following are the children of Robert and Christina Mann: Frances M. Garth, whose husband, Abbott B., is a merchant of Mill Hall, and paymaster and shipper of the American Axe & Tool Co., was born at Mill Hall, October 19, 1849; Harris I., born March 8, 1851, died September 15, 1862, of diphtheria; John W., born February 22, 1853, died September 2, 1862, of diphtheria; Thomas R., born February 19, 1855, is cashier of the Colorado & North-western Railway Co., and manager of large smithing works in Boulder, Colo.; Alfred C., born March 7, 1857, is the superintendent of the American Axe & Tool Co., at Mill Hall; Joseph R., born February 16, 1859, is president of the Mann Edge Tool Company, at Lewistown, Penn.; Carrie E., born April 26, 1861, died September 4, 1862, of diphtheria; William H., born August 2, 1863, is a merchant of Mill Hall, Penn.; Mary M., born May 20, 1865, died December 28, 1865; and Robert, Jr., born October 16, 1866, is vice-president and sales agent of the Mann Edge Tool Co., Lewistown, Penn. The mother of these died January 29, 1897, and was buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery. She was a woman of many virtues, an affectionate wife, and a kind and indulgent mother, and her death was keenly felt in the community in which she had so long lived. Mr. Mann, although starting in life very humbly and with little education, has by his untiring industry and business tact not only built up a great indus-

try, become wealthy and made for himself a name and position in the business world, but he has by reading and study become a man of education and culture, and one coming in contact with him would judge him a college-bred gentleman. He is unassuming, genial and social, yet with it all carries dignity. He is a successful man. In politics he is a Republican, well-posted on the history of parties and on the issues of the day. He takes a deep interest in politics although he has never been active in a party sense. With his force and business ability, had he early in life received a more liberal education, he certainly would have forged his way to the front in public affairs, if he had so desired to do. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The following notice of Harvey Mann, for forty years the distinguished head of the axe factory of Boiling Springs, near Bellefonte, is taken from the private narrative of his brother Robert: "My brother Harvey was a man of good mind and scrupulously honorable in his dealings; as long as he devoted his attention strictly to his axe business he was very successful, though greatly hampered by his poor waterpower. He claimed to be the inventor of the process of drawing axe-bits under a trip-hammer, a practice that soon became universal. His greatest invention was the overlaid steel which has come to be extensively used, and which during his lifetime yielded him a handsome royalty; but it was at the sacrifice of his reputation as a manufacturer, for his mind was so engrossed by his invention that his axe business suffered, and at the time of his death was on the decline when it came into the hands of his only surviving son Harvey, a noble young man, whose sudden death a few years after by a railroad accident near Steubenville, Ohio, was the last and the hardest of the heart-crushing bereavements that his now childless and widowed mother had to endure. It was pitiable to see her hopeless sorrow, yet she endured and survived it. Her nephew, J. Fearon Mann, my brother William's third son, leased her axe factory—her greatest business care—and was otherwise much comfort and help to her. She built a small church near her house, and lived for many years in her desolated home with ample means, with which she did much good. She died in the seventy-fourth year of her age, and the family of Harvey Mann became extinct."

[Mill Hall, Penn., September, 1897.]

ANDREW C. KISSELL (deceased). Prominent among the representative citizens of Woodward township, who have witnessed the

marvelous development of Clinton county during the past half century, and who, by honest toil and industry, succeeded in acquiring a competence, which enabled them to spend the evening of life in quiet and refinement, was the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. His entire life was passed in the county, his birth occurring October 22, 1823, in Pine Creek township, then a part of Lycoming county, and for many years he was actively identified with its agricultural and industrial interests. His paternal grandfather, a native of Germany, became a pioneer farmer of that township.

Henry Kissell, our subject's father, was born February 15, 1798, in Pine Creek township, and there grew to manhood, acquiring his education in its subscription schools. Throughout his active business life he followed the carpenter's trade, making his home on a small farm of thirty acres in Pine Creek township, where his death occurred January 22, 1865, and he was laid to rest in a cemetery in Porter township, Lycoming county. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was highly respected by all who knew him, and was a Democrat in politics.

In early manhood Henry Kissell was married to Catharine Bowers, who was born March 6, 1796, and by whom he had five children: Jacob, who died in Illinois; Andrew C., of this sketch; Margaret, deceased wife of C. Eckard; Martha, widow of Frederick Rayhorne; and Jane, deceased wife of John Shiley. The wife and mother, who was also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in Pine Creek township, March 1, 1837, and for his second wife Mr. Kissell chose Jane Morrison. Twelve children were born to this union, of whom four died in infancy; the others are as follows: Catharine, wife of R. B. Staver, of Williamsport, Penn.; Mary; Barbara; Elizabeth, wife of William Porter, of Lock Haven; Hettie, wife of Andrew Myers, of Williamsport; Rebecca, widow of William Layman, of Williamsport; Morrison, of Williamsport; and Martin. Mrs. Kissell died August 25, 1886.

During his boyhood and youth Andrew C. Kissell attended the public schools of his native township for three months during the winter, and spent his summers at work upon the home farm. At the age of twenty-one he began learning the tanner's trade, working for four years for Mr. Walters, who at that time owned a tannery in Pine Creek township. Subsequently our subject conducted the "Half Way House" in that township for a year and a half, and then rented and operated the McKinney tannery in the same township for a year, after which he went to Nit-

tany Valley, Clinton county, where he rented a tannery and operated the same for five years with good success. Returning to his native township, he followed lumbering and piloting on the Susquehanna river, taking rafts and "arks" down that stream to Marietta and Columbia. In 1860 he bought the Crawford & Condon tannery in Pine Creek township, and carried it on until 1881, when he disposed of the business and came to Woodward township. Here he purchased a fine brick residence and farm of Mr. Bickford, and until 1894 devoted his energies to farming, tobacco growing and market gardening, but has since lived retired on account of ill health, having never fully recovered from an attack of "la grippe."

On the 4th of July, 1848, in Pine Creek township, our subject was married to Miss Sarah Ann Dunlap, whose birth occurred in that township, June 26, 1826. Her father, James Dunlap, was born in Philadelphia, November 12, 1799, of French ancestry, and when a young man removed to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Penn., where he engaged in farming for some time, and was married to Sarah Gallinger, who was born there November 2, 1802, and died at the home of our subject July 17, 1883. From Muncy Mr. Dunlap removed to a farm in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, where he followed the occupation of farming until his death, which occurred in September, 1849. He and his wife now sleep side by side in the Pine Creek cemetery. Both belonged to the Lutheran Church, and he gave his political support to the Whig party. In their family were the following children: Sarah, the wife of our subject; Samuel, of Nippenose Valley; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Joel Kline; Catharine, wife of Samuel Bailey, of Porter township, Lycoming county; James and John, deceased; Barbara E., wife of John Bussler, of Pine Creek township; and Fanny, wife of Henry Myers, of the same township.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Kissell became the parents of ten children: Mary A., born April 19, 1849, is the wife of Reuben Shell, of Lock Haven; Arabella, born April 19, 1851, became the wife of James Henry, of Chatham Run, and died May 10, 1884; Priscilla J., born September 22, 1852, is the wife of Jacob Myers; an infant daughter was born and died October 30, 1854; Millard F., born October 14, 1856, married Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew C. McKinney, of Chatham Run, and operates the home farm; Sarah C., born April 2, 1858, died February 11, 1860; Lillie M., born September 7, 1860, died September 29, 1864; Andrew C., a tanner, born December 29, 1865, married Flora Harman, and

has three children; and three other children of our subject died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Kissell was a firm supporter of the Republican party. He cast his first vote for Henry Clay, and was proud that he was able to take his place side by side with the great majority of the American people who voted for Maj. McKinley and sound money at the last election, and hoped to be able to support the same party in 1900. His fellow-citizens recognizing his worth and ability called him to public office, although he never cared for political distinction. On his party ticket he was elected by a large majority a commissioner of Clinton county in the fall of 1890. His term was a trying one for the commissioners, as it was just after the great flood of 1889, when much damage was done to bridges and other property, and while faithfully discharging the arduous duties of the office, Mr. Kissell contracted the cold which laid the foundation of his subsequent ill health. He served as tax collector and assessor, was school director in Pine Creek township for several terms, justice of the peace for fifteen years, postmaster at Chatham Run for four years, and judge of elections, all of which offices he filled to the satisfaction of the general public and with credit to himself.

For twelve years Mr. Kissell was a member of Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., at Chatham Run, and with his wife and family held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. For several years he taught in the Sunday-school in Pine Creek township, and also served as superintendent. He was well-posted on the Bible, never a day passed that he did not read in the Sacred Book, and he was a strong temperance man, never tasting intoxicants of any kind. For almost fifty years Mr. and Mrs. Kissell traveled life's journey together, and although they had met with sorrows, they were contented and happy in each other's love, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. They reared a family of children, who highly honored and respected them in their old age, and are all earnest Christians. The husband and father passed away November 10, 1897, at his home in Dunnsburg aged seventy-four years. The funeral occurred on the 12th, conducted by Rev. George M. Frownfetter in the home church. The interment was made at Dunnsburg in one of the oldest cemeteries in the county.

RICH FAMILY, of Clinton county. This family has for over half a century been prominently identified with the industrial and com-



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mercial interests of Clinton county, and the name is a synonym for honorable and straightforward dealing. One of their leading characteristics in business affairs is their fine sense of order and complete system, and the habit of giving careful attention to details without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact.

The family was founded in this country by JOHN RICH, who was born in Wiltshire, England, October 16, 1786, a son of John Rich, a wool-carder by occupation, and a native of the same county, who spent his last days with his son John in Clinton county, Penn. In his native land the son received a very limited education, and under his father's able direction he became a wool-carder. Having a strong desire to try his fortune in the New World, he, in 1811, at the age of twenty-five years, sailed from Liverpool, accompanied by his father, landing at Philadelphia. In Germantown, Penn., he found employment as a carder in a woolen-factory, where he remained for several years, and then came to Mill Hall, Clinton county, and here rented a small woolen-factory from Nathaniel Harvey, which he operated some seven years. Removing to Pine Creek township, he was engaged in the same business at Plum Run, Dunstable township, Clinton county. He purchased the "Mansion farm," owned by John Fleming, and in partnership with Daniel McCormick erected a woolen-mill. He also had an interest in a woolen-mill at Cooperstown, Venango Co., Penn., the business being carried on under style of Rich, Booth & Hillier. For several years these men also operated the factory at Chatham Run, which, later, John Rich rented to John Hillier for some years. Finally, however, Mr. Rich purchased his partner's interest at Plum Run, and moved the machinery from the Plum Run mill (in 1843) to Factoryville (now Woolrich), Clinton county, and built a fine brick factory, the first of the kind in central Pennsylvania, burning the brick upon his farm. He also erected a second house at that place, and in the midst of the wilderness established quite a thriving little settlement, where employment was furnished to a number of people. He built four good log dwellings, and took an active and prominent part in the growth and development of the village. Until his death, which occurred in 1870, he successfully operated the mill, along with his son, John Fleming Rich, who was the inventor of the patented lumberman flannel known as "Rich's patent." He became one of the leading and influential citizens of the community, and was called upon to serve in several public positions of honor and trust, being one of the commissioners of Clinton county

for several years, and also county auditor. He was a strong party man, always upholding the principles of the Whig party until its dissolution, when he became an ardent Republican. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and was a liberal contributor to all Church work. Wherever known he was held in high regard, and was noted for his kindness and generosity.

John Rich was married to Miss McCloskey, a native of Dunnsburg, Clinton county, a daughter of Isaac McCloskey, a farmer by occupation. To them were born twelve children, namely: Rebecca, widow of George McCormick; Rachel, wife of Charles Koch, of Horseheads, N. Y.; Airy, wife of J. W. Crawford, of Dunstable township, Clinton county; Mary, deceased wife of John Caldwell, of Horseheads, N. Y.; John Fleming, Stiles and Thomas, all three deceased; Jane, deceased wife of Hon. Alexander McDill, of Wisconsin; Charles B., deceased; Joseph, who was killed in a railroad accident in 1876; and Elizabeth, deceased wife of ex-Sheriff Van Buskirk. The mother of these children died at Chatham Run, in 1876, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery at that place.

Of this family JOHN FLEMING RICH was born October 11, 1826, and in the subscription schools of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, he obtained his primary education, which was supplemented with an attendance of several terms at Allegheny College. In early boyhood he began work in his father's woolen-factory, and soon mastered all branches of the business. In 1868 he and his brother, Charles B., were admitted to the firm, and the business was conducted under the style of John Rich & Sons, later J. F. & C. B. Rich. After the death of C. B. Rich, the sons of J. F. Rich (John and M. B.) became interested in the business and made many improvements in the factory, putting in new machinery at a cost of \$5,000. Erecting a fine brick store building at a cost of \$2,500, they became the first merchants of Woolrich. To John Fleming Rich is due in a great degree the prosperity and development of that thriving village. There he made his home, having erected an elegant residence at a cost of \$3,000, and, in connection with his other business interests, he also superintends the management of his fine farm of 300 acres. He was a man of scholarly tastes and broad general information, and at the age of fifty years mastered the Greek, Latin and German languages, later in life taking the study of Hebrew. In the pressure of his business cares he never forgot the holier duties of life, was a close Bible student, and for a number of years

served as local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal community at Woolrich. Politically he was a Randall Democrat, served as county auditor, school director, and in other local positions, and took a commendable interest in all matters pertaining to both Church and State.

On January 25, 1848, near Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Penn., John Fleming Rich was married to Miss Catherine A. Ohl, who was born at Block House, that county, March 28, 1828, a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Young) Ohl, the former of German and the latter of English descent. Her father was a miller by occupation. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich, namely: Rachel H. and Sarah I. (twins), born May 16, 1849, both of whom died in infancy; Lydia E., born July 1, 1851, became the wife of John Stephenson, of Texas, and is now deceased; John B. and Michael B. are mentioned farther on; Anna B., born January 3, 1857, died in childhood; Stiles E. is mentioned farther on; Charles H., born December 31, 1860, is a lumberman, farmer, civil engineer, and inventor, living in Clinton county; and William Fleming, is also mentioned farther on. The father of this family passed away March 17, 1889. The mother, who survives, is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Woolrich.

JOHN RICH (deceased), the eldest son in the family just mentioned, was born in Woolrich, March 19, 1854, began his education in the public schools of that place, later attended Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Penn., and was a graduate of the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1877 he and his brother Michael B. were admitted to a partnership in their father's business, and after the death of the father the name was changed to John Rich & Brothers. John Rich was an excellent business man, always upright and honorable in all transactions, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. On July 16, 1891, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Jennie Quiggle, widow of Clark Quiggle (who was killed in a railroad accident). She is a native of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Mathew Ferguson, a farmer of that township. By her second marriage she became the mother of two children: John Woods, born in September, 1892; and Stiles Fleming, born in August, 1894. The husband and father died September 27, 1895, mourned by all who knew him. He was unswerving in his support of the Republican party, and for thirty years was an earnest and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was one of its most active workers and liberal supporters, and for many years served as super-

intendent of the Sunday-school, president of the Epworth League, steward and trustee.

MICHAEL B. RICH, now the senior member of the firm of John Rich & Bros., was born April 30, 1855, in Woolrich, where he acquired his elementary education, and during the years 1874-75-76 he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, being a pupil of Dr. Spotswood and Dr. E. J. Gray. On laying aside his text books he entered into business with his father and brother, and has since been a member of the firm, which still continues operations under the firm name of John Rich & Bros. He is now a managing partner of the woolen-mill and of a general store at Woolrich, where he has a comfortable and pleasant residence, erected at a cost of \$3,000. On the Republican ticket he was elected school director of Pine Creek township and county commissioner, most creditably serving in the latter office from 1880 until 1885. He, too, is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has served as class-leader, exhorter, Sunday-school superintendent and teacher, and his support and influence are always found on the side of right and order. He was married in Pine Creek township, in 1880, to Miss Ida B. Shaw, a native of that township, and a daughter of R. A. Shaw, justice of the peace, and to them have been born seven children: Jennie F., Robert F., Katie L., John B., Anna B., Grace E., and Margaret M.

W. FLEMING RICH, the junior member of the firm of John Rich & Bros., was born in Woolrich, February 22, 1862, and, after attending the schools of Pine Creek township for some time, he became a student in the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, where he graduated with the class of 1882. Like his brothers, he early became familiar with every detail of the business connected with the woolen-factory, and in 1889 he purchased the interest of his father in the mill, with which he has since been connected. In Woolrich he has a pleasant home worth \$2,500, is president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at that place, has been a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he holds membership, and is identified with the Republican party. In Pine Creek township he was married, in 1888, to Miss Mary Stevenson, a native of Lock Haven, and a daughter of David Stevenson. She died the following year, and in 1891 Mr. Rich was wedded, in Dunstable township, Clinton county, to Miss Clara B. Baird, who was born in that township, where her father, John Q. Baird, is engaged in farming and tobacco growing. Three children

have graced this union: Ruth E., Mary H. and Lydia F.

The Rich Brothers are justly numbered among the most progressive, enterprising and reliable business men of Clinton county. In their factory they give employment to about forty hands, and during the panic of 1893 they continued business uninterruptedly, so that the people of Woolrich did not feel the effects of the hard times. The man who establishes on a firm basis and conducts a large and paying enterprise does more for a community than he who gives large sums of money for its embellishment, for the former furnishes means of livelihood to many and promotes commercial activity, which is essential to the welfare of any community. In this way the Rich family have materially advanced the interests of Woolrich, and deserve an honored place among Clinton county's prominent and representative citizens.

STILES EDWARD RICH, the third son of John Fleming and Catherine A. Rich, was born in Woolrich, December 3, 1859, attended the schools of his boyhood home, the Normal at Lock Haven, Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, and graduated from the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He then secured a position as clerk for W. W. Barrows, general merchants and lumber dealers at Cameron, Penn., remaining with them some three years. Returning to Woolrich at the end of that time, he was bookkeeper for John Rich & Sons several years, finally, in 1893, going to Harriman, Tenn., where he commenced a dry-goods and boot and shoe business for his own account, and has made a success of his enterprise.

In 1883 Stiles Edward Rich married Miss Minnie H. Hesser, daughter of Rev. W. C. and Helen Hesser, the former of whom is a M. E. minister of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, at the present time stationed at Hughesville, Penn. Two children have blessed this union: William H. and Ross B. In politics Mr. Rich was originally a Republican, but is now a strong Prohibitionist; in religious belief he is a member of the M. E. Church and a steward in the same.

MICHAEL BLANCHE (deceased) was one of the leading business men and highly-respected citizens of Renovo. He was widely known and honored, and in his death the community, whose interests he had so much advanced by his enterprise, has lost a valuable citizen. His integrity of character and never-

failing courtesy made him beloved by all who had the honor of his acquaintance.

Mr. Blanche was a son of Patrick Blanche, and was born in 1841, in Ireland, where his parents spent their entire lives. Until he had attained his majority he remained on the Emerald Isle, but in 1862 he determined to try his fortune in the New World where he believed better opportunities were afforded ambitious young men. Accordingly he sailed for America, and for some years made his home in New York. From 1864 until 1867 he was on a man-of-war, and visited the West Indies and several countries in South America. While in the service he received injuries from which he never recovered. On leaving New York City, Mr. Blanche came to Renovo, Penn., where for some time he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, but in 1885 erected the "Central House" on Erie avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets, successfully conducting the same until called to his final rest. In 1889 he remodeled the place, making a good three-story structure containing ten bed rooms and first-class accommodations for twenty guests. It is one of the best equipped hotels of its size in Clinton county, and Mr. Blanche proved a most popular landlord.

On July 24, 1864, in New York City, Mr. Blanche was married to Miss Bridget McGovern, and to them were born nine children, but only four daughters are now living, namely: MARY, Anna, Margaret and Jennie, who are still residing together in Renovo, and comprise one of the most highly-respected and popular families of the place. The mother was called to her final rest on September 3, 1891, and the father departed this life May 3, 1894. Although of foreign birth his duties of citizenship were performed with a loyalty equal to that of any native son of America, and when the nation was imperiled by the hydra-headed monster, Rebellion, he went in defense of the Union and protected the cause of his adopted country. Later he became an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

REV. CHARLES D. RUSSELL, pastor of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Loganton, Clinton county, was born September 16, 1873, in Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Penn., in which place his parents are still residing.

His father, Charles F. Russell, was born in Fountain Springs, same county, and although he was provided with very limited school privileges, he, by reading and observation, has become a well-informed man. During early manhood he

learned the painter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, both in Fountain Springs and Ashland, but is now filling the important and responsible position of secretary and treasurer of the General Security and Safety Funds. He is also secretary of the Edison Light Company of Ashland, and of the Ashland Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is recognized as one of the most reliable and honorable business men of the place. In politics he is a pronounced Republican, and in religious belief is a Lutheran, and takes quite an active and prominent part in all Church work, having served as deacon in the Church, and superintendent and teacher in the Sunday-school. Fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic order. In Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Deitzler, a native of that place, and to them were born six children: Lulu, at home; Charles D., of this sketch; William, who died in childhood; Harry, also deceased; and Mamie and Earl, who are attending school.

In the public and high schools of his native town, Charles D. Russell began his literary education, and later entered the Susquehanna University at Selins Grove, where he pursued both a scientific and theological course, graduating with honors in 1893. In the spring of 1896 he was called to the Sugar Valley pastorate, and has since had charge of St. Mark's Church of Loganton, and also of the congregations at Booneville, Tylersville, Pleasant Hill and Bumgards. In his chosen field of labor he has worked faithfully and well, and in the pulpit he is especially gifted, his voice being rich and well-trained, and his manner of delivery pleasing. His discourses are scholarly and effective in their appeals to follow the teachings of the Master. He is popular with all classes, and has made many warm friends outside of his own congregations.

In May, 1896, at Lock Haven, Clinton county, Rev. Russell was married to Miss Jennie Fockler, a native of Selins Grove, Snyder Co., Penn., a daughter of John Fockler, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Selins Grove.

JAMES C. SMITH, a life-long resident of Clinton county, where his occupation has been that of a lumberman, was born June 28, 1846, in Beech Creek township.

His father, Joseph Morris Smith, a Philadelphian, born in 1801, and a man of education and literary attainments, tired of city life, in about 1830 came to the Beech Creek country to engage in the lumber business, he having inherited three or four thousand acres of timber lands in its

primitive state. In 1832 he built a mill on the creek at the mouth of Monument run, about seven miles from the Bald Eagle. About the time this mill was built Beech creek was cleared so that sawed lumber could be rafted out of it. One of the first bills of lumber sawed by Mr. Smith was timber for the Harrisburg bridge. This timber was three by twelve inches, thirty-two, thirty-four and thirty-six feet long, and was rafted at the mill. Having had no business experience, Mr. Smith did not make a success of the enterprise, and he sold the timber lands before they became valuable. He was engaged in the lumber business, however, more or less, until about 1858, when he abandoned it, and passed the rest of his life on a farm he had cleared up near the borough of Beech Creek. In 1850, on the formation of Beech Creek township out of a part of Bald Eagle, he was chosen as one of the auditors for the new township. He subsequently served as a justice of the peace. His wife, Jennette David, whom he married in 1832, was a native of Beech Creek, Clinton Co., Penn., born in 1813.

To this marriage were born fourteen children, eleven of whom are now living, namely: Rowland, a resident of the State of Washington; Mary, the wife of Col. Henry Bollinger, of Lebanon, S. Dak.; Charles P., of Beech Creek, Penn.; Sidney Jennette, widow of S. B. Darrah, of the State of Washington; Temple C., of Beech Creek; James C., our subject; Joseph Morris, of Kane, Penn.; William A., of Montana; Emily, the wife of Frank Trump, of Renovo, Penn.; Alice, the wife of John Miller, of Beech Creek, Penn.; and Martha V., of Renovo. The father of these died October 11, 1870, and the mother, February 5, 1890.

James C. Smith was reared on a farm, and received only such an education as could be obtained in the schools of the vicinity. His father's family was large, and the boys were put to work early in life. He remained on the farm until the age of twenty-four years, at which time the death of his father caused a change to be made, and the mother with her family left the farm and went to the borough of Beech Creek to reside. Our subject had worked in the woods a great deal and in sawmills for years, and when twenty-eight he was placed in charge of a log-drive on the Lehigh river. Soon after this was made he resolved to go to school again, so he went to Pittsburg where he took a business course in the Iron City Business College. On his return the following summer he was employed in counting lumber for a sawmill of that locality. Following this he soon became engaged in the lumber busi-

ness, and from that time to the present he has been more or less engaged in the lumber business, in which he has been successful. He is one of the substantial citizens of Lock Haven, where he is prominent and influential in business circles and in public affairs. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been an active worker in the party for years. He was three times nominated for the office of register of wills and recorder of deeds, to which offices he was twice elected (elected in 1885 and re-elected in 1888), failing the third time owing to the third-term issue. He was a capable and an accommodating officer. He is a member of the F. and A. M.

On August 2, 1876, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Bella E. Weaver, a daughter of George B. Weaver, now deceased, formerly a prominent citizen of Bellefonte. To this marriage came five children: Claude Morris, who is now a clerk in the office, at Lock Haven, of the New York Pulp and Paper Mills Company; Adda W., who is a student in the Central Normal School; Ruth; Ralph; and Isabel. The mother of these was born December 21, 1851, at Bellefonte, Penn. She and her husband are identified with the M. E. Church. They have a nice home on Bellefonte avenue, Lock Haven.

LUKE BINDER (deceased) was for a quarter of a century prominently identified with the business interests of Renovo, Clinton county, and was one of its leading and representative citizens. His birth occurred in Germany, March 13, 1844, but during early childhood he was brought to America by his parents, who spent their remaining days in Cambria county, Penn. The father, Lutzeon Binder, was a shoemaker by trade, and continued to follow that occupation until his death.

Our subject attended the district schools of Cambria county during his boyhood and youth, and later was a student in St. Vincent's College at Latrobe, Penn. With his father he learned the shoemaker trade, but at the age of eighteen he left home and went to Altoona, Penn., where he found employment in a brewery. During the seven years he remained in that city he thoroughly mastered the business in all its various departments, and on coming to Renovo, in 1872, he purchased the Brewery's Run Brewery, which he successfully conducted until life's labors were ended, May 3, 1897. Genial and social in disposition, he made friends easily, and it is safe to say that in the circle of his acquaintances no man had more friends. He was a progressive, public-spirited citizen who took a deep

and commendable interest in the welfare of his town and the county, and did all in his power to insure their prosperity and advancement. As a business man he was honorable, straightforward and reliable in all transactions, and as a citizen he well deserved the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

In 1871, Mr. Binder was married to Miss Mary Endris, the ceremony being performed at Altoona by Father Schell. She is a daughter of Anton Endris, a native of Germany, who became a resident of the United States. He had two other daughters, Mrs. Christian Schilling, and Mrs. Agenie Sheminger, both living in Altoona. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Binder, namely: Edward L., Frank, Louisa, Mary, John, Luke, and Anna. The mother and children are members of the Catholic Church, to which Mr. Binder also belonged. The family is one of prominence, and their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome at their hospitable home. On the death of the father the eldest son, EDWARD L., who was born October 7, 1872, has carried on the business in his own name. The capacity of the brewery is about 1,000 barrels per year. The brewery is to be improved in the spring of 1898, in the way of increased capacity, and by the addition of large bottling works. It will have a capacity of 10,000 barrels per year. The elder Mr. Binder left a fine hotel property. He was president of the Renovo Electric Light Heat Power Company. He was a stockholder in the First National Bank of Renovo.

CHARLES LYON FULLMER, M. D., is a worthy representative of the medical profession in Renovo, Clinton county, and one of the valued citizens of the town. He was born, in 1859, in Montoursville, Lycoming county, Penn., and his parents, Joseph and Catherine (Ebner) Fullmer, were also natives of Pennsylvania, where their entire lives were passed. The father was a coal dealer, following that industry as a means of livelihood throughout his business career. His pilgrimage on earth was ended in 1878, and his wife passed away in 1891. In their family were two sons, the Doctor's brother being J. R. Fullmer.

Dr. Fullmer spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of lads of that period, the duties of the school room and the pleasures of the playground occupying most of his time. He received his primary and academic education in Montoursville, attending the Montoursville Normal, and was subsequently graduated with the class of

1880, in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. For a year after leaving college he engaged in teaching school, but this was only a means to an end, for it was his earnest desire to enter the medical profession, and he matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1883. Immediately afterward he came to Renovo, where he is now established in a large and lucrative practice, standing among the foremost representatives of the profession in this locality. In addition to a large private practice he has served for the past fifteen years as physician at Renovo for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He belongs to the Clinton County Medical Society and the State Medical Society, and in this way keeps fully abreast with the advancement that is continually being made in medical circles.

In 1883 Dr. Fullmer was married to Miss Clara F. Reed, a daughter of John T. Reed, at one time county superintendent of Lycoming county. They have one son, J. Bryan Fullmer. Mrs. Fullmer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially the Doctor is connected with the Masonic fraternity. In politics he has long been identified with the Democratic party as one of its prominent members, and in 1890 was elected coroner of Clinton county, in 1894 he was elected burgess of Renovo, and he has also served as a member of the city council, discharging all public duties with the same marked fidelity that characterizes his professional work and his social relations.

A EUGENE HEIMBACH, M. D. The world has little use for the misanthrope. The universal truth of brotherhood is widely recognized, also that he serves God best who serves his fellowmen. There is no profession or line of business that calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession, and the successful physician is he, who through love of his fellowmen gives his time and attention to the relief of human suffering. Dr. Heimbach, a homeopathic physician of Renovo, is recognized as one of the ablest representatives of the profession in Clinton county.

The Doctor was born February 20, 1863, in Berks county, Penn., a son of William and Caroline (Gehry) Heimbach, who have spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania, at present residing in Allentown, where they located in 1895. For many years the father was actively engaged in farming and stock dealing, but has now practically laid aside business cares, and is enjoying a well-earned rest. In the family are eight chil-

dren, namely: Celia; O. Frank; Dr. A. Eugene; P. Harwin; Elmira, wife of C. J. Gehman; Dr. James H., of Kane, Penn.; Evana, wife of William Wieand; and Charles.

Dr. Heimbach acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county, which was supplemented by one year's attendance at a school in Philadelphia, and he was later a student in the Keystone State Normal at Kutztown, from which institution he was graduated in 1882, at the age of nineteen years. After successfully engaging in teaching for about five years he began the study of medicine under Dr. A. J. Riegel, of Lebanon, Penn., and subsequently entered Hahnemann Medical College, of Philadelphia, where, after completing a three-years' graded course of study, he graduated in 1890. For nine months he engaged in practice in Allentown, but on February 17, 1891, he opened an office in Renovo, where his skill and ability soon won recognition, so that he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

In 1892 Dr. Heimbach was married to Miss Emma V. Blank, of Allentown, and they now have a son, Allen Blank. The family occupies an elegant residence which the Doctor erected at a cost of \$6,000, which is supplied with all modern conveniences. It is one of the best homes in Renovo, and there hospitality reigns supreme. The Doctor holds membership in the Reformed Church, while his wife is a Lutheran in religious belief. Socially, he is connected with the Patriotic Sons of America, and, politically, is identified with the Republican party. Although he started out in life for himself empty-handed, he has, through his own efforts, gained an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon, and has also been financially successful. He has that love for his profession without which there is no success, and by constant study keeps thoroughly posted on all discoveries and improvements in his chosen calling. As a progressive physician and an agreeable, pleasant gentleman, he certainly deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

PIERCE M. DORNBLASER, a thrifty and successful agriculturist of Porter township, Clinton county, is a member of a leading family of that locality, and in his own life maintains the same high standard of citizenship that characterized his ancestors.

The family became identified at an early date with Northampton county, Penn., and in 1831 our subject's grandparents, John and Catherine (Lawall) Dornblaser, left their old home in Lower

Nazareth township to remove to Clinton county, where their remaining years were spent.

Peter Dornblaser, our subject's father, was born February 21, 1813, in Lower Nazareth township, Northampton county, and was reared to farm work as a boy, being able to do a man's share in the harvest field when but fifteen years old. He has always been a most industrious man, and hard work seems to have agreed with him as he is still living at an advanced age, and is enjoying in well-deserved leisure the rewards of past labors. His education was obtained in the subscription schools of his time, and at the age of sixteen he began to learn the cabinet maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two and one-half years. He afterward worked for some time in the same shop as a journeyman, but in the fall of 1831 he followed his parents to Clinton county, their removal having taken place in the spring. He walked the entire distance, and on his arrival began to work at his trade, the first winter being spent in Bellefonte at "journey work." In 1838 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Shaffer, who was born in Brush Valley, near Madisonburg, the daughter of Michael and Margaret (Walburn) Shaffer. During the first year after their marriage he made his home with his parents, and then located upon the farm where he yet resides. His brother John was at that time in partnership with him, and the place contained two hundred acres; but, later, the brother also married, and the farm was divided, Peter taking the eastern portion. All the buildings now on the place have been erected by him, and he has shown himself an excellent manager. Although the regular farm work has occupied his time chiefly, he has done some work at his trade, and he built a shop on the farm for that purpose. He is a man of the strictest integrity, willing to make any sacrifices in order to pay a debt, and he is held in high esteem by all who know him. In manner he is modest and unassuming, and he is very fond of his home. Much of his spare time has always been devoted to reading, and now, at the age of eighty-five, he peruses the newspapers daily. He has been a subscriber to *The Lutheran Observer* ever since its foundation, and as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church he has taken an active part in religious work, holding various offices in the Church. His contributions have been generous, but he is one who never lets his left hand know what his right hand may do for charity. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, but he is not blindly subservient to the leaders, and on occasion he votes independently, choosing the "best man."

Although he has never been eager for political honors for himself, he has served creditably in different local offices. In March, 1894, his beloved wife passed to the unseen world, her remains being interred in the cemetery at Snydertown.

This couple had children as follows; Catherine married John Hatcher, and died in Kansas; Thomas, a veteran of the Civil war, is now a Lutheran minister in Illinois; Amanda is the wife of Ephraim Townsend, of Valley Falls, Kans.; Luther died in Kansas; Albert died in the fifth year of his age; Puella is a prominent worker in temperance and philanthropic lines; Pierce M. is our subject; and Mabel married Dr. J. M. Dunn, and died at Mackeyville. This family is one of which any parent might well be proud, and Miss Puella Dornblaser's work deserves especial mention. Her education was begun in the district schools near her home, and later she took a course in Susquehanna University. For some time she was successfully engaged in teaching, and at present she is the State lecturer and organizer for the W. C. T. U. and one of the State superintendents of the same society, in which she also represents the missionary department of the State. For eight years she was a vice-president in the State W. C. T. U., and her earnest and efficient work in these various positions has won her a wide reputation. Her gifts as a speaker are notable, and she is a valued worker in religious and educational meetings. For ten years she was president of the Synodical Society of the English Lutheran Church, embracing seven counties and one hundred Churches. Ever since the organization of the Eagle's Mere Chautauqua Society she has been closely associated with its work, and during the meeting of 1897 she had charge of the devotional services, and assisted in the publication of their daily paper.

The subject of this sketch was born April 24, 1854, at the present homestead, where he was reared, plenty of "chores" falling to his lot in youth, as is usual with the son of a busy farmer. During boyhood he attended the Clinton school, which was held in a brick building, and among his teachers were T. J. Smull, Joseph Hays and James Walker. He was an apt student, being the first in that school to take up the study of United States history. In early manhood he engaged in the threshing business, which he has continued ever since in connection with the cultivation of his farm. This is a tract of sixty acres, which he rented from his father for a time, but purchased in 1886. He is an energetic manager, thoroughly up-to-date in his methods, and de-

serves the success which has come to him. As an intelligent citizen he takes an interest in the public affairs of the day, and at one time was an active member of the Grange.

On March 24, 1887, he was married to Miss Emma S. Royer, who was born March 1, 1863, in Porter township, Clinton county, and was educated in the public schools of that locality, where her parents, Philip and Isabella (Harper) Royer, were prominent residents. Five children have blessed this union: Mabel E., born March 20, 1888; Harry L., April 15, 1889; Minnie A., April 17, 1891; Della M., August 7, 1892; and Ruth F., December 7, 1894. Mr. Dornblaser and his wife are both active members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Dornblaser has held the office of deacon and trustee, and Mrs. Dornblaser formerly made use of her fine musical talent as an organist in St. Paul's Sunday-school.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, but he is not an office-seeker, although he has been a school director, and while holding that office served as secretary of the township school board.

GEN. DANIEL K. HECKMAN, one of the most distinguished and honored citizens of Sugar Valley, Clinton county, was born September 12, 1823, on the old homestead in Green township, then Logan, where he now resides, a representative of a well-known family of German origin.

Peter Heckman, his grandfather, was a native of Berks county, Penn., where he spent his boyhood days in the occupation of farming, but after his marriage he and his wife removed to Penn's Valley, Centre county, where he purchased a farm of 240 acres near Spring Mills, which he continued to cultivate and improve until called to the world beyond. His remains were interred in that county. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, and was honored with several township offices, which he most acceptably filled.

In his family were eight children: Peter, John, George, Frederick, Jacob, Michael, Mrs. Kinsell, and one daughter who married in the West.

John Heckman, our subject's father, was born and reared in Penn's Valley, Centre county, and acquired a fair German education, and was also able to speak English. After attaining to man's estate he came to what is now Sugar Valley, Clinton county, but at that time was still a part of Centre county, and here he purchased of John Kleckner a farm of 200 acres west of the borough of Loganton, which he cleared and improved,

making it his home for over half a century. His death occurred upon the farm in 1870, and his remains were interred in the Sugar Valley cemetery. Like his father he was a staunch supporter of the Democracy, and was an active and prominent member of the Lutheran Church, in which he served as elder, and to which he was a liberal contributor.

In early manhood John Heckman married Elizabeth Kleckner, a native of Mifflinburg, Union Co., Penn., and a daughter of John Kleckner, a prominent farmer first of Centre county and later of Clinton county. Nine children blessed this union: Sarah, who wedded John Wilt, but both are now deceased; John, deceased; George, who has also passed away; Elizabeth, who married John Ruhl, of Miles township, Centre Co., Penn., but both are now deceased; Catharine, deceased wife of John Wolford, of Orangeville, Ill.; Mary A., wife of Jefferson Hartman, of Michigan; Peter, deceased; Daniel K., of this sketch; and Rebecca, widow of John B. Shirack, of Green township, Clinton county. The mother of these children died on the home farm, and was buried in Sugar Valley cemetery. The father afterward married Catharine Barnet, widow of Samuel Karsteter, and to them were born three children—Fretta, wife of William Lamey, of Washington township, Snyder Co., Penn.; Supera, widow of John Herlacker; and Iswa, of Porter township, Clinton county. The second wife also died on the home farm, and was buried in Loganton.

To a limited extent Gen. Heckman attended the subscription schools of his boyhood, which were taught in little log school houses by very inferior teachers, but being fond of reading and study he has become a well-informed man, and may be properly classed among the self-educated. From earliest childhood he became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and has made farming his life occupation. He never left the old homestead, which he operated in connection with his father until twenty-seven years of age when the latter removed to an adjoining farm, leaving him in charge of the place. It is now one of the most highly improved and desirable farms of Green township, the General having remodeled both the house and barn at a cost of \$2,000, and has placed the land under a high state of cultivation.

In 1849, in Gregg township, Centre county, Gen. Heckman was married to Miss Elizabeth Kline, a native of that township, and a daughter of Daniel Kline, a farmer. She died in 1870, and was laid to rest in Loganton cemetery. She left a family of four children: Dennis, who was



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for some years an invalid, and died in 1873. John K., who married Della Cole, and is engaged in farming in Green township, Clinton county. Regina, wife of R. W. A. Jamison, treasurer of Clinton county, now living in Lock Haven; she has two children—Helen Inez, and Daniel Richard Heckman. Minerva, wife of Howard Smith, of Loganton; she has two children—Lizzie, living, and one that died in infancy. In 1874, in Buffalo Valley, Union county, the General was again married, this time to Hannah Slear, who was born in Hartley township, that county, December 4, 1836, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Slear, the former of whom was a farmer in Berks county, Penn., born March 17, 1793, and died March 1, 1875. He had the following children: Daniel (deceased), Esther, (Mrs. Shively), Peter (deceased), Margaret (Mrs. Long, deceased), Charles (deceased), George (living), William (deceased), Mary C. (Mrs. S. Miller), Elizabeth (Mrs. George Himmelreich), James (living), and Hannah (Mrs. Heckman). The parents of this family were both members of the Lutheran Church, of which he was an elder; the mother died in 1872. Mr. Slear was a Democrat, and served in the war of 1812.

By his friend, the late Gov. Curtin, our subject was commissioned brigadier-general of the State Militia, but his term of service had expired before the Civil war broke out. As a patriotic and loyal citizen, he had a strong desire to enlist in his country's service, but having an invalid wife and son at home, it was hard to decide which course to pursue. His wife was willing for him to make the sacrifice for his country's sake, but his friends in the Valley, learning that he was about to raise a company, prevailed upon him to remain at home as his children were all young and needed a father's care. Desiring to be of some assistance, however, he hired a substitute for \$800, although he was never drafted.

In connection with general farming Gen. Heckman has taken considerable interest in the raising of fine-bred horses, and has owned some beautiful animals. He is president and a stockholder and director of the Sugar Valley Fire Insurance Co., of which he was one of the first promoters, and in 1861, in connection with Joseph Snook and Philip Woolford (both now deceased), he organized the company and obtained its charter. He is now the oldest director, and since 1875 has served as president, being continuously re-elected without a dissenting vote. As a friend he has but few equals, and he has lost over \$6,000 in going bail and security for parties whom he wished to assist. His political

support has always been given the Democratic party; religiously, he is a member of the Lutheran Church; socially, he affiliates with the I. O. O. F., at Lock Haven. He served with the State militia, in all, some fifteen years, commencing as a private in the Ringgold Artillery, organized at Loganton about 1846, and was made a general from a private by a vote of the company, receiving only one dissenting vote. No better, more patriotic or popular citizen can be found in central Pennsylvania, and he justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

LEWIS W. DORNBLASER. Among the substantial agriculturists of Nittany Valley, "the garden of Clinton county," is the subject of this biography, whose fine farm near Clintondale gives evidence of scientific management. He is a member of a well-known family, which has been identified with that locality for many years, and the high standard of citizenship established by his ancestors is maintained by him in all the relations of life, private and public.

Mr. Dornblaser was born June 15, 1848, the third son and child of John and Mary M. (Bartholomew) Dornblaser. He was reared at the old homestead on Fishing creek, in Porter township, Clinton county, and in his youth attended the "Clinton school," which stood upon that farm. His first teacher was Joseph F. Hays, and among the others who contributed to his education were Archibald Attice, Andrew Keller and T. J. Smull. The methods of instruction, like the school apparatus, were somewhat crude, and, as he could only attend during four or five months each winter, Mr. Dornblaser had but limited opportunities for advancement; and this realization of his own deprivations has made him an ardent friend of better schools for the youth of to-day. He remained at home until his marriage, and, after attaining his majority, worked for his father by the year. On December 31, 1878, he was married in Mackeyville to Miss Margaret F. Porter, who was born July 26, 1854, a short distance southwest of that town, on the old homestead of her parents, James H. and Elizabeth (Reeseman) Porter. As Mr. Dornblaser's father had vacated the farm on Fishing creek, the young couple located there, and for a number of years rented the place. In March, 1891, they removed to the present homestead, which Mr. Dornblaser purchased in December, 1890, from Daniel S. Royer, it being a portion of the old "Royer estate." It contains 113 acres of excellent land, and is considered one of the best

farms of its size in the Valley, having been brought to a high state of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Dornblaser have two attractive daughters—M. Elizabeth, who has been attending school in Lock Haven, and Anna M., both at home. The family is identified with the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Nittany Valley, in which Mr. Dornblaser has held the office of deacon and is now serving as elder and treasurer, having filled the latter position for many years. All phases of religious work command his hearty sympathy and aid, and he is a faithful teacher in the Sabbath-school. In fact, he never fails to encourage any movement which promises to benefit the community, and his influence is recognized as an effective agent in the cause of progress. In politics he is a staunch Democrat; he has served on the election board, and has held the offices of school director and township auditor. Socially he is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, Nittany Grange No. 334, at Lamar.

JOHAN DORMAN. The salubrious air of this favored region is certainly conducive to longevity, as we have among us many who have passed the ordinary limit of man's years, and still are hale and hearty. The subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Clintondale, Clinton county, was born January 21, 1825, in Union county, about half a mile from Hartleton, and his entire life has been spent among the hills of central Pennsylvania. Much hard work has fallen to his share, his present prosperity being the result of his own well-directed efforts, but he has retained his health and is now enjoying the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Dorman comes of good pioneer stock; his father, Peter Dorman, was a native of Union county, and remained there throughout his life, following the cooper's trade successfully in his shop near Hartleton. His industry brought a comfortable living, but he never accumulated much property, as he had a large family to support. In early years he was a Whig, and later he became a Republican, while in religious faith he was a devout Lutheran. He died at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife, Catherine Kemmer, also attained an advanced age. The remains of both now rest in the cemetery at Laurelton, Penn. They had fourteen children, of whom the following lived to maturity: George, who died in Kansas; Lewis, a resident of Penn's Valley, Centre county; Mary, who married John Alexander, and died in Milroy, Penn.; Sarah,

now Mrs. Jonathan Strayhorn, of Kansas; John, our subject; Katy, now Mrs. J. Boop, of Union county; David, a resident of Hartley township, Union county; Jacob, who met a soldier's death while serving in the Civil war; Samuel, who resides in Union county; and Daniel, a resident of Walker township, Centre county.

John Dorman's educational opportunities were limited, the free-school system being introduced too late to do him much good. He remained at home until he reached the age of nineteen, when he began to learn the shoemaker's trade with Christian Gann, the only recompense that he received during his apprenticeship being his everyday clothes. At twenty-two he hired out to James Hays, a farmer on Cedar run, in Porter township, Clinton county, for a summer's work, and later, acting under the advice of Mr. Hays, he established a shoeshop in the same locality, the enterprise proving successful from the start. His work in the shop was relieved in the harvest season by outdoor labor for different farmers, and in time he managed by close economy to buy a quarter of an acre of land with a house, in which he took one room for a shop. In 1848 he married Miss Sarah A. Best, who was born January 3, 1825, in Northampton county, Penn., and was reared in Clinton county, her parents, John and Leah (Fink) Best, settling there during her childhood. Mr. Dorman had but little capital at the time of his marriage, and he resided at his first humble home until February 12, 1867, when he took possession of his present farm, which was improved in primitive fashion with a log house and barn. Under his management it has taken on an entirely different appearance, all the buildings on the place having been erected by him. In his business dealings he has shown much shrewdness and caution, his success coming from a gradual accumulation rather than from speculation; he ranks among the substantial men of his locality.

On November 12, 1892, the wife of our subject passed to the unseen world, her remains being interred in Mt. Bethel cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Of their five children, the eldest, Samuel F., resides at Zion, Penn.; Mary J., who married J. Piper, died in Colorado leaving five children; Rebecca A., formerly the wife of George Kaup, died in Walker township, Centre county; Milton B. and Miss Leah A. are at home.

Our subject, in politics, is a staunch Republican, and he has held various township offices. He belongs to the Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder, and his sympathies

are always readily enlisted in any religious enterprise. Socially, the family is prominent, and his home is a center of hospitality and good cheer.

JAMES MURPHY, merchant, was born January 28, 1842, in Ireland. His parents were Daniel and Mary (McMahon) Murphy, both of unmixed and worthy Irish extraction. He came to this country in 1854, and settled with his family in Lock Haven, Penn., where his education was acquired under T. R. Rogers, and though debarred from pushing his studies in the thorough and complete manner he desired, he nevertheless succeeded in obtaining a useful and practical education. In December, 1856, he entered the general mercantile establishment of the Wright Brothers, of Lock Haven, and continued to act in their employ until 1861. At that date the original firm was succeeded by Simon Scott & Sons, with whom he remained until May, 1865. A branch store was then opened at Renovo, and being extended an interest therein, he took charge of the business at that point, under the name of Wells, Murphy & Co., it being the leading mercantile house in Renovo. At that time Renovo had a population of 1,600. Two years later our subject purchased the interest of Mr. Wells, and from 1867 to 1877, continued the business under the style of Murphy & Co. He then bought the interest of Messrs. Scott & Sons, and has since been alone in the business. He is now president of the First National Bank, and occupies a prominent position in commercial circles. He has always manifested a deep interest in the welfare and progress of Renovo, and has supported those means calculated to prove of public good. He was married to Miss Catherine Keefe in 1864.

HENRY ZIEGLER, a well-known lumberman and agriculturist of Porter township, Clinton county, now residing at Abdera, seems to have discovered the long-sought Fountain of Youth, as notwithstanding the fact that he is entering upon his eighth decade, he is hale and hearty, and gives attention to business with his accustomed success.

Mr. Ziegler was born February 9, 1826, in Potter township, Centre county, and belongs to a family which has been identified with this section for many years. Peter Ziegler, our subject's grandfather, came from Maryland about 1806 and located first at Millheim, in Penn's Valley, but in 1807 removed to Earlytown, where he conducted a hotel during the war of

1812. In 1817 he engaged in agriculture, renting the Swancy farm in Marion township, Centre county, for three years, and a farm at Flemington, now (1898) McDowell farm, where he died (1820) two weeks after taking possession of a place belonging to a Mr. Bressler. His remains were interred in the cemetery on the hill at Lock Haven. He was twice married, and by his first wife had the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Keet, and died in Huntingdon county, Penn.; Jacob, who was for some time a blacksmith at Potter's Bank, but later removed to Venango county, Penn., where he died; Peter, a blacksmith at Centre Hall, now deceased; George, who located first in Venango county, and then went to Iowa, where he died; and Michael, who is mentioned more fully farther on. By the second marriage there were six children: Catherine, a mute, who lived to adult age, but is now deceased; John, who died in Marion township, Centre county; Susan, deceased, formerly the wife of George Hoy, of Centre county; Daniel, who died in Brush Valley, Centre county; Keziah, who married John Garwick, and died in Marion township, Centre county; and Julia, who married James Hair, and died in Clinton county.

Michael Ziegler, our subject's father, was born January 12, 1800, in Maryland, but the greater part of his life was spent in this State. He was married (first) in Penn's Valley, near Centre Hall, to Miss Mary Murray, daughter of Levi Murray, and for some time made his home upon a rented farm in that locality. Afterward he bought a farm in Brush Valley, above Madisonburg, which he cultivated for many years. In 1854 he retired from active work, and in the following year he removed to Spring Mills, but his last days were passed in Aaronsburg, his death occurring there at the age of seventy-three. He was buried in a cemetery on the pike below Spring Mills, in Penn township, Centre county. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, and for years he was a member of the Reformed Church. He was a large man, a hard worker, and excellent manager, and although he began as a young man at forty-five cents a day with a grubbing hoe, he left an estate valued at \$60,000. During their residence at Spring Mills his wife died at the age of seventy-three years, and he afterward married a Mrs. Thomas Weaver (a widow), of Aaronsburg, whose maiden name was Moyer. Michael Ziegler had seven children, all by his first marriage: Levi died in infancy; Elizabeth married David Krape, and died in Haines township, Centre county; Henry, our subject, is mentioned farther on; William settled in Virginia; Peter went to Indiana; John died in Centre

county; and Mary, who married Isaac Frain, died in Marion township, Centre county.

Henry Ziegler spent his boyhood mainly in Miles township, Centre county, where he attended a school of the old-fashioned sort, a quill pen being the only kind used in the writing lessons. At an early age he showed decided mechanical genius, working readily at carpentering and wagon-making, but he was not apprenticed to any trade. He remained at home until he was twenty-three years old, the last two years being spent in grubbing, at which he managed to save a little money. In 1851 he took charge of the farm which he now owns, his father having purchased it the year before. For three years his brother William, but later our subject, conducted the place alone, and he continued to conduct the farm until 1882, when he moved to his present home in Abdera. Since that time he has been engaged extensively in the lumber business, beginning by building a sawmill in 1881 on the farm, but after operating it two years, 1883, he transferred his plant to the mountains near Beech creek, where he worked for three years. In 1886 he operated a mill in Sugar Valley, doing a large business, but, 1892, he moved the mill to Abdera, and his work is carried on chiefly in the winter season. He owns 170 acres of farming land, and 200 acres of mountain land; his past labors have been rewarded by an abundant share of worldly goods.

At the age of twenty-eight Mr. Ziegler was married to Miss Mary A. Anderson, who was born in 1830 in Lebanon county, Penn., the daughter of John Anderson. Five children have blessed this union: Elizabeth J., now Mrs. William Deets; Laura Agnes, Mrs. S. Hoy, of Marion township, Centre county; Michael, a resident of the same township; John, a farmer in Porter township, Clinton county; and Franklin P., a carpenter at Renovo, Penn. The family is connected with the Evangelical Church, in which Mr. Ziegler has been for many years an active member, having served for some time as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, but he does his own thinking, and votes independently whenever he sees reason to do so. An excellent memory enables Mr. Ziegler to recall with distinctness the events of his long life, and a conversation with him proves both interesting and instructive.

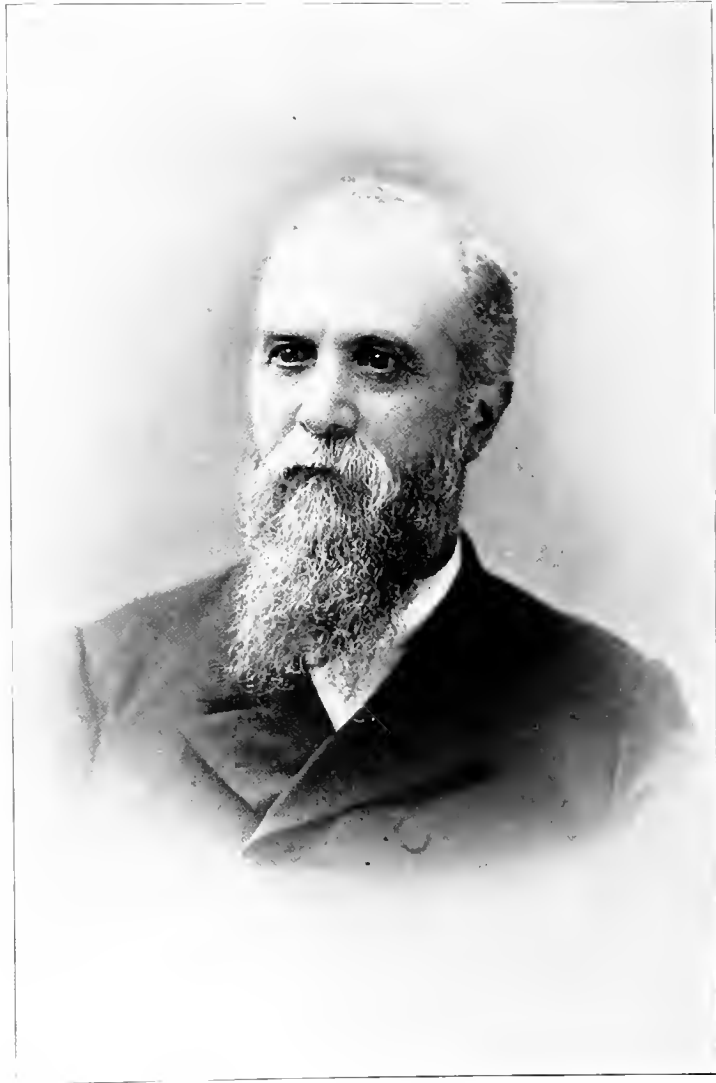
HENRY H. VAN DYKE (deceased). It is an important duty to honor and perpetuate, as far as possible, the memory of an eminent cit-

izen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit upon the entire community. Mr. Van Dyke was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Lock Haven, and was also numbered among its leading and most influential citizens.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born September 23, 1832, in Lycoming county, and remained upon his father's farm until seventeen years of age, when he embarked in the tanning business, which he successfully followed for three years. He then went to western New York, where he assisted in the construction of a railroad from Youngstown to Niagara Falls, and later in the construction of another road from the latter place to Lewiston, after which he spent one year in clerking in Canada. At the end of that time he was called home to assist in the division of his father's farm, on which he remained for a year, and then sold his land and came to Lock Haven, where as a contractor he built a portion of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad. On its completion he engaged in lumbering on Beech creek for a year, and then in connection with his brother, L. J. Van Dyke, he took a contract to complete the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, which occupied three years. They then built a section of the Snow Shoe road, and were subsequently employed in the construction of the Lewisburg & Spruce Creek railroad, taking and completing seven different contracts. Mr. Van Dyke then opened a hardware store at Lock Haven, which he successfully conducted up to the time of his death. He also devoted considerable time and attention to real-estate transactions, and was the owner of some of the finest farms in Clinton county, as well as much valuable city property in Lock Haven. He was an upright, honorable business man of undoubted integrity and sterling worth, and had no trouble in winning the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact, in either business or social life.

On January 15, 1863, Mr. Van Dyke was married to Miss Hannah M., daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (McDowell) McCoy, of Centre county, Penn., where the father successfully engaged in farming throughout life. Mrs. Van Dyke is the only surviving member of their family. She has an adopted daughter, who is now the wife of William Etsweiler, of Philadelphia. For forty-eight years she has been a sincere and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and is beloved by all who know her.

Henry H. Van Dyke was called to his final rest February 14, 1895, at the age of sixty-three years, and his death was widely and deeply



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mourned, for his friends were many. He was an honored and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and as a Republican took active and leading part in political affairs, being called upon to serve as councilman, school director and in other local positions of honor and trust. He was serving as president of the Lock Haven Business Men's Club at the time of his death, and he took an active interest in everything calculated to advance the public welfare. It is but just and merited praise to say of him that as a business man he ranked among the ablest; as a citizen he was honorable, prompt and true to every engagement; and as a man he held the honor and esteem of all classes of people. He was charitable and benevolent, a friend to the poor and needy. Truly such a life is worth having been lived, and such lives deserve permanent record on the pages of their country's history, that others, seeing their good works, may follow in their footsteps.

ANDREW COCHRAN McKINNEY is a worthy representative of a prominent family of Scotch-Irish origin, who at one time spelled the name McKinnie. His great-grandfather (First generation), Henry McKinney, is thought to have been born in Scotland. In 1720 he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence on the banks of the Swatara river, in Derry township, Dauphin Co., Penn., where he engaged in farming and spent his remaining days. He was married in that community, and became the father of several children, among whom were (Second generation): Henry; James; John and Mathew. Henry, James and Mathew became residents of Mercer county, Penn. The parents of these children are both supposed to have been buried in the old historic graveyard, near the Derry church, of Dauphin county, of which they were consistent members.

II. John McKinney, our subject's grandfather, was born on the banks of the Swatara river, in Dauphin county, Penn., and spent his early life in that county, where he married Jane Laird, whose sister wedded James Harris, a relative of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. McKinney were born sixteen children, but eleven of the number died and were buried at the Derry church, in Dauphin county. The others were as follows: (Third generation) John, also an elder in the Warrior Run Church, where he was laid to rest, married Nancy Wallace, and died in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Penn.; (Third generation) James Harris, the father of our subject; Catharine,

wife of John Imes, of Dunstable township, Clinton county; Matthew, who died in Watson township, Lycoming county; and William, who was killed by a falling tree in Turbut township, Northumberland county. In 1795 the grandfather with his wife and the above named five children left their old home in Dauphin county, and by team removed to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a tract of land, and converted the same into a good farm, making it his home until his death. His remains were interred at Warrior Run, that township. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and was for many years an elder in the Derry Church (as was also his father Henry before him), which was known as the fighting Church, as it was necessary for the members to carry their guns when attending service for fear of an Indian attack. Gov. John Penn, then governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, was a member of the same congregation. Mr. McKinney was a man of the strictest integrity and honor, was widely and favorably known, and with several others founded the New Derry Church, and, later, the Church at Warrior Run, Northumberland county. His widow, at the age of ninety-four, died at the home of her son Mathew, in Watson township, Lycoming county, about the year 1840, and was laid beside her husband at Warrior Run.

III. James Harris McKinney, was also born on the banks of the Swatara river, in Dauphin county, June 11, 1793, and at the age of two years moved with his parents to Turbut township, Northumberland county. Although his school privileges were meager, he made the most of his opportunities, became quite well-read, and was a good Bible student. At the age of nineteen he enlisted in the United States army, under Captain Gaston, for the war of 1812, and was on duty at Black Rock, N. Y., with the old Warrior Run Rifle Company. He faithfully served his country, and was later rewarded by a small pension from the government. After his marriage, on January 1, 1818, he engaged in farming for several years, near Turbutville, but in 1830 came to Nittany Valley, Clinton county, purchasing a farm, now the property of Mrs. Nathan Mowery, on which he spent seven years. On selling out he came to Pine Creek township, and bought the Myers farm, two miles from Jersey Shore, and ten miles from Lock Haven. This comprised 200 acres of valuable land, and upon it he erected an elegant brick residence, one of the finest in the township. Besides burning his own brick, he burned enough for four other residences, owned by different parties, in the same locality. He

built a barn and other outbuildings, and made it one of the most desirable and attractive farms in the locality. He took great pride in his stock, and owned some fine horses, but would rather walk ten miles than care for a horse to carry him. Several times, while living in Nittany Valley, he walked to his old home in Northumberland county, over sixty miles, one day going and one returning. Particularly fond of his home, he was a kind and affectionate husband and indulgent father, and provided his children with excellent school advantages. Originally he was a Whig in politics, and later became an ardent Republican, while in religious belief he was a Presbyterian. By all who knew him he was held in the highest respect and esteem, and his circle of friends and acquaintances was indeed extensive. He was called upon to serve in all of the township offices, and he was always faithful to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private.

III. On January 1, 1818, in Northumberland county, James Harris McKinney was married to Miss Ruth L. Ferguson (her mother's maiden name was Esther Grayham, of Carlisle, Cumberland county), who was born in that county, April 11, 1799, daughter of Andrew Ferguson, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and a farmer; also a manufacturer of flour and woolen goods at his mills on Chatham run. Nine children were born to this union, namely: (Fourth generation) John (deceased); Esther G., deceased widow of Robert M. Russell, of Dewart, Northumberland county; and their children are—Edmund, Eugenie and Margaret; Nancy, who died in the twenty-sixth year of her age; Andrew C., of this review; William L., who died at the age of twenty-two; Jane, who died in Nittany Valley; David F. (his wife, Molly, is the only child of W. Trego, of Baltimore, Maryland), who was a physician and surgeon of the 87th Pennsylvania Regiment during the great Rebellion, now a resident of Frederick City, Md.; J. Harris, associate judge of Clinton county, is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Jersey Shore (each of the four generations is represented by an elder in the Church of their choice); and Priscilla, widow of Oliver Montgomery, of Watsontown, Northumberland county, whose children are—James, William and Jennie.

(Fourth generation): Andrew C. McKinney, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, February 9, 1824, and was five years old when brought by his parents to Lamar township, Clinton (then Centre) county. When twelve years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Pine Creek township, where he at-

tended pay school taught by Esquire Walters, and also a night-school taught by Nehemiah Ross, and grew to manhood upon the farm now owned by his brother, Judge McKinney. He assisted in the operation of the place until twenty-three years of age, when he began learning the tanner's trade with his old school teacher, Squire Walters, remaining with him for three years. In 1850, in Burnside township, Clearfield county, he built and operated a small tannery for three years, but desiring to engage in the manufacturing business on a more extensive scale, he went to Lock Haven, where in partnership with a Mr. Hiram Gray, in 1856, he erected a flouring-mill and bread, cracker and candy factory, and later started the first planing-mill and door, sash and blind factory in the county, admitting to a one-third partnership, in 1861, in the operation of the flouring-mill and planing-mill, his wife's half-brother, Hon. Allison White, and a Mr. H. Hipple, a one-fourth in the planing-mill. This partnership was only fairly started (fifteen days), when in 1861 both the mills and the factory were destroyed by fire at a loss of over \$30,000 to our subject, nearly the entire loss falling on him.

Although all was lost except his debts and reputation or credit, Mr. McKinney was not discouraged, but with indomitable energy began life anew, building a bread and cracker bakery and buying out the interest of Mr. Gray. He conducted the business with good success until 1863, but in the meantime had settled or assumed the debts of the firm of Gray & McKinney, and assisted his late partner to embark in the lumber business, and as he failed after a few years in business, he lost a large amount. In 1863 Mr. McKinney purchased a tract of 1,100 acres of timber land in Keating township, Clinton county, and was for years engaged in the lumber business, cutting square timber and in rafts running it to Marietta and other markets down the Susquehanna; but in the great flood of 1865 he lost about \$9,000 worth of timber. With characteristic energy, however, he continued operations, cutting his timber until 1873, when he built a fine brick block, 125 feet front by 60 feet deep, known as the McKinney block, a part of which was used as a market. This was erected at a cost of \$20,000, but in this enterprise he was opposed by members of the city council who were stockholders in another market, and passed ordinances against trade at his building, and the block was finally sold at a great sacrifice.

In 1879 Mr. McKinney and his family removed to Chatham Run, Pine Creek township, where he took charge of the grist and saw mills

formerly owned by George Crawford, his father-in-law (originally built and owned by his grandfather, Andrew Ferguson), and has there continued to engage in the milling business up to the present time, having fitted out the plant with new machinery, rollers, etc. Both mills are run by water-power. During the flood of 1889 the sawmill was torn from its foundation and destroyed. The damage to mills, crops on hand and growing, and house and barn, which were carried away, could not well be estimated. In connection with his milling interests, Mr. McKinney owns and operates a farm of forty-five acres cleared and 100 in heavy timber, on which he is engaged in raising wheat and tobacco. His has been a remarkable career (five times while living in Lock Haven he was roused in the night to find his property on fire), full of adversity as well as prosperity, but he has steadily overcome all obstacles in his path, and is justly regarded as one of the most persevering, progressive and reliable business men of Pine Creek township. His honesty and integrity are above question, and he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him. He was at one time a member of both the Odd Fellows Society and the Masonic Order, but at present is connected with no secret organization. He has always been identified with the Republican party until the election of 1896, when he and his four sons supported the Democratic ticket, believing that the free coinage of silver would be for the best interests of the wealth-producing people.

On the old Crawford homestead in Pine Creek township, where they are now residing, on December 9, 1856, was consummated the marriage of Mr. McKinney and Miss Elizabeth White Crawford. She was born in that township, February 26, 1833, a daughter of George Crawford. Seven children blessed this union, as follows: (1) (Fifth generation) Virginia Ruth, born February 23, 1858, died March 17, 1859. (2) Elizabeth C., born February 4, 1860, is the wife of Millard F. Kissel, of Dunnstown, Woodward township, Clinton county, and has three children—(Sixth generation) J. Harris, Clarence and Charles. (3) James Harris, born October 7, 1861, died September 1, 1863. (4) George C., born March 25, 1865, was educated in the Lock Haven High School, and is a miller by occupation, operating the Chatham Run Mill. He married Cora Betts, only daughter of William and Matilda (Candy) Betts. (5) John G., born August 2, 1867, also attended the Lock Haven High School, and later pursued a course in the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he graduated in 1888. He is now a book-

keeper or transfer clerk at Grand Junction, Colo., for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co. He married Florence Robinson, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and has one daughter—Ruth V. (6) Mary (Mamie), born November 26, 1869, was educated in the schools at Chatham Run, and is with her parents. (7) Robert R., born September 15, 1872, in Lock Haven, pursued his studies at Chatham Run, and is now with his parents engaged in farming and in operating their sawmill. (8) William, born February 1, 1875, was educated at Chatham Run, and is still with his parents.

The Crawford family, to which Mrs. McKinney belongs, is also of Scotch-Irish descent. Her great-grandfather, James Crawford, was born in Ireland, and on coming to this country settled in what was then Wayne township, Northumberland Co., Penn., but is now a part of Clinton county. There he followed the occupation of shoemaking, and spent his remaining days. In his family were several children, including Robert Crawford, grandfather of Mrs. McKinney. He became a resident of Pine Creek township, where he engaged in the tanning business throughout his active business life. He married Elizabeth Quiggle, of Wayne township, who was also of Scotch-Irish descent, and they became the parents of six children: James A.; Ann, wife of Levi Packer; Fanny, wife of Robert Shaw, and mother of Squire Shaw, of Pine Creek township; Nancy, wife of Hugh White; Eliza, wife of Thomas Condon; and George, the father of Mrs. McKinney. The parents of these children both died in Pine Creek township, and their remains were interred at Jersey Shore. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and the father was a stalwart Democrat in politics.

George Crawford, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Clinton county, was born November 7, 1794, in Wayne township, attended the common schools to a limited extent, but was almost wholly self-educated. His early life was spent as a boatsman (a book of original entries, in possession of A. C. McKinney, shows he kept a country store as early as October 10, 1815, carried on his commerce by river boats) on the river, plying between Jersey Shore and Columbia and Marietta, carrying lumber and grain to market and returning with goods for this region. In 1834 he was superintendent of the Pennsylvania canal on the West branch division of the Susquehanna. He then lived and kept store in Pine Creek township, where he purchased the farm of 130 acres, on which George Crist now resides. There he erected a fine brick

residence and made many other excellent improvements, but in 1848 removed to the Chatham Run mills, which he operated until 1874, when he laid aside all business cares. His fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability chose him as their representative to the State Legislature in 1831, 1832 and 1833, and he filled that responsible position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the general public. By the governor he was appointed associate judge under the old constitution, having for his colleagues Hon. Thomas Burnside and Hon. John Fleming. He was later elected to the same office for a term of five years, and was then associated with Hon. George W. Woodward and Hon. John Fleming. He was also president of the Clinton County Academy from 1839 until 1843, and most faithfully performed all duties which devolved upon him, whether public or private. He was a strong Democrat in politics, and was an active and prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder for many years.

On January 29, 1822, Mr. Crawford was married, by Rev. J. H. Grier, to Mrs. Elizabeth White, widow of James White, who was born December 10, 1800, on the White Island, and died at the old homestead in Pine Creek township, March 19, 1863. The children born to this worthy couple are as follows: (1) Charlotte W., born December 4, 1822, married N. W. Fredericks, of Lock Haven, and died in 1894; (2) Robert A., born May 17, 1825, died October 7, 1871; (3) George A., born July 27, 1827, was educated at the Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Penn., where he took the degree of B. A., and was later editor of the *Clinton County Democrat* from 1847 until 1852. Subsequently he was editor of the *Kansas Farmer and Daily Monitor*, at Fort Scott, Kans., and died at Grand Junction, Colo., in 1891. He was the founder of Fort Scott, Kans., and Grand Junction, Colo. (4) William H., born January 10, 1829, makes his home in Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn.; (5) John Weitzel, born March 26, 1831, is a farmer of Chatham Run, Penn., and has a son in Grand Junction, Colo. (6) Elizabeth, born February 26, 1833, is the honored wife of our subject. (7) Mary J., born June 14, 1839, is the widow of Charles B. Rich, of Woolrich, Penn. She and her son, C. B., and daughter, Mary Josephine, now reside in Grand Junction, Colorado.

AUGUSTUS N. STEVENSON is a prominent hardware merchant and one of the leading business men of Renovo. It is not difficult to conjecture what manner of man is Mr.

Stevenson. In a republican country where merit must win, we can tell much of his life. Wealth may secure a start but it cannot maintain one in a position where brains and executive ability are required. He did not have wealth to aid him in beginning his business career. His reliance has been placed in the more substantial qualities of perseverance, untiring enterprise, resolute purpose and commendable zeal, and withal his actions have been guided by an honesty of purpose that none have questioned.

Our subject was born in Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Penn., June 14, 1840, the eldest son of Joseph S. and Margaret Stevenson, representatives of the earliest pioneer families of that county. The father was quite prominently connected with the agricultural and business interests of the West Branch Valley. The son was provided with a liberal education, attending both the public and private schools of his native city. At an early age he entered his father's mercantile establishment, where he remained for several years gaining a general knowledge of the business, and in the latter part of the year 1862 he was appointed baggage master on the old Catawissa railroad, his run being between Williamsport and Tamaqua. During this period the Civil war was raging, and he, like many loyal spirits, resigned his position to enter the Union army, becoming a member of Col. John E. Wynkoop's Cavalry Regiment, which was assigned to duty along the Potomac river.

After serving his term of enlistment, Mr. Stevenson was honorably discharged and entered a hardware store at Milton, Penn., where he served as salesman for nearly two years and acquired a thorough knowledge of the business. In the spring of 1868 the construction of the low grade division of the Allegheny Valley railroad between Driftwood and Red Bank was commenced, and Col. G. A. Worth, of Elmira, N. Y., became contractor for the building of section 5 at Mix Run, Cameron Co., Penn., where he established his headquarters. He gave employment to several hundred men and employed Mr. Stevenson as paymaster and bookkeeper, which position he acceptably filled from March, 1868, to November, 1869, when the section was completed.

In January, 1869, Mr. Stevenson was married to Miss Margaret Campbell, of Milton, Penn., and to them was born one child, Margaret, July 4, 1870, who died in October, 1871. The following year the father became general manager of Martin & Worth's large supply store in Lawsonham, Clarion county, which did a business of more than \$100,000 annually, under the able



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supervision of our subject. Before the term of his contract had expired at that place, there had been established another supply store at Penfield, where the railroad made its headquarters, and Mr. Stevenson was transferred to that point, where he remained until the road was nearly completed. In May, 1873, he came to Renovo and leased a small store building, where he embarked in the hardware business on his own account. At that time the stores of the place were all general mercantile establishments, but from the beginning he prospered in his new undertaking, and it soon became necessary to seek larger quarters. In November, 1874, he leased a new store building, 24 x 50 feet, on Erie avenue below Sixth street, which he completely stocked with a general line of hardware, cutlery, paints, oils, glass, etc., and three years later purchased the property. In the spring of 1888 he built a fine two-story brick addition, making the building 24 x 90 feet. He now has one of the finest and best-arranged hardware stores between Harrisburg and Erie, and by fair and honorable dealing has built up a large and constantly increasing trade.

Since becoming a resident of Renovo Mr. Stevenson has taken quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, and has been elected to the city council, of which body he was chosen president for the last year of his term. He is a recognized leader in the local Republican organization, and in 1896 was prominently spoken of for associate judge of Clinton county. He is now a member of the State Central Committee from Clinton county. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, with which he has been connected since residing in Penfield in 1873, when he joined Clearfield Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M. In 1882 he became a member of Renovo Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M.; the following year he became connected with La Fayette Chapter No. 163, R. A. M., and Hospitaller Commandery No. 46, K. T., of Lock Haven; in 1884 he was made a member of Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and three years later became identified with Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. K. M. S. He is also a charter member of Bucktail Post No. 142, G. A. R., which was organized at Renovo, September 24, 1879, and for the first five years he served as quartermaster. He also took an active interest in bringing into the organization many of the old soldiers of the Civil war. Mr. Stevenson has made good use of his opportunities, and has prospered in his business undertakings. Courteous, genial, well-informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day one of the leading representative men of Clinton county—a man who is a power in his community.

JAMES W. BRIDGENS, who has now been actively engaged in mercantile business in Lock Haven for more than thirty-five years, is one of the most valued citizens of that progressive and wide-awake community, his influence being given to the support of every movement that seems calculated to advance the interests of the locality.

Mr. Bridgens was born September 28, 1838, at North Bend, Clinton county, the son of Robert and Lois (Summerson) Bridgens, who both were natives of that county. His father was engaged in farming and lumbering as a business, and took a prominent part in political affairs, having been one of the first commissioners of Clinton county. His death occurred in 1882, and our subject's mother passed away in 1893. This worthy couple had seven children: John B. (deceased), Nancy E. (Mrs. John Quiggle), Malissa M. (Mrs. D. M. May), Sarah A. (Mrs. G. G. Reese), Thomas J., Robert R., and James W. (our subject.) Reared as a farmer boy, James W. Bridgens had only the educational advantages afforded by the local schools, where the terms were short, and the methods of teaching much inferior to those of to-day. At the age of twenty-four he left home and settled at Lock Haven, engaging in the dry-goods and grocery business, which he has continued successfully ever since. He is now the oldest merchant in his line in the city, and for the last ten years his son, James F. Bridgens, has been associated with him under the firm name of J. W. Bridgens & Son, and they rank among the solid business men of the county.

In 1867, our subject was married to Miss Mary E. Fearon, daughter of James Fearon, a well-known resident of Clinton county. Four children have blessed this union: James F., Edward W., Carrie M. and Elizabeth L. The family is identified with the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Bridgens, the eldest daughter, and the youngest son are active members.

Politically, Mr. Bridgens is a Democrat, and has always been a firm opponent of monopolies. While he does not aspire to official honors of any kind, he has done good service to the cause of education as a trustee of the Central State Normal School, and as a director of the local schools, having held the latter position for more than twelve years.

JACOB BECHTEL. No man in Clinton county is probably more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. For over half a

century he has been identified with its agricultural interests, making his home upon his present farm in Lamar township since April, 1840. He has given considerable attention to the study of fruit-culture, and the knowledge thus acquired has been put to the practical test, he being today one of the most successful fruit-growers in his section of the county.

Born December 8, 1827, in Clinton county, along Fishing creek, in Porter township, near the Lamar township line, Mr. Betchel is a son of John Betchel, whose birth occurred in 1800, near Pottsville, in Schuylkill Co., Penn. The grandfather, Abraham Bechtel, was also born in Schuylkill county, about 1781, of German ancestry, being connected with one of the wealthy and prominent families of the Fatherland. The grandfather had several brothers, among whom were Isaac, who died in Sugar Valley, Penn.; Samuel and Daniel, who died in Ohio; Solomon, and a sister who became the wife of Jacob Roats (both Solomon and Mrs. Roats are living). In 1812 Abraham Bechtel located near Cedar Run in Porter township, Clinton county, but two years later moved to Fishing Creek, where he continued to reside until going to Union county, Penn., in 1854. He was a general mechanic, and in early life engaged in shoemaking during the winter season, while in summer he followed boating on the river, threshing and other work which he could find to do. Later he followed farming on a small scale, and also conducted a sawmill on Fishing creek for a number of years. He married Catharine Contner, by whom he had two children: Hannah, who married John Hull, and died in Centre county, Penn.; and John, father of our subject. The grandfather died at the age of seventy-three, in Union county, and in less than a year his wife also passed away, the remains of both being interred in Union county.

John Bechtel was born March 14, 1800, and was, therefore, only a boy when brought by his parents to Clinton county, where he grew to manhood. His mother spun the flax and wove the cloth for the clothes of her family, and while attending school John wore home-made trousers. He married Miss Catharine Best, who was born in Columbia county, Penn., in 1797, a daughter of Jacob Best, and they became the parents of two children: Eliza, now the widow of William Taylor, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; and Jacob, of this review. The mother died in 1880, and the father passed away in 1885, at the home of our subject, and both were buried at Forest Hill. They had lived in Nittany Valley, Clinton county, until 1854, when they removed to Union county, locating near Forest Hill, where the

mother's death occurred. Later the father, having broken his thigh and become helpless, made his home with our subject until he, too, departed this life. His first vote was cast for the Democratic candidate, but later he joined the Whig party, and on its dissolution became a Republican. His memory was fine, his knowledge of the Scriptures thorough, and he was a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

In a primitive log school-house Jacob Bechtel began his education, and one winter attended school in Aaronsburg, Center Co., Penn. Being an only son, he remained upon the home farm. The farm which he now occupies was purchased by his father from Henry Yeager in 1839, and after his removal to Union county, in 1854, our subject remained upon the place. In connection with its cultivation he also embarked in the sawmill business, in 1867, and since that time has devoted a few months each year to lumbering. His farm comprises 120 acres of rich and arable land, and he also has 520 acres of timberland, so that he is now one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of his community. He has now laid aside the more arduous duties of the farm, but continues its management and keeps things in repair.

Near Bainbridge, in Lancaster county, Penn., on December 23, 1853, Jacob Bechtel was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Reese, who was born in August, 1837, a daughter of Rev. Charles Reese, a Lutheran minister, and they became the parents of the following children: Olivia K., wife of John Fortney, of Lamar township, Clinton county; Mrs. Reuben McClintock, of Mill Hall, Penn.; Bertie, widow of Albert Eli, of Lock Haven; and Charles, a carpenter of Johnstown, Penn. The wife and mother passed to the unseen world June 18, 1889, and was buried in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Mr. Bechtel uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange, and, religiously, is identified with the Lutheran Church. In many respects his life has been an exemplary one. He is an intelligent man, with sound, common-sense views of life and its duties; is active in well doing, sober, industrious and of good business habits, in fact, possessing all the qualifications that go to make up a good citizen and an honorable man.

A BRAHAM B. BITNER. The subject of this notice is certainly entitled to be considered not only one of the enterprising farmers

of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, but one of its respected and honored citizens, and a man of more than ordinary ability. He was born November, 11, 1833, in Liberty township, Centre Co., Penn., a son of John and Susan (Orner) Bitner, and a grandson of John Bitner, Sr.

The father, a native of Centre county, was a stonemason by trade, and followed that pursuit in early life, but later purchased a farm in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, and devoted his remaining days to agricultural pursuits. He was in very limited circumstances at the time of his marriage, having to borrow money enough to pay all necessary expenses at that time, but being industrious, energetic and persevering, he secured for his family a good home. He developed a good farm at the foot of the Alleghany Mountains, and there spent his last years, dying at the age of fifty-eight years, nine months and twenty-three days. His wife departed this life at the age of seventy-eight years, six months and twenty-eight days, and was laid by his side in Eagleville cemetery. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Church of Christ, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, who reached years of maturity, married and reared families of their own. They were as follows: Christopher, a resident of Beech Creek township, Clinton county; Emaline, widow of Fulton Miller, of the same township; John, a retired farmer of Eagleville; Margaret, widow of George Kessinger, of Minnesota; Elizabeth, wife of Wayne Gardner, of Howard, Penn.; Abraham B., of this review; Sarah, now Mrs. Adam Myers, of Chatham Run, Penn.; Nathan M., of Centre county; Julia A., who wedded (first) Matthias Grove, and is now the widow of David Stephenson, of Lock Haven; Alvina, wife of David Simons, of Lock Haven; and Hezekiah, of Holmes county, Ohio.

The education which our subject received was such as the country schools of his day afforded, he at first attending the Brown school in Bald Eagle township, where the furniture was of the most primitive character and where the pupils wrote with quill pens. He remained upon the home farm until his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated at Beech Creek, March 15, 1856, Miss Martha J. Trexler becoming his wife. She was born in Williamsport, Penn., September 2, 1839, and is the second child and eldest daughter in a family of seven children—two sons and five daughters—whose parents were William and Elmira (White) Trexler. The father followed the occupation of shoemaking in Beech Creek. The children born to Mr. and Mrs.

Abraham B. Bitner are as follows: William F., who died in infancy; Irvin T., a cigarmaker of Altoona, Penn.; C. McClellan, a cigarmaker of Du Bois; Ernest D., a farmer of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county; Della, wife of Harry Best, of Lock Haven; Ira M., who died at the age of five years; Fullmer E., at home; Tillie, who died in infancy; and Blair and Grover C., both at home.

When married, Mr. Bitner's cash capital consisted of only \$50, which he had saved from teaming and trapping. He trapped many foxes, which were quite numerous in this section at that time. For one-fourth of the products he operated his father's farm for one year, it being stocked by his father, and then worked for one season in a sawmill on Beech creek, but with that exception his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, carrying on operations in Beech Creek, Pine Creek and Lamar townships, Clinton county, and Liberty township, Centre county. In the spring of 1886 he removed to his present farm in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, where he had lived once before, and now has his land under a high state of cultivation. He heartily endorses the principles of the Democratic party, and has served his fellow-citizens very acceptably in the capacity of school director. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Church of Christ, in which he is serving as elder, and wherever known they are held in high regard. A man of the strictest integrity and honor, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he is liberal and generous almost to a fault. At this writing he is serving as judge of election in Bald Eagle township.

JOHNS SPRINGER, one of the best-known citizens of Gallaher township, Clinton county, is a man whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances shows what can be accomplished by industry and economy, especially if he is aided in his efforts to secure a home and competence by a sensible wife.

Born at the "Block House," in Lycoming county, Penn., December 15, 1833, Mr. Springer is the only child of Samuel and Christina (Fost) Springer, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Germany. The father, a farmer by occupation, lived mostly in Lycoming and Tioga counties. The mother was twice married, her second husband being Thomas Gottschall, of Gallaher township, Clinton county, by whom she had five children, namely: Mary, wife of Samuel Swartz; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Catharine, wife of Michael Biser; Rebecca, deceased

wife of Frederick England; and Lucy, who died in childhood. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gottschall died in Rose Valley, Lyeoming county. She was an excellent woman and a hard worker.

John Springer's education was limited to a few months' attendance at the country schools. With his stepfather he worked at lumbering and shingle-making until twenty-seven years of age, starting out in life for himself in 1860. His first venture was in buying fifty acres of timber land, which he cleared and converted into highly cultivated fields of waving grain. He also purchased another tract of the same size, and now has one of the finest farms in Gallaher township, it being improved with an elegant residence and good barns and outbuildings, the cost of which was about \$3,000. In his work he has been ably assisted by his estimable wife, who has indeed proved a faithful helpmeet to him.

On April 26, 1859, in Gallaher township, Clinton county, Mr. Springer was married to Miss Christina Beisser, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany, December 27, 1830, a daughter of Frederick Beisser, who spent his entire life in the Fatherland. She was educated in her native land, and when a young girl crossed the Atlantic in the "William Tell," which landed her safely at New York. After spending a short time in that city she went to the home of her uncle, Charles Beisser, in Tioga county, Penn., with whom she remained until giving her hand in marriage to our subject. She is well-known all over the county for her excellent cooking, and she is one of the best housekeepers to be found in the locality.

To this couple have been born nine children: (1) George M., born in 1859, died in infancy. (2) William P., born July 5, 1860, married Ella Yearick, and has three children—Harvey C., Mabel C. and Mary E. He is a carpenter and contractor living in Williamsport, Penn., is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (3) George M., born March 6, 1862, married Ellen Harber, and has two children—Roy and Lawrence. He follows farming in Gallaher township, Clinton county. (4) Nancy, born October 4, 1864, died when ten days old. (5) Samuel, born February 21, 1865, died in infancy. (6) Clara J., born October 10, 1866, died February 18, 1869. (7) Jacob, born June 13, 1868, also a farmer of Gallaher township, married Lizzie Gottschall; and has one daughter—Ida. (8) Charles, born August 10, 1870, and (9) Reuben, born February 10, 1873, are both at home.

Our subject gives his allegiance to the Democratic party, and has faithfully served his fellow-

citizens in the capacity of tax collector, school director, overseer of the poor, supervisor and assessor. He has ever been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and has discharged his duties in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance, good management, and a determination to succeed.

JACOB VONADA, a well-known and highly-respected agriculturist now living in Porter township, Clinton county, near the Lamar township line, was born February 20, 1836, in Hartley township, Union Co., Penn., but when only a few months old was taken by his parents, George and Mary (Heinly) Vonada, to Penn's Valley, Centre county, locating near Woodward. Later they removed to Nittany Valley, the same county, where both died, the father at the age of seventy-two, and the mother at the age of eighty-two, and the remains of both were interred in Hublersburg cemetery. They were Lutherans in religious belief, and in politics Mr. Vonada was a Democrat. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming. In the family were eight children—four sons and four daughters—of whom three sons and three daughters are yet living.

During his boyhood and youth Jacob Vonada attended the district schools of Penn's Valley, which at that time were not noted for their efficiency. He began his education in the Harper school, under the direction of Jacob T. Meyer. In early life he also learned the blacksmith's trade at "St. Paul's Church," in Haines township, Centre county, under Squire Jacob Hosterman, but, not liking that occupation, he devoted most of his attention to agricultural pursuits. Upon the farm where he was reared he spent forty years of his life.

On December 2, 1866, in Penn's Valley, Mr. Vonada was married to Miss Rebecca Stover, who was born February 27, 1838, near Pine Creek, Haines township, Centre county, the daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Frank) Stover. They became the parents of two children: Edgar B., who is married and has one child, and is engaged in farming on his father's and uncle J. Vonada's place in Lamar township, Clinton county; and Ida, who died at the age of three years.

After his marriage, our subject continued to reside on the old homestead in Haines township, Centre county, as his father had removed to a place near Hublersburg in Nittany Valley, and

there the son remained until April 4, 1876, when his father purchased a tract of 119½ acres in Lamar township, Clinton county, known as the Best farm. After the death of his mother John and Jacob Vonada purchased the Best farm, where Jacob resided till the spring of 1897, when he removed to his present residence in Porter township. He has ever been a hard-working, energetic, progressive farmer, and in his labors has been ably assisted by his estimable wife, who has indeed proved a true helpmeet to him. His upright, honorable life has commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, and his friends in his adopted county are many. Through his own efforts he has secured a comfortable competence, and he is to-day numbered among the prosperous citizens of the community. He has always been unwavering in his support of the Democratic party, and he has served as deacon and elder in the Lutheran Church, with which he is connected.

THEW JOHNSON, a lumberman now residing in Hyner, Chapman township, Clinton county, has been an important factor in business circles, and his popularity is well-deserved. He is public spirited, and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his community.

Mr. Johnson was born March 17, 1822, in Lycoming county (now Noyes township, Clinton county), a son of John Johnson, whose birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, in 1797. In 1800, when only three years old, he was brought by his parents to America in a sailing vessel, landing at Philadelphia, whence they came to Wayne township, Clinton county, which was at that time a part of Lycoming county, and located near Pine Station. There John Johnson attended school, where he learned to read and write, which was considered a sufficient education for ordinary use in those days. Learning the miller's trade, he came to Chapman township when a young man, and rented a small gristmill on Hyner run, which he operated for twenty-two years. Subsequently he bought a farm of 100 acres now in Grugan township, and followed agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1876, his remains being interred in Hyner cemetery. In early life he was a Whig, and later supported the Republican party, while religiously he and his family held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they were held in high regard by all who knew them.

John Johnson was married to Miss Mary Shaffer, by whom he had six children, namely:

Margaret (deceased), Thew (our subject), Shaffer F. (a banker of Lock Haven), Angelina (now deceased), Isabella (living), and John W. (who operates the old homestead in Grugan township). The mother died upon that place, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband.

Mr. Johnson, whose name introduces this sketch, pursued his studies in an old log school house in what is now Chapman township, supplied with the rudest of furniture, and spent the first thirty-eight years of his life under the parental roof, working on the farm during the summer season and in the woods through the winter months. In partnership with his brother Shaffer he engaged in the lumber business, and rafted their products down the west branch of the Susquehanna to Marietta. In 1860 he located in Hyner, where he now owns a home. For a number of years he and his brother continued business together, and he is now connected with F. S. Johnson, W. C. Weaver and Joseph Power. They own about 6,000 acres of timberland in Clinton county, and in 1894 erected a sawmill on Hyner run, which three years later was destroyed by fire, but they are still interested in the lumber business.

In 1860, at Hyner, our subject was married to Miss Mary Southerland, who was born in Liberty, Dunstable township, Lycoming county, in 1820. The only child born of this union died in infancy.

Mr. Johnson cast his first Presidential vote for the Whig candidate, and is a Republican and for sound money. He has served as auditor of Chapman township, but has never cared for official honors, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business interests. His life has been one of toil, beginning work in early boyhood (as soon as he could handle an axe), and he is now suffering from the effects of exposure on the mountains. Due success has not been denied him, and he is classed among the substantial citizens of his community. He takes delight in travel, and has visited many portions of this country in search of lands. In many respects his life has been an exemplary one.

CHARLES H. RICH. Central Pennsylvania boasts of quite a number of men of inventive genius, men who have done much, by reason of superior ability in that line, to advance the interests of this region; but none are held in higher regard or deserve greater recognition than the subject of this sketch, now a prominent lumberman, farmer and civil engineer, of Woolrich, Pine Creek township, Clinton county. He was born

in that place December 31, 1860, a son of John F. and Catherine A. (Ohl) Rich, and is a brother of the gentlemen who comprise the well-known firm of John Rich & Brothers, woolen manufacturers, of Woolrich.

During his boyhood and youth our subject learned all the branches of woolen manufacture, but since completing his collegiate course has given no attention to that line of business. At Chatham Run, Pine Creek township, he began his education in the public schools, later attended a select school taught by T. W. Twitmire, and in 1878 entered Pierce's College, Philadelphia, where he pursued a business and law course, graduating from that institution in 1880. He then took a course in higher mathematics and civil engineering, in Allegheny College, at Meadville, Penn., and in 1882 entered Jefferson Medical College, intending to make the practice of medicine his life work, but was obliged to lay aside his books at the end of one term on account of failing eye-sight.

Returning to his home in Woolrich, Mr. Rich engaged in civil engineering and surveying, which he still continued to follow in connection with his other business. In 1889 he opened a lumber yard at Woolrich, being the first and only lumber merchant at that place; he also owns and operates the old homestead farm of 180 acres, on which he is successfully engaged in general farming and tobacco growing. Upon the place he has erected seven good tenant houses, three tobacco sheds, 120x24 feet, barns and other outbuildings, but in 1894 he had the misfortune to lose his sheds and barns, which were destroyed by fire at a loss of \$5,000. With characteristic energy, however, he rebuilt, and is now doing a successful and profitable business. His comfortable home in Woolrich was erected in 1884 at a cost of \$2,000. Besides his other business interests, he is also a stockholder in a local oil-well company.

Possessing much mechanical genius, Mr. Rich has invented a number of very useful articles, chief among which is the para-magnetic transmitting bismuth disk, which was necessary to perfect the great Bell telephone, but unfortunately (he says) he associated with him an individual who confiscated his (our subject's) right and title to it, and later disposed of it to the Bell Telephone Company for an immense sum, of which Mr. Rich never received a cent. He also invented and patented the vacuum oiler tube, and a nut and lock for a carriage spindle, and a carriage whip tubler, and an automatic gate fixture, which he patented in 1890, a rotary engine and an accelerated speed motion for a bicycle, besides many

other inventions of great value to the public; but of all these he has made a side issue, it being a great pleasure to spend his leisure time in that way.

At Pine Station, in 1884, Mr. Rich was married to Miss Katie A. Quiggle, a native of Wayne township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Robert Quiggle. Two children have graced this union: Edna Dunn and Mary L. Politically, Mr. Rich has always been identified with the Republican party, ever taking an active part in its principles, and, although he has never been an office-seeker, he has served as auditor of his township, and has faithfully performed every duty of citizenship, being appointed a member of the Congressional conference that met at Bellefonte, that put Gen. John Patton in nomination; also to place Hon. A. C. Hopkins in nomination, later Hon. Fred. C. Lenard for Congress. Having a good command of language, Mr. Rich is an excellent debater, and takes an active part in all the local debates. A Methodist in religious belief, he has served as trustee of his Church and as a teacher in the Sunday-school, and he takes a leading and influential part in all enterprises calculated to promote the moral and material welfare of his native county. Socially he holds membership in the Royal Arcanum of Lock Haven, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of which he is president, of Woolrich. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business commend him to the confidence of all; his pleasant manner wins him friends, and he is one of the popular and honored citizens of Clinton county.

Stiles E. Rich, a brother of our subject, received his elementary education in the common schools of Chatham Run, and later pursued a business course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (where he graduated in 1880), also attending Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Penn., and State Central Normal School. He then served as bookkeeper and assistant in his brothers' woolen mills, at Woolrich, until 1893, when he removed to Harriman, Tenn., where he is now successfully engaged in merchandising. He is a Republican in politics, is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a strong temperance man. He was married to Miss Minnie H. Hesser, of Bloomsburg, Penn., a daughter of Rev. W. C. Hesser, a Methodist Episcopal minister, and they have two sons: William H. and Ross B.

WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, one of the most prominent and respected residents of Lockport, Clinton county, was born October 3,

1825, in Delaware county, N. Y., a son of Martin Johnson, who was born in the same county in 1800. The grandfather, Solomon Johnson, was a native of the same State, and one of thirteen children, all of whose names begin with the letter "S." The grandfather was a lumber manufacturer in Delaware county, where he operated three sawmills, and was one of the prominent farmers, owning 150 acres of land. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a Jacksonian Democrat in his political views, and a man of sterling worth, who spent his entire life in Delaware county. He was twice married.

Martin Johnson, a son by the first marriage, received his education in the subscription schools, and throughout his life followed lumbering and farming. He owned 300 and cleared off 1,000 acres of timber lands, on a part of which the town of Sidney, N. Y., now stands, including the old family residence. He engaged in the lumber business on an extensive scale, operating three mills, and was ranked among the leading and substantial citizens of the county. Retiring from active work, he removed to Tioga county, Penn., and later made his home with his son, Nelson E. Johnson, in Lycoming county, where he died in 1861. He was very active in Democratic circles, but never sought office, and he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Martin Johnson was married in Franklin township, Delaware county, N. Y., to Mary A. Patton, also born in that township, a daughter of John Patton, a native of Scotland, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who died at the age of one hundred and three years. Mrs. Johnson, who was a very devoted wife and mother, died in Jackson, Penn., where her remains were interred. In the family were eight children: Albert died in Tioga county; Horace, Elizabeth and Mary, all three deceased, Horace dying in childhood; William M.; Anna M.; Mrs. Jane Warner, of Wisconsin; and Nelson E., a well-known millwright of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Our subject attended the public schools of his native county through the winter months, in the summers working on the farm, in the lumber woods and in the mill. Desirous of improving himself mentally, he spent all his leisure time in study, and is now a well-informed man. He worked at home until twenty years of age, at lumbering and farming, and then in connection with his brother Albert, and an uncle, established a lumbering business at Southport, N. Y., and also operated the Wells Mills at that point, which they conducted for a year with fair success. As he had not then attained his majority, he paid his father \$200 for his time. After this our sub-

ject spent one year at the carpenter's trade, building the first church at the State line. He then removed to Tioga county, where he spent nine years as a millwright carpenter in saw or grist mills. He also passed some time in Clinton and Lycoming counties, and was afterward engaged for five years in general merchandising at Lawrenceville, Tioga county. He then removed to Mill Hall, Clinton county, where he began the manufacture of windmills, rakes, etc., and in that enterprise was very successful. It was the first factory of the kind at Mill Hall, and he turned out thousands of windmills. He also conducted a store a part of the time during his six-years' stay at that place. In 1863 he secured a position as traveling salesman from the manufacturing firm of J. S. Marsh & Co., of Lewisburg, his territory covering five counties in Pennsylvania. Later he was given the general agency, and traveled all through the central and western States. He spent twenty-three years with that firm, winning for himself the confidence and respect of both his employers and the public. He sold over \$125,000 of manufactured goods each year for eighteen years as general salesman. In 1870, while traveling, he purchased the Peter Smith farm in Woodward township, Clinton county, comprising 126 acres, and on his retirement in 1885 he located on the farm, where the next eight years were passed in the quiet pursuits of rural life. In 1895 he built for himself a commodious and beautiful residence in Lockport, at a cost of \$4,500, and is now living there surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, and enjoying the friendship and regard of all who know him.

In 1853, in Clinton county, Mr. Johnson was married to Anna M. Stewart, who was born in Lycoming county, a daughter of Charles Stewart, a prominent citizen of that section of the State. Six children grace this union: (1) Charles D. operates the home farm in Woodward township, married Carrie Probst, of that township, and had six children—Nettie I., Alma, Edward, Leroy, Carrie and Charles. (2) Ida D. is an accomplished young lady at home. (3) William, a machinist of Philadelphia, married a Miss Galliher, and has two children—Elmer and Howard E. (4) Annie was the wife of Preston Albertson, and is now deceased. (5) Nellie died when twenty-two years old, and (6) Orville died in infancy.

Mr. Johnson has served as school director and tax collector in his township, and is a stalwart Republican, unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the party. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and has served as

superintendent and teacher in the Sunday-school. He was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Sons of Temperance, and is an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. His success in life is attributable to his own efforts, and his business record is without a blemish. He labored earnestly to advance the interests of his company during his long service on the road, and had their unqualified confidence. His name is synonymous with honorable dealing, and his worth is attested by all who know him.

D KAUFMAN, a well-known agriculturist and prominent citizen of Porter township, Clinton county, has made his special field of industry a success, and is highly-esteemed and respected by those who know him best.

Born May 16, 1829, in Miles township, Brush Valley, Centre Co., Penn., Mr. Kaufman is a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Willman) Kaufman. The paternal grandfather also bore the name of Nicholas. The father's birth occurred April 30, 1777, in Berks county, Penn., where he continued to reside until after his marriage. His death occurred in Nittany Valley, and his wife passed away in Brush Valley, leaving two children, the sister of our subject being Hannah, now the widow of Conrad Long, and a resident of Howard, Penn. By occupation the father was always a farmer, and in political sentiment he was an ardent Democrat.

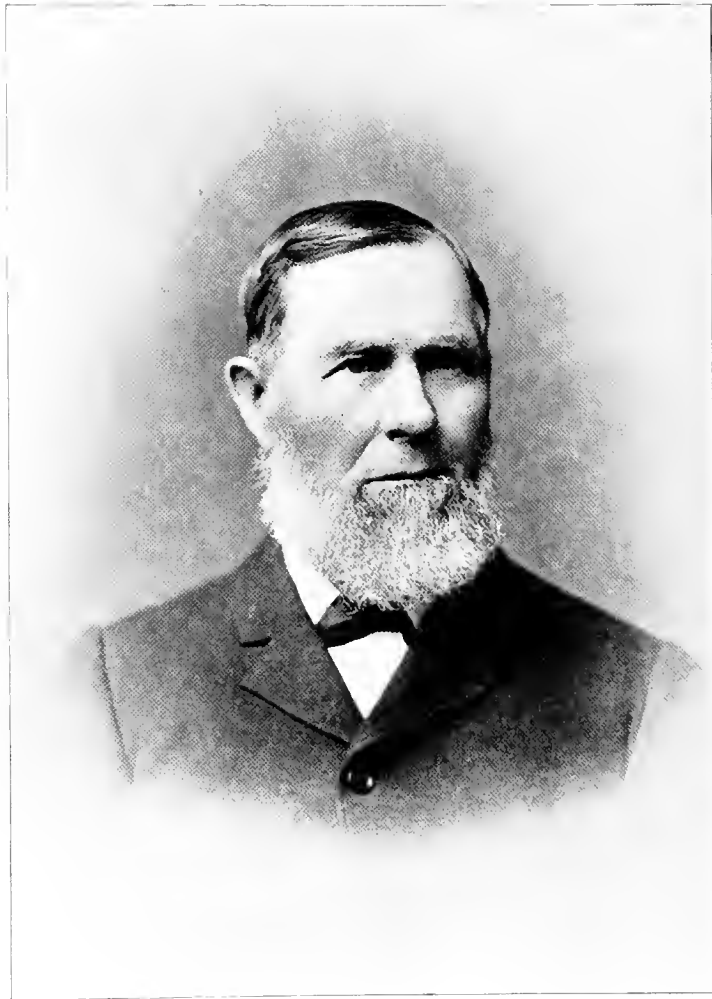
D. Kaufman, of this sketch, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native Valley, in much the usual manner of farmer lads, assisting his father in the labor of the fields, and, when his services were not needed at home, attending the public schools of the neighborhood. One of his first teachers was Solomon Moyer. Young Kaufman remained under the parental roof until his marriage, at the age of twenty-one, to Miss Rebecca Best, the ceremony being performed in Hublersburg, Centre county. She was a native of Lehigh county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Leah (Fink) Best, the father a representative of one of the honored and highly-respected families of Nittany Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman have three children: William H., a farmer of Centre county; and Leah E. and John F., both at home.

After his marriage Mr. Kaufman continued to reside on the old homestead farm in Brush Valley, Centre county, which he operated for his father for some time, and then moved to Spring Bank, the same county, where he was employed at days work. He owned a team, and worked

for different parties until coming to Nittany Valley in 1866, when he purchased his present farm of sixty-two acres, in Porter township, Clinton county. He is an excellent farmer, and a thoroughly reliable business man, gaining the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. For a time before coming to Nittany Valley he made his home in Sugar Valley. In early life Mr. Kaufman used his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party; but since the war he has been a pronounced Republican, and has done all in his power to advance his party's interests. He and his estimable wife are members of the Mt. Bethel Reformed Church, and wherever known they are held in high regard.

JAMES T. TAYLOR, a wealthy retired agriculturist of Lamar township, Clinton county, can look back with satisfaction upon a well-spent life as he passes down "the western slope." Surrounded by the comforts which his early toil has procured, his position is an enviable one, yet he doubtless finds his chief pleasure in the affection which brightens his home, and in the thought of the sons and daughters who are, in their turn, filling honorable and useful places in life.

The Taylor family belongs to that sturdy and energetic race known as the Scotch-Irish. Matthew Taylor, our subject's grandfather, came at an early date from Scotland to make his home near Reedsville, Mifflin county, Penn., where he purchased a large farm, still called the "old Taylor homestead." Our subject's father, Henry Taylor, was born at this homestead, and became one of the leading agriculturists of that locality, owning and operating about 400 acres of land. He was a large man, and possessed great strength and vitality, attaining the advanced age of eighty-three years. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, but never sought or held office, and he was actively identified with the Presbyterian Church for many years, his consistent conduct in daily life being a witness to the sincerity of his faith. His wife, whose maiden name was Priscilla Turbet, was the daughter of a farmer in Juniata county, Penn.; she died at the age of sixty-four, and the remains of both were buried in the cemetery at the old stone church on the hill near Reedsville. Their children were: Sarah, who married Samuel Laird, and died at Perrysville (now Port Royal), Juniata county; Anna, widow of James Kyle, of Mifflin county; Henry, a retired farmer, residing at Reedsville; James T., our subject; Priscilla, who married



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William Thompson, and died near State College, Centre county; and Matthew, a farmer of Mifflin county. All were noted among their associates for their intelligence and high character, and were held in great esteem.

The subject of our sketch was born March 27, 1827, at the old homestead near Reedsville, and his education was mainly acquired in the subscription schools of that locality. He studied for one term at an academy in Academia, Juniata county, taught by Prof. Wilson. As the son of a busy farmer, he was given every opportunity to become familiar with the details of agricultural work, and while he was still at home his father encouraged him to invest his small savings in stock, so that he not only gained valuable experience in such deals, but was enabled to secure a little capital before starting out into the world for himself. In 1855 he left home and came to Clinton county, and purchased the old Fearon farm in Lamar township, the price being \$11,000 for 183 acres. Mr. Taylor was obliged to go in debt for a portion of this sum, but as he was young and strong he had no fears as to the result, his energy and courage promising success. He prospered from the start, secured a good equipment and a fine lot of stock. Not longer after his removal to Clinton county he met Miss Nancy J. Hughes, to whom he was married at Williamsport, Penn., on September 16, 1856. She proved to be a most wise and economical helper, and her work and good management have been factors in the success which has crowned Mr. Taylor's efforts. He cleared the debt from his first farm, and then, having accumulated some surplus cash, he bought the Jacob Best farm in the same township, in partnership with his brother Henry. In April, 1864, he removed to that place, which he continued to cultivate until October, 1895, when he thought it time to retire from active business cares. Since that date he has resided near the depot at Salona, in a comfortable and tasteful home, which was built according to his own ideas. He has at present two fine farms, but his first purchase, the old Fearon place, was sold some time ago, the money being distributed among his children. Mr. Taylor has never been a believer in undue self-denial, his family always enjoying the best advantages obtainable by a man of his means, and his home being supplied with every comfort. His reputation for honesty has never been questioned, and his generosity, a leading trait, has never been found wanting. In fact, he has at times lost considerable sums through endorsing or going bail for friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had the following children: (1) The first born, a boy, died at the

age of eight months. (2) Henry Turbet, born March 3, 1858, married Miss Virginia Eldred, of Muncy, Penn., and they have two sons—Harry and Ralph. (3) Turbet, who resides at Larned, Pawnee Co., Kans., is the secretary of the Keystone Security Co., of that place, and also oversees some large land holdings for Eastern capitalists. (4) Elizabeth C., born September 4, 1859, married A. C. Mann, of Mill Hall, and they have four children—Harry T., James R., Marguerite A. and Fred P. (5) Anna P., born July 27, 1862, married Joseph R. Mann, of Lewistown, Penn., and they have five children—Harvey B., Edith, Joseph, Jr., Thomas and Anna. (6) William C., born April 4, 1868, graduated from Bloomsburg Normal School, and taught for a time in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, and at Mackeyville, but he is now a farmer in Lamar township. He married Miss Kate Strunk, and they have three children—Joseph, Pauline and Dorothy. (7) John J., born January 18, 1870, was educated at the Bloomsburg Normal School. He married Miss Kate Smale, and they have one son, Harry M. The family holds a prominent place socially, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has filled various offices. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and his sons are all staunch supporters of the latter party. While Mr. Taylor has always taken keen interest in the success of his ticket, he has never been an aspirant for political place or honors.

Mrs. Taylor was born March 28, 1838, in Mifflin county, Penn., the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Conley) Hughes. When she was but ten years old her father removed to Jacksonville, Centre Co., Penn., and later he settled at Mackeyville, Clinton county. He was a man of small stature, but was very industrious, and throughout his life he followed the blacksmith's trade successfully, his strict honesty winning the respect of all who knew him. He died at the age of sixty-three and his wife at sixty-nine, their remains being buried in the cemetery at Jacksonville. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Of his children, the eldest, James, who was a soldier in the Civil war, died near Buffalo Run, in Centre county, at the age of forty-four; John went west, and died in Missouri; Richard made his home in Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, and died there; William, a veteran of the Civil war, died in July, 1894, in Centre county; Mary married William Elder (now deceased), and at this time makes her home with her children; Nancy J. (Mrs. Taylor) was the sixth in order of birth; Elizabeth

married George Rish, and resides near Centre Hall; Isabella died at the age of twenty-four years.

JOSEPH JENNINGS KINTNER, of Renovo, is one of the young members of the Clinton County Bar, but his prominence is by no means measured by his years, on the contrary he has won a reputation of which many an older practitioner might well envy.

For several generations the Kintner family have lived in this commonwealth. Benjamin Kintner and wife, who was Elizabeth Winnings, his grandparents, were born in Monroe county. They were farming people, and in about 1835 moved to Wyoming county. Their children were as follows: Moses S., Jacob C., James M., William H. (deceased), Mary, Easton, Sarah, and Elijah, all residents of Wyoming county excepting James, who resides at Wansocket, S. Dak. Of these the late Col. Jacob C. Kintner, the father of him whose name opens this review, was born July 11, 1838, in Wyoming county, Penn. He became a merchant by occupation, and as such held a creditable position in the business circles of the community in which he resided. He was a patriot, and during the Civil war served his country four years and seven months. He first enlisted as a sergeant in Company H, 52d P. V. I. He was soon thereafter transferred to the Signal Corps, and later, for meritorious service, was promoted to the rank of captain. He participated in the battle of Antietam; was at Fredericksburg; engaged at the second battle of Bull Run, and in the many other engagements in which his command participated. He was a prominent Republican, and for four years he was on the staff of Gov. Hoyt, and was interested in the National Guard for a time. He also served as revenue collector for his district for some time. He was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of his community. He departed this life March 26, 1886, and his wife passed away October 20, 1889, at Wilkesbarre, Penn., leaving a family of four children: Charles B., a resident of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mary C. and Joseph J. (twins); and Ruth C., who is now attending Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn. The mother of these was a daughter of Paul B. and Elizabeth (Tuttle) Jennings; he was a native of England, coming to this country when nineteen years of age.

The Jennings family was one of note in the mother country. The children of Paul B. and Elizabeth Jennings were Joseph, William N., Caroline (Mrs. E. W. Studevent), and Mary A.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Tuttle) Jennings, grandmother of Joseph Jennings Kintner, was born August 10, 1796, in Luzerne county, near the battlefield of Wyoming.

Joseph Jennings Kintner, of this review, was born in 1870 in Mehoopany, Wyoming Co., Penn. He obtained his primary education in the Towanda schools, later attending the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, and subsequently Pennsylvania State College, at State College, Penn. After leaving school he went to Bloomfield, Perry Co., Penn., and was appointed deputy in the register and recorder's office. While serving in that capacity he studied law under the direction of Hon. C. H. Smiley at that place for about four years, and was then admitted to the Bar. In August, 1895, he located at Renovo, where he has since successfully engaged in both the life and fire insurance business, representing some of the leading and most reliable companies in the United States. Socially Mr. Kintner is identified with the B. O. P. E., while politically he affiliates with the Republican party. He takes quite an active and prominent part in political affairs, and when twenty-one years of age began speaking all over his county in the interests of his party and its candidates. During the campaign of the following year he was employed by the State central committee, and he has also served as a delegate to the county conventions since coming to Renovo. He is not an official aspirant, preferring to give his time to his professional duties and other business affairs. He is one of the most promising young attorneys of Clinton county, and no doubt a brilliant future awaits him. He is self-made, leaving home at the early age of fourteen years, since which time he has made his own way in the world.

JOHAN YEARICK. Among the leading farmers of Clinton county, the record of whose lives fills an important place in this volume, it gives us pleasure to commemorate the name of this gentleman, now a prosperous citizen of Porter township.

Mr. Yearick was born in October, 1826, in Gregg township, Centre Co., Penn., a son of John and Mary (Rishel) Yearick, who spent many years of their lives upon the farm where our subject now resides, both dying there at about the age of seventy-three, the mother having survived her husband a few years. Their remains were interred at the cemetery in Madisonburg. In the Reformed Church they held membership, and in politics the father was identified with the Democratic party. Although he never served a regular

apprenticeship, he thoroughly mastered the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some time, but later devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with excellent success. He was a large man, and a very industrious, energetic and progressive one.

Our subject is third in order of birth in the family of children, as follows: William, who died in Hublersburg, Penn.; Jacob and Henry, both residents of Jacksonville, Centre county; Samuel, who died in Brush Valley, Centre county; Adam, of Jacksonville; Mary, who wedded John Zubler, and died in Centre county; Rebecca, who married Jacob Royer, and died in Brush Valley; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Elias Hoy, and died in Centre county; Sarah, who married Samuel Phillips, and died near Akron, Ohio; Katy A., widow of George Hoy, living near Jacksonville; and Julia A., who married John Spayd, and died in Centre county.

The education of John Yearick, Jr., was mostly acquired in the German schools, he only attending an English school for one winter. The schoolhouses were primitive structures very common at that early day, and the writing was all done with quill pens. Our subject was able to attend school for only a few months during the year, as his services were needed at home, and while his father was engaged in carpentering and building, he was employed in hauling lumber during the winter season at the expense of his education. His boyhood was passed upon the home farm, and when a young man he engaged in the manufacture of harvesting cradles, at which he was several times employed in Ohio, walking from his home to Summit county, that State.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. Yearick was married to Miss Mary E. Shaffer, who was born in 1829, in Miles township, Brush Valley, Centre county, a daughter of Adam Shaffer and wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Yearick were born the following children: Lydia E., now Mrs. Harvey Heltman, of Porter township, Clinton county; Emma M., Mrs. Charles Sheaver, of Centre Hall, Penn.; Elvina C., Mrs. William Springer, of Williamsport, Penn.; Abbie J., Mrs. Charles F. Allabach, of Farransville, Penn.; Ida R., at home; A. Frank, a carpenter of Bellevue, Ohio; Adam N., who died in infancy; William H., of Bellevue, Ohio; John B., a farmer of Porter township, Clinton county; and Lewis H. and Samuel J., both carpenters of Bellevue, Ohio.

Among the several farms which Mr. Yearick's father owned was the one in Porter township where our subject began his domestic life, and where he has since continued to reside. Being a natural mechanic, in addition to his farming

operations he has manufactured furniture, sleds, sleighs, etc., especially for his own use, and he can make almost anything from wood that he sees. He has made many improvements upon his place which add to its value and attractive appearance, and he has an excellent peach orchard. Politically he has always been an adherent of the Democratic party, and he has served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of supervisor and school director in a most creditable manner. Fraternally he affiliates with the Grange, and religiously he and his wife are faithful members of the Reformed Church. They are widely and favorably known throughout this section of the State, and at their hospitable home their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome.

C H. BRESSLER, editor and proprietor of *The Mill Hall Times*, in Clinton county, was born, July 20, 1865, in Flemington, Clinton Co., Penn. He is a son of the late J. J. Bressler, and grandson of Hon. George Bressler (deceased). Our subject was educated in the public schools at Flemington, and worked at various odd jobs, assisting in the support of his widowed mother, until February 16, 1885, when he entered the office of *The Clinton Democrat* as an apprentice. On October 18, 1888, he took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Margaret Troxel, residing with his mother for about two years thereafter. For twelve years he acceptably filled different positions in the office of the *Democrat* until April 4, 1897, when he severed his connection with the establishment and purchased the above-named paper and tripled the circulation during the first six months. Although employed in the office of the Democratic organ of the county, Mr. Bressler has always been an active, stalwart Republican, and is fearlessly publishing such a paper. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in October, 1892, and is an active member of the same, at present a class-leader and the assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school.

A NDREW V. GROUP, the second son in the family of Peter Group, was born February 18, 1846, and received his early education in the public schools of Clinton county. After obtaining a good common-school education to serve as a foundation, he studied theology, and was early ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but later became a minister of the Presbyterian Church. Faithful in the discharge

of all his duties, he lived as nearly as he could the Christ life, practicing that charity, so broad in its conception, that the weeds and poisons of the human heart die away in the glad sunshine of brotherly love. In 1874, he moved to Philadelphia, and there continued his work. His diligence in his studies led him to over-estimate his strength, and in June, 1879, worn out by an attack of brain fever, he passed to the unseen world.

On October 26, 1869, Andrew V. Group was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jane Sallada, a daughter of John and Rebecca Sallada. Their marriage was graced with six children, namely: John Stuart; Zula M.; Andrew V., Jr.; Grace G.; Mary Edith and Annie E., all yet living except Mary Edith, who died at the age of six years. At the time of the father's death, the eldest child, John Stuart, was but six years old, the youngest, Annie E., only two months, but the brave mother determined that the little family should not become separated, and moved back to her old home in Nippenose Valley. Here she remained for two and one-half years, but realizing that her children would have superior educational facilities in the city, she returned to Philadelphia, and there maintained a home until the five children had all received the regular public school education. At the time when school days were past, and the children about to provide the home, the mother, on January 23, 1897, finding her task done, folded her hands and passed to her eternal rest in the presence of the Master she had served so well. The memory of her noble, self-sacrificing life, still lives in the minds and hearts of her loved ones, and the fruits of her Christian influence is shown in the characters of her children—a lasting monument to the virtues of true womanhood.

JOHN STUART GROUP, the eldest in the above mentioned family, was born July 10, 1870, in Nippenose Valley, but has passed the greater part of his life in Philadelphia. His education was obtained in the Quaker City, which is, as yet, his home. For eight years past he has been in the employ of the Boothby Hotel Company of Philadelphia, Penn., beginning as receiving clerk, and was gradually promoted from one position to another until he now holds one close to the "top." Though but twenty-eight years of age, Mr. Group has accomplished what few men of more than twice his years seldom succeed in doing. He has already carved out for himself an ample competence, and is now closing up his investments in Philadelphia preparatory to returning to his early home in Clinton Co., Penn. He owns his beautiful home in Philadelphia, be-

sides property in Delaware county, Penn.; he is also the possessor of two farms in the Nippenose Valley, one of 215 acres, once owned by his grandfather, John Sallada, and one of fifty-two acres, previously owned by William B. Welshans. These two farms are known as the Valley View Farms, and are under a high state of cultivation. Since purchasing this land, Mr. Group has added much in the way of modern improvements, spending over six thousand dollars in repairs, and in the erection of buildings. Plans are now ready for a handsome fifteen-room residence, 67 x 82 feet, to be erected for the future home of the family.

On October 17, 1893, John Stuart Group was married to Miss Mabel N. Whipple, and of this union two children have been born: John Stuart Wells, and Edith May. Mrs. Group comes of an old family, prominent in public affairs for generations; her great-great-uncle, William Whipple, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Group is a man of independent thought and action. Manly, straight-forward and self-reliant, his success is but the outcome of his own labor and keen foresight. With a love for wealth only for such pleasure as it brings to himself and others, Mr. Group gives freely in the aid of the less fortunate, and contributes liberally to the needs of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM H. STEVENSON, a prominent wholesale lumberman of Lock Haven, Clinton county, and the general manager of the extensive lumber firm of Kreamer, Stevenson & Co., whose mills are located at Flinton, Cambria county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Jersey Shore, September 27, 1856.

John and Fannie (Brown) Stevenson, his grandparents, were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland, Scotch-Irish farming people, the former born in Ireland, the latter in Glasgow, Scotland. John Stevenson died there in 1825 in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a consistent member. The children of this couple were: George, John, William, Alexander, David, Sarah, and Elizabeth, the latter the wife of James Moore. In 1840 the mother brought her children to the United States, locating at Jersey Shore, Penn., where she died in 1847, and was there buried. She was a most estimable woman, highly respected by her many friends and acquaintances. One of these sons, Alexander Stevenson, the father of our subject, was born in County Tyrone, Ire-



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land, in 1815. He received a good common-school education, and at Castleberg, Barnscort, he learned the carpenter's trade and assisted in the building of that castle. On coming to this country with the rest of the family he left Londonderry, Ireland, in a sailing vessel, which came nearly being lost on two occasions owing to the intoxication of the captain; however, after a voyage of six weeks they reached Philadelphia in safety. From that city the family went to Harrisburg, thence by canal in packet boat to Jersey Shore, Penn., the point of destination. That point then was a mere hamlet. There Alexander built a house for the family, the mason work of which was done by James Moore, his brother-in-law. It was often remarked that Stevenson and Moore could build a town. In 1859 Alexander Stevenson purchased a tract of one thousand acres of timber land in Clinton county, on which was erected a sawmill, and he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some five years. Then, selling his property, he moved to Charlton, on the West Branch of Susquehanna river, in Pine Creek township, and there followed his trade until 1867, when he moved to the present site of Woolrich, and there purchased a partly-improved farm of some seventy acres. To its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies until 1890, and upon the place erected a good residence and other buildings. Owing to failing health he passed the last three years of his life in retirement from active labor, dying in 1893, aged seventy-eight years. He was buried at Woolrich. As an architect and builder he superintended the erection of the First Methodist Episcopal Church edifice at Woolrich. Politically he was a staunch Democrat; he was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, in which he held the office of trustee, class-leader and steward. He was held in high regard by all who knew him. He was a kind father and an affectionate husband.

His wife, to whom he was married at Jersey Shore, was Sarah Miller, who was born in Linden, Lycoming Co., Penn., of English ancestry, and bore him the following children: George, a resident of the State of Arkansas, is engaged in the lumber business and farming; Robert M., a resident of Chatham Run, is the senior member of the firm of Stevenson Brothers, manufacturers of woolen goods; John F., an accountant and agriculturist, resides at Sherman, Texas; Mary Frances is the wife of Charles Cameron, of near Woolrich, Clinton county; and William H. The mother of these died when William H. was one and one-half years old, and, subsequently, the father was again married, this time to Miss Mary

A. Moore, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and a daughter of James Moore, a farmer, and to the marriage eight children were born, namely: Sarah is the wife of O. H. Johnson, of Woolrich; Lizzie is at home; Alexander died in childhood; Rebecca is the wife of D. B. Dunkel; Almer E. and Josephine are residents of Pine Creek township, Clinton county; Mattie B. makes her home with W. H. at Lock Haven; and Lydia E. died in childhood. Mrs. Stevenson, who was a devout member of the M. E. Church, died on the homestead in Pine Creek township in 1889.

William H. Stevenson as a lad attended the schools at Woolrich, and later he was sent to the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven. He was finally sent to the famous Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Penn., and was graduated from that institution in 1883. In the oratorical contest of that year, in which there were five States represented, on that occasion young Stevenson carried away the first prize. After his graduation he taught three terms of school in his home town of Woolrich, one term in Nittany, and one at Lock Haven. He read law for some six months, intending to make the profession his life work, but he changed his mind and decided upon a business career, and at once engaged in the lumbering business with Charles Kreamer, and from that time to this the two have been associated in business together. As the years passed these men kept pace with the times, and, being progressive and enterprising, their business grew, until to-day the firm of Kreamer, Stevenson & Co. is a great factor in the commercial affairs of their locality. They employ many men, and keep a great deal of money in circulation. The out-put of their mills is large and their product goes all over the country, giving the firm a large business acquaintance. The general manager is young and active, and possesses that tact and energy which has made his business move. He has proven himself a capable business man, and his efforts have not been unrewarded as he is a man of means. He has the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens among whom he has moved since boyhood. He is a man of education and letters, and is a valuable citizen in the community. He is a member of the school board, to which office he was elected in the spring of 1896. His tastes, however, are not those which make office seeking desirable. Politically he was an independent Democrat till the Presidential election in 1896, when he voted for William McKinley for President; he like thousands of other independent voters could not accept the free-silver theory embraced in the Democratic platform. He is identified with the Busi-

ness Men's Club of Lock Haven, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

On January 12, 1884, Mr. Stevenson was married to Miss Addie C., the second daughter of Charles and Vesta L. Kreamer, of Lock Haven, born June 1, 1862, at Queens Run, Clinton county, and to the marriage has come: Mabel A., Charles Kreamer, Galen Eaton and George Bond. The parents of these are members of the M. E. Church, Mrs. Stevenson is a woman of education and culture, and is deeply interested in the education and training of her family. She is identified with several organizations in Church work, and devotes a great deal of her time looking after the poor and needy in her community.

WILLIAM YOUTZ, master carpenter of the middle division of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, was born, in 1839, in Mt. Gretna, Lebanon Co., Penn. His father, Jacob Youtz, was born in America, but the grandfather was a native of Germany. The father died at the advanced age of eighty-four years, having long survived his wife. Four of their children are still living: James, Mrs. Rose Feist, Joseph and William.

Our subject acquired his education in the district schools, and worked upon a farm and at a furnace until seventeen years of age, when he was apprenticed to a carpenter, serving a four-years' term. On the expiration of that period he was employed on the construction of Clark's Ferry bridge across the Susquehanna, and afterward went to Harrisburg, where he worked on the weighlock. For several years he was employed in building canal locks at Harrisburg, Marietta and Lewistown, and on June 1, 1861, he went to Annapolis, Md., with Col. John L. Piper, and entered the service of the United States Government. After building some docks at Annapolis and a new rail line to Annapolis Junction, Mr. Youtz was ordered to Washington, D. C., as assistant foreman of the reconstruction of the long-bridge, and upon the completion of that work aided in building many bridges for the use of the Army of the Potomac, often working under the heavy fire of the enemy. In 1863 he was ordered to report to Gen. W. W. Wright, at Whiteside, Tenn., to build a bridge at that point. The bridge was to be 900 feet long and 120 feet high, and although Mr. Youtz had to send his men into the woods to cut the timber to be used in its construction, he had it up in four and one-half days. He built a bridge over Look-out creek, after which his party was organized as the First Division Construction Corps. He was

given eighty head of oxen and thirty mule teams to haul the provisions and tools of the division 82 miles to Dalton, where a bridge was to be built 2,300 feet long and 95 feet high. Mr. Wentz, the engineer in charge, asked how long it would take to complete the bridge, and when Mr. Youtz replied fifteen days, he told him he was crazy to think of such a thing under three months. Nevertheless the work was completed in thirteen and one-half days. He built many other bridges, including one at Resaca, at Etowa and Allatoona, where the division camped three weeks and cut timber enough to build all the bridges from there to the sea. In five days they built a bridge 1,000 feet long and 100 feet high, across the Chattahoochie. This is but one of many instances in which Mr. Youtz executed rapid and efficient work in this line. He had to rebuild the bridge at Resaca five or six times, and on more than one occasion the rapidity with which he constructed bridges, thus allowing the army to proceed on its way, was undoubtedly the means of winning a number of battles.

Shortly after the war Mr. Youtz formed a partnership in the planing-mill business in Martinsburg, Va., but not liking this he resumed bridge building and constructed about six small iron bridges on the Northern Central railway between Harrisburg and Sunbury for the Keystone Bridge Company. On September 15, 1867, he entered the service of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, and was placed in charge of the maintenance of way shop at Renovo. Later he was promoted to master carpenter of the road, and by extension had charge of the line from Erie to Sunbury, acting in that capacity until the position of division-master carpenter was created. He afterward built a large number of bridges on contract for the Western New York & Pennsylvania, Erie & Pennsylvania Company in Elk county, Clarion River railroad, the Howard railroad and the Narrow-Gauge railroad, and in 1884 built the new iron bridge 2,000 feet long across the Potomac at Washington, D. C. He resigned his position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company March 1, 1884, but re-entered its service October 1, 1887, as master carpenter of the Middle Division, Philadelphia & Erie railroad. Since then his fine abilities as a mechanic, his good judgment of men, his bravery and his capacity to endure exposure have enabled him to perform some very important work, equal to that which he did during the war. In the repair of the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie after the great flood disasters of 1889 he was tireless in his efforts to restore communication, and, with the other master carpenters in the Pennsylvania system, is en-

titled to great credit for accomplishing it in such a short space of time. Their work was done under the most adverse circumstances, wide, deep and angry streams and forbidding washouts confronted them, tracks destroyed, and material to be had only under the greatest difficulty, yet on they went with an ardor and loyalty unsurpassed until success crowned their efforts. In the many emergencies since Mr. Youtz has maintained his high and deserved reputation.

In July, 1869, our subject was united in marriage with M. E. Crouse, of Renovo, Penn., and they now have six children: Charles, William, Harry, George, Walter, and Cyril. Mr. Youtz and his family are members of the Catholic Church. While the effect of his services and his labors is immeasurable Mr. Youtz deserves the commendation that is ever accorded to genuine worth, to the faithful and fearless performance of duty under trying circumstances. Ever true to the trust reposed in him, he carried on his work amid the fire of Civil war and in the face of a more intangible but none the less to be dreaded foe—a flood. He is respected by all who know him and, the company numbers him among its most efficient employees.

JAMES H. ROTHROCK, the senior member of the firm of Rothrock Brothers, dealers in general groceries, flour, feed, etc., at Lock Haven, Clinton county, was born in Centre county, July 19, 1864.

These brothers have descended from a family, members of which have been identified with the history of the State through several generations. The name of Rothrock is closely connected with the early history of York, York county. The following is copied from records of the Moravian Church, of that city, which were secured during the Revolutionary period:

Philip Rothrock was born near Worms, in Germany, December 8, 1718. He emigrated to America, and settled at York, in 1733. March 22, 1749, he was married to Catherine M. Kuntz, who also was of German birth. They had fourteen children. In the York Moravian Congregational Diary for the year 1775, Pastor Neister has made, in German, the following records: "July 31.—With the people in general we have thus far been in peace. However, urgent requests are sent to our people to attend the drilling in the use of arms. Most of our brethren in town have, however, arrived at that age in which they can no longer be compelled to attend drills. A few of the young men have yielded, and one of them, Benjamin Rothrock, son of Philip Rothrock, in spite of the remonstrations of both his father and brothers, went off during the night with a company of Virginia troops, which marched through this place." (This was the rifle company commanded by Capt. Daniel Morgan, later the distinguished General Morgan.)

1776

"July 17, Jacob Rothrock has also escaped being draft-

ed, but Ernest Schlosser, the three sons of Brother Rothrock, will have to march off in the next few days."

"On the 28 of September, '76, Mr. Philip Rothrock returned from a visit to his sons in camp near New York."

"On October 12, 1776, Mr. Philip Rothrock's son, Benjamin, who, since the beginning of 1776, had been detained a prisoner of war, returned home."

"March 29 Bro. Philip Rothrock gave me information with regard to several political occurrences and the discovery of a plot against this town by the Tories." "April 4 I visited Bro. John Rothrock, who I found sick, so his father daily attends to the printing of Continental bills."

1783.

"February 5 I received a letter from Jacob Rothrock, together with a newspaper from Baltimore, containing intelligence that peace was concluded, and the independence of the United States of North America had been acknowledged, for which we praised God."

These and many other records of the early history of York county show the connection of this family with the development of our county. Among the children of John Rothrock, spoken of above as printing Continental bills, was George, born May 24, 1781, married and removed to Bellefonte, Penn. His youngest child was Dr. H. H. Rothrock, father of the brothers first spoken of in the foregoing. He was born September 1, 1833, near Bellefonte, on what was known as "Mountain Home." He was educated for the profession of dentistry, and followed it throughout the greater part of his life, retiring from active practice some years ago. He was a resident of Bellefonte for many years, and was a most useful man and citizen. A glance at the history of that community will reveal the name of Rothrock connected with a number of its institutions which have been of benefit to the public in general. He was a member of the school board at Bellefonte along in the seventies, at the time of the election of the present governor, Daniel H. Hastings, as principal of the schools of the borough. He is now a resident of Lock Haven.

On September 4, 1861, Dr. H. H. Rothrock was married to Lydia Ann Canan, who, too, was a native of Pennsylvania, born September 9, 1843, at Stormstown. Their children were: Anna Virginia, James Herbert, Clifford Thompson, Marian Amanda, Ernest Hart, William Canan and Harold Alton. The mother of these died on January 25, 1892. She had led an exemplary Christian life, and was beloved by many.

James H. Rothrock received his education in the schools of Centre county, principally at Bellefonte. He was a pupil under Principal Hastings. At the age of fifteen years he began clerking in the store of A. W. Reese at Port Matilda, Penn., with whom he remained two years. He then worked for two years at dentistry under the instruction of his father. Following which for two years he taught school in

Centre and Clinton counties. In 1890 he and his brother, C. T. Rothrock, established their present business at No. 48 Bellefonte avenue, Lock Haven. They began with small capital, but by careful management and close application to business (both being possessed of good business tact) they have built up a large trade. Their lives have been characterized by honor and integrity, and as a reward they have prospered in business and been successful. Their establishment is a first-class one in which a \$5,000-stock of goods is carried. They are out of debt, have some city property, and several thousand dollars on interest—a good record for so brief a period. Our subject is a member of the Episcopal Church, being one of the vestrymen of the Church at Lock Haven. In politics he has been a Republican, but now has strong Prohibition proclivities. He is a K. T. in degree in the Masonic order, being master of the Blue Lodge; he is also a member of the K. of P. and of the K. of M. On September 8, 1897, he was married at New York City to Miss Eliza Jane Heltman, of Mackeyville, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT S. SMITH, one of the most prosperous and substantial agriculturist, of Clinton county, is now living retired at his pleasant home in Pine Creek township, surrounded by the comforts that earnest labor has brought him. The story of the founders of this nation and of the Revolutionary forefathers is interesting, not only from a historic standpoint, but also as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others. Yet we need not look to the past; the present furnishes many examples worthy of emulation in the men who have risen through their own efforts to positions of prominence and importance in professional, political and business circles. To this class belongs Mr. Smith.

He was born September 26, 1828, in Porter township, Lycoming Co., Penn., a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Gambel) Smith. Robert Smith, the grandfather, was of German descent and a native of Berks county, Penn., where he was reared upon a farm and educated in the public schools. On attaining his majority he removed with a family by the name of King to Lycoming county, locating in Level Corners, Piatt township, where he bought a farm of 130 acres, on which he erected all of the necessary buildings. To the cultivation and improvement of his farm he devoted his attention throughout the remainder of his life, except for a few years during the spring when he ran

river boats on the West branch, and "arks" on the Susquehanna from Jersey Shore to Marietta, carrying grain, lumber and other products to market. In Lycoming county, he married Catharine Clark, a native of that county, and to them were born the following children: George, who engaged in farming in Ohio until his death; John, a blacksmith of Lycoming county, where his death occurred; Thomas, the father of our subject; Abram, a farmer of Lycoming county, now deceased; Robert, who operated the old homestead; Isaac, who died on his farm in Ohio; William, a farmer and hotel keeper, who died in Lycoming county; Elizabeth, who married William Crownover, and died in Lycoming county; Annie, wife of William Bennett, of Level Corners, Lycoming county; and Catharine, wife of Robert Quigley, of the same county. The parents of these children both died on the old homestead at an advanced age, and were laid to rest in Pine Creek cemetery, Lycoming county. They were members of the Presbyterian Church; the grandfather was a strong supporter of the Whig party, and was an industrious, energetic and highly respected citizen.

Thomas Smith, father of our subject, was born at Level Corners December 1, 1795, and in the subscription schools of the locality obtained a limited education, which was supplemented by hard study and close observation in later years. He remained upon the home farm until his marriage in 1820, and then for three years rented the Adam King place, where he and his bride began life in very limited circumstances, but they possessed stout hearts and willing hands, and prosperity at length crowned their efforts. Having saved a small sum of money, Mr. Smith invested the same in a tract of 200 acres in Porter township, Lycoming county, of which only fifty acres had been cleared, while the rest was still covered with timber. Year after year saw more land placed under cultivation until the place was converted into one of the best farms of the township, it being also improved with good and substantial buildings. He did not long enjoy his new home, however, as he was called from this life December 15, 1831, at the early age of thirty-six years, and he was laid by the side of his parents in Pine Creek cemetery, where a marble monument marks his last resting place. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, was one of the leading and influential men of his party in his community, and acceptably served as school director, assessor and tax collector in Porter township. Both he and his wife were earnest and faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and their sterling worth and many



Robert S. Smith

excellencies of character gained them many friends.

On March 16, 1820, at Jersey Shore, Thomas Smith was married to Elizabeth Gambel, who was born near that place April 14, 1803, a daughter of James Gambel, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a farmer of Piatt township, Lycoming county. She died in 1866 at the home of Andrew McKinney, her son-in-law, of Pine Creek township, Clinton county. In the family were four children, as follows: (1) James G., born July 1, 1822, married Susan Webb, January 9, 1845, a daughter of Richard Webb, and four children were born to them—Richard deceased, Rebecca J., Elizabeth and James. James G. was a farmer of Lycoming county, and died in Jersey Shore May 20, 1852. His political support was given the Democracy. (2) Mary, born February 20, 1825, married Robert Stewart, of Lock Haven, Penn., and died at Fort Scott, Kans., November 24, 1885, leaving nine children. (3) Catharine, born October 30, 1826, married Andrew McKinney, of Frederick City, Md., and died in August, 1884, leaving four children. (4) Robert S. completes the family.

The subject of this sketch was only two years and a half old when his father died, and in consequence he grew up without a father's loving and protecting care. In an old log school house he began his literary education, Alexander Hamilton and a Mr. Ross being among his first teachers, and he also pursued his studies under the direction of Dr. A. McMurray and his cousin, Rev. Jacob McMurray. He was able to attend school for only about three months out of the year, but he made the most of his advantages, and being a keen observer and great reader he has become a well-informed man, especially on the leading questions of the day. Until seventeen years of age he remained at home with his mother, but in 1845 went to Jersey Shore, where he served a three-years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and then worked as a journeyman for two years. In 1850 he purchased eighty acres of the old homestead, where the following twenty years were passed, caring for his mother in her declining years. He replaced the old log house by a fine brick residence, built barns and made other necessary improvements, the cost of which amounted to over \$5,000. In 1870, however, he sold the place to the son of Judge Ferguson, and purchased the Duncan farm of one hundred acres in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, where in 1884 he erected the finest brick house in the township, at a cost of \$4,000.

He also erected a barn and other buildings at a cost of \$3,000. In 1890 he also bought the Goller farm of ninety-seven acres in the same township, and upon that place built a barn valued at \$2,000 and tobacco sheds at a cost of \$1,500. He is one of the most extensive tobacco growers in the township, devoting twelve acres each year to the cultivation of that product. Always a thrifty, industrious and progressive agriculturist, he met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings, and is now enabled to lay aside business cares and enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

On February 4, 1862, in Porter township, Lycoming county, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Nancy McQ. McKinney, who was born October 11, 1836, in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Penn., a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Ferguson) McKinney, the former a farmer of Northumberland and Lycoming counties, and an uncle of Judge J. H. McKinney, of Pine Creek township. Three children graced this union, namely: Matthew M., born December 23, 1862, died of diphtheria in February, 1863. (2) John A. G., born September 5, 1864, obtained his education in the public schools of Pine Creek township and the Jersey Shore Academy, and now operates the home farm. He was married February 28, 1894, to Anna M. Harris, a native of Pine Creek township, and a daughter of James and Amanda (Bonnell) Harris. They became the parents of one child—Helen Virginia, who was born October 5, 1895, and died August 6, 1896. The son is a Democrat in politics, and is a wide-awake, progressive business-man. (3) Graham McK., born April 24, 1871, was educated in the same schools as his brother, and made farming his occupation. On February 20, 1895, he married Carrie Jones, a daughter of John Jones, of Pine Creek township; he died December 19, 1896, leaving many friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his loss.

As a Democrat, our subject has ever taken a commendable interest in public affairs, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, though he has most efficiently served as overseer of the poor in his township. As a husband and father he is a model worthy of all imitation, and he is unassuming in his manner, sincere in his friendships, steadfast and unswerving in his loyalty to the right. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness, his duties have been performed with the greatest care, and during a long life his personal honor and integrity are without blemish. Both he and his estimable wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church of Jersey Shore.

R WILLIAMSON PORTER. On reaching man's allotted years—three score and ten—how few men there are that can with the subject of this sketch say, practically speaking, that that span of years has been passed within one hundred and fifty rods of the place of his birth.

Mr. Porter is now living retired at Mackeyville, Clinton county, enjoying the leisure and comforts of a well-deserved rest after a long life of activity and toil. He has descended from a patriotic ancestry. His grandfather, Samuel Porter, figured conspicuously in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war. Born in North Ireland in 1746, when of age (1771) he came to America. He resided in Chester county, Penn., and in October, 1776, the date of his enlistment in the army in Capt. Hawkins Boone's Company of the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment, of which William Cooke was colonel, was living in Buffalo Valley (now Union county). In June, 1777, he was detached with Capt. Boone and selected rifleman to Col. Daniel Morgan's rifle command, and was in several engagements preceding Burgoyne's capture, and at his surrender. In 1778 the 12th and other regiments were merged into the 3rd, commanded by Col. Craig, but Mr. Porter, continuing with the rifle command, participated under Maj. James Parr in Sullivan's campaign against the Indians in 1799. After taking part in twenty-two engagements, escaping without a wound, he was discharged after the revolt of the Pennsylvania Line from service, with the following certificate: "This is to certify that the bearer, Samuel Porter, soldier, having served in the 3rd regiment of Pennsylvania during the term of his enlistment, is now discharged from the service of the United States of America.

Given at Trenton this 21st of January, A. D. 1781.

ANTHONY WAYNE, B. G."

This patriot was married in Chester county to Margaret Futha, who was born at Buffalo Cross Roads. About 1790 they with others pushed their way up Fishing creek in a canoe, and bought from a squatter a tract of 300 acres of excellent bottom land, for which they gave thirty dollars. The improvements on the place were of the most primitive type. The house and stable were constructed of logs covered with red oak clap-boards; this home stood in the beautiful Nittany Valley. The children of this pioneer couple were: James; Margaret reached adult age and died at Lock Haven; Polly reached mature age, and died at Salona, unmarried. Ann also reached mature age, never married, and died at Salona. In their religious views the family were Presbyterians. The father

was a staunch Democrat. His death occurred at the old homestead on January 10, 1825, and his wife's some years previously. His remains rest in the old cemetery in Lock Haven, Clinton county. Of their children, James Porter, born in Chester county, April 1, 1784, married Miss Margaret Williamson, who was born in the Cumberland Valley, Penn., February 15, 1788. They began their married life near Mackeyville, going to housekeeping in a log cabin in Lamar township. For a time the husband followed teaming, hauling iron to Pittsburg and store goods back, the trip requiring four weeks. Farming, however, was his chief occupation. He was a great hunter and enjoyed the sport. He had a farm of 400 acres which he cleared with the aid of his sons, and managed successfully, and he operated a sawmill on Fishing creek. He killed bear and deer, which were plentiful at that time, and pheasants in their season were so numerous that one of the sons says he had often seen him shoot them through the raised window. His death occurred November 15, 1852, while on a hunting expedition in the Cooper settlement, Clearfield county, among the Alleghany Mountains, dying suddenly after eating a hearty breakfast. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Salona. His widow survived until 1861, dying near Mackeyville, March 16. She was well educated, a great reader, and a woman of more than ordinary intelligence. They were plain but good people, industrious, and made the kindest of neighbors and best of citizens. He, while reared in the Presbyterian Church, later in life became a Methodist. He was a large and powerfully built man, just such as was needed in the opening up of a new country. Their children were: Martha, married Samuel Bridgens, and died at Salona; Samuel was a canal boatman, and died in Flemington; Harriet married Willis Mann, and died at Yeagertown, Mifflin county; Barbara J. married Joseph Reeseman, and died in Wisconsin; Adolphus died in boyhood; Elizabeth also died when she was young; James H. is a farmer in Nittany Valley; Margaret is the widow of Hon. J. G. Eldred, of Mackeyville; William T. resides in Ogle county, Ill.; R. Williamson is our subject; and Nancy, who died in Mackeyville. The mother of these was the daughter of Moses Williamson and Barbara Walters, the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of German lineage. Moses Williamson was a merchant. He moved from the Cumberland Valley to Lewistown, Mifflin county, where he carried on business, and also conducted a branch store in the Kishacoquillas Valley, conveying his goods to the latter point

in a keel-bottomed boat. He was a man of good and large heart, and ruined himself in business by extending too great a credit. He failed in business, and with the little that was left after settling up his affairs he bought at a tax sale 800 acres of land, paying for it ten cents per acre. This land was located on Fishing creek in what is now Porter township, Clinton county, and on a portion of this tract he resided and died here, and was buried at Jacksonville, Centre county. While living at Lewistown he represented his district in two sessions of the Legislature. He and his brother, Thomas Williamson, of Carlisle, surveyed and took up a large tract of land in Lamar and Porter townships. His children were: Margaret, Joseph, Thomas, Mary A., Harriet, Nancy, and Robert.

R. Williamson Porter was born March 14, 1828, on the homestead farm in the vicinity of Mackeyville. With the exception of one winter, his school days were passed in the little log school house that stood on the opposite side of the road from the site of the present house in the homestead neighborhood (the exception being in a house on his father's farm). He now vividly recalls in his mind's vision the scenes of those days of the long-ago, and is startled when he thinks of how few are left of the many who came and went from that house. In those days the quill pen was used, and it was no small part of the teacher's work to keep them in order. Mr. Porter was reared on the farm and lived in the days of the sickle, the scythe, and the cradle—when to live on a farm meant work. His father was a good manager and always found work to keep the boys busy. Our subject remained at home for several years after he became of age. For two years after the death of his father, R. Williamson and his brother, William T., farmed the homestead. Subsequently the former with the widowed mother left the farm, moving to Mackeyville and into the house in which our subject now resides and owns. The mother, however, finally returned to the farm where she died. From the time our subject moved to the village up to some two years ago he worked at various occupations. By his industrious habits, good management and the practice of economy he has become well-to-do, retiring from the activities of life with a competence. He has been married three times. His first wife was Mary Beck, who bore him one child—Mary, that died in infancy. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth Gummo, who died without issue. For his third wife he married Leah Beck (sister of the first wife). The third Mrs. Porter also died without issue. Mr. Porter is a citizen

of unquestioned integrity, and commands the the highest respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, unassuming in manner and of a most social turn. He has been a useful citizen in the community. He is a member of the Methodist Church, is treasurer and steward of his home Church. For a number of years he has served without pay as the sexton. He gave much of his time and contributed liberally toward the building of the church edifice there at Mackeyville, giving at one time \$650. He was one of the building committee, and during the time the edifice was being built and paid for, he did what he considers about the hardest work of his life, yet it was a labor of love as his Church relations have ever been close and dear to his heart. Mr. Porter is identified with the I. O. O. F., being a member of the Great Island Lodge No. 320, at Lock Haven. Politically he is a Democrat. Residing among the mountains for so many years and travelling over them so often, Mr. Porter is most familiar with all localities, knowing every nook and corner. He at one time while hunting at night shot and killed a deer at a lick without seeing the animal, and when it was too dark to see his gun. He did this by locating the deer through the sound made by it when taking the gravel into its mouth.

JACOB SCOTT, one of the substantial and prosperous business men of Lock Haven, Clinton county, was born April 10, 1840, at Hazleton, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Simon Scott, his father, was a native of Germany, born May 2, 1815, at Rodenheim, near Frankfort-on-the-Main. He came to America when only a lad of fifteen years. He set out in life with a fixed purpose to become independent, and for years worked at whatever his hands found to do. For a time he was a peddler. Later he located at Pottsville, Penn., where he began following mercantile pursuits, on a small scale at first, which business he increased as his means and the trade justified. He remained there seventeen or eighteen years, and prospered. From Pottsville he moved to Pine Creek, Clinton county, where he was a merchant until he came to Lock Haven. He here carried on a general store, and some years later was also engaged in operating a tannery. He was an energetic and industrious man of good business ability, and met with success. He was enterprising and progressive, and, as a citizen, he was a valuable man to Lock Haven. His death occurred on October 6, 1892. His wife, whom he married April 20, 1838, was Julia Ann Horn, born in 1820, at Hazleton,

Penn. Two of their children, Jacob and Lewis, are living.

Jacob Scott attended the schools of Lock Haven and of West Chester, Penn., and on completing his education he followed in the footsteps of his father, embarking in the mercantile business, in which he is still engaged. He has associated in business with him his brother, Lewis Scott, the style of the firm being Scott Bros. They are extensive dealers in grain, and operate largely in real estate. This firm is one of the solid concerns of Lock Haven; it does a large yet safe business, the men being conservative and careful. Jacob Scott is the first vice-president of the Lock Haven Trust Company. He is a financier of ability, as is shown in the manner in which he has managed his own business affairs. He is a man of means and influence. In politics he is a Democrat.

On May 10, 1862, our subject was married to Harriet, daughter of Samuel and Mary Smith, of Dansville, N. Y., and three children have come to bless this marriage: Mary J. (Mrs. George B. Blanchard), Helen (Mrs. J. E. Drofbaugh), and Miriam (Mrs. J. H. Furst). The mother of these is a native of New York, born May 15, 1842, at Dansville; she is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is possessed of winning manners that have endeared her to a wide circle of friends.

WILLIAM F. SPERRING, a typical self-made man, and one of the representative business citizens of Lock Haven, Clinton county, is the popular bookkeeper and cashier of the Holloway Bottling Company, of that city.

Mr. Sperring is a native of Pennsylvania, born March 4, 1859, in Clinton county, a son of Henry and Jane (Twig) Sperring, both of English nativity, coming to the United States with their respective parents, the Sperring family locating at Farrandsville, Clinton Co., Penn. Henry Sperring was born at Taunton, England, June 26, 1823, and came to America in 1832, then nine years of age. Jane Twigg was born at Kertonhone, near Bolton, Lancashire, England, May 17, 1824, embarked on the boat "Dewart Clinton," and landed in New York, October 7, 1830, then six years of age.

Henry Sperring was for many years engaged in the lumbering and coal business at Farrandsville and Whetham, and early in the '60s came to Lock Haven, living there in retirement about ten years. He then engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued some twenty years, at the end of that time returning to Farrandsville, where he died in 1889. He was a

very active man and patriotic citizen, and while a resident of Lock Haven he served in the city council, on the school board, and in other local positions. His widow is still living at the advanced age of seventy-four years, and in the enjoyment of good health. Five of this honored couple's children also survive, namely: Mrs. J. G. Packer, of Clinton county; A. B., living near Mill Hall; Ruth A., at home; William F., our subject; and Mrs. W. T. Turner, of Keating Summit.

William F. Sperring received his education at the Lock Haven public schools, subsequently taking a business course under Prof. S. N. Christie at Lock Haven, Mr. Sperring being his first graduate. On leaving his studies our subject accepted a position as bookkeeper for A. Pardee & Son, lumbermen, with whom he remained eleven years, in April, 1888, coming to his present position of bookkeeper and cashier of the Holloway Bottling Company. Beginning life's struggles at the early age of sixteen years, he has by application and energy advanced rapidly by his own efforts.

In March, 1886, William F. Sperring was married to R. Margaret Brutzman, daughter of John A. Brutzman, of Lock Haven, and one child, Ada Elizabeth, brightens their home. Mrs. Sperring is a member of the English Lutheran Church. Socially Mr. Sperring is affiliated with the B. P. O. E.; in politics he is a Democrat, opposed to monopolies; he is a member of the school board, of which he is treasurer.

AN. HECKMAN, a wealthy retired agriculturist residing at Lamar, Clinton county, is one of the county's most valued citizens, and belongs to a family which has been for many years identified with the best interests of this section.

John Heckman, the grandfather of our subject, was a prosperous farmer in Penn's Valley in the early days, but his last years were spent upon a farm in Sugar Valley, in Green township, Clinton county. His son John (2), the father of our subject, was born March 9, 1810, in Penn's Valley, and accompanied his parents to their later home where he grew to manhood. On July 12, 1834, he was married to Miss Anna Maria Brungart, who was born August 16, 1811, the daughter of Jacob and Susanna Brungart. After his marriage our subject's father continued to reside at the homestead in a small house in the "door yard", and later he had charge of the farm for ten years, but finally purchased the place from his father. He had a good start in

life, receiving \$500 from his father at the time of marriage, and by his successful management he accumulated a handsome property. In 1863 he bought the "Arnold Custard" farm in the Nittany Valley, and in the spring of 1873 removed to that locality, retiring from active business. He afterward purchased the John Watson farm of 113 acres for \$14,799.68. He was an industrious man, full of resolution, and invariably fulfilled his promises. At the same time he enjoyed life, taking pleasure when it came rightfully, and he lived to see his eighty-second year, his death occurring in Porter township, Clinton county. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Democrat, but beyond voting regularly he paid little attention to public affairs. For many years he was a leading member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in his locality, in which he held various offices, and to which he gave liberally. His estimable wife died at the age of seventy-five years, and the remains of both were interred in St. Paul's cemetery in Porter township, Clinton county. Of their nine children, the first, a son, died in infancy unnamed. Harriet, born September 30, 1836, died May 6, 1837. A son and daughter (twins), born March 20, 1838, died in infancy. Thomas, born February 3, 1840, died September 8, 1843. Saul, born August 18, 1842, died September 8, 1843. A. N., our subject, was the next in order of birth. Eve, born March 12, 1847, is now Mrs. D. S. Royer, of Springfield, Ohio. Harvey B., born September 29, 1850, died October 14, 1868.

The subject of our sketch was born September 2, 1844, in Logan township, Clinton county, and was reared at the old homestead. In the winter of 1850-51 he began to attend school in a house which stood upon his father's farm, William McGhee being his first teacher. A primer, spelling book and the New Testament were the only text books, but as his father placed a high estimate upon an education, he was regular in attendance and made the best of his opportunities. In early manhood he married Miss Catherine A. Sankey, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Kratzer) Sankey, well-known residents of Sugar Valley. After this event he continued to reside with his father at the Logan township homestead until 1871, when he removed to the "Arnold Custard farm" in Nittany Valley, and later he purchased the place at \$100 per acre. He was very successful in his business, and has never been involved in litigation, his kindly disposition enabling him to live in peace with all men. In the spring of 1888 he retired from active business, and in 1891 he left the farm and located at Lamar, where he had built a comfortable home.

Mr. and Mrs. Heckman have had five sons, of whom three are living: (1) Charles A., a farmer in Porter township, Clinton county, married Miss Naomi J. Gramley, and has two children—Grace and Florence. (2) William E. died of scarlet fever at the age of fourteen. (3) John E., a farmer in Porter township, married Miss Emma Bartges, and has one daughter, Ruth. (4) Luther died at the age of eleven from scarlet fever, and was buried in the same grave with his brother William. (5) Samuel H., a clerk at Lock Haven, married Miss Jennie Kreamer, of Center Hall, and has one child, Catherine.

For many years Mr. Heckman has been an active member of the Lutheran Church, and since 1872 he has been continuously in office with the exception of one year. He served as elder for twelve years, and for some time was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He and his sons are all staunch Republicans, and he has held various township offices while others have been declined, as he has little inclination for public affairs. Educational matters command especial interest, however, and at one time he served as school director for six years in succession. Socially, he is identified with the well-known order of the Patrons of Husbandry.

L W. SHULER. Prominent among the representative farmers of Porter township, Clinton county, and one of its worthy citizens, is the gentleman whose name introduces this article. He is entirely a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having been the architect of his own fortunes, and he has secured a comfortable competence, aided only by his strong arms, indomitable energy and laudable ambition.

Mr. Shuler was born on February 24, 1825, in Porter township, a son of William and Elizabeth (Walkay) Shuler. The mother died in that township in 1858, and later the father was again married. In 1854 he removed to Cedarville, Ill., but spent his last days in Iowa, where his death occurred in 1876. During early life he worked at the cooper's trade, but was later a millwright for many years.

Our subject, with the exception of five years, has spent his entire life in Porter township, living in Wayne county, Ohio, from the age of thirteen to eighteen. During his boyhood and youth he aided his father in his work, and started out in life for himself empty-handed. In 1847 he and his father together purchased fifty acres of land in Porter township, which has since been

his home and which he placed under a high state of cultivation, and improved with good and substantial buildings. When his father removed to the West he purchased his interest, and has made of the place an excellent and valuable farm; has since added to it by purchase 100 acres, having now 150 acres.

L. W. Shuler was married at the age of twenty-seven years, the lady of his choice being Miss Catharine Smith, also a native of Porter township, and a daughter of Peter Smith. They became the parents of three daughters, namely: Susan E., wife of Noah Suavely, of Porter township; Mary E., who died at the age of twenty-one; and Sarah A., wife of John Osman, of Porter township. The wife and mother, who was a most estimable lady, was called to her final rest September 29, 1895, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Mackeyville. The father is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and he is a faithful and consistent member of the United Evangelical Church, in the work of which he takes an active and prominent part. He has also held various Church offices, and no citizen in Nittany Valley is held in higher respect. He has lost over \$1,000 in going security for friends, but his own honesty and integrity are above question, his word being considered as good as his bond.

JOHAN BERRY, one of Loganton's oldest and highly-respected citizens, was born near that place, in Sugar Valley, then a part of Centre county, but now Clinton county, March 8, 1827, and is of Scotch-Irish descent.

James Berry, his grandfather, was a native of Boston, Mass., where he received a good education, and when a young man came to Pennsylvania, spending some time in Lebanon county. He then removed to Brush Valley, Centre county, where he purchased a farm and built the first house in Rebersburg. He conducted a store there for several years, and on selling out went to Franktown, then a part of Huntingdon county, where he spent the remainder of his life, and where his remains were interred. In Lebanon county he had wedded Mary Krichbaum, who was born there, of German ancestry, and they became the parents of the following children: Peter, Jacob, John F., Henry, William K., and Catharine, wife of John Bierly, of Brush Valley. All of the sons followed farming, and made their home in Ohio with the exception of the father of our subject, and John F., a resident of Johnstown, Penn. The grandmother died in Brush Valley at the home of one of her children. Both she

and her husband were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics, he was an Old-line Whig.

William K. Berry, father of our subject, was born in 1803, in Brush Valley, and in the public schools obtained a good education in both English and German, it being the intention of his parents at one time to educate him for the ministry. In early life he learned the trades of shoemaking and stonecutting, and for some time followed the former during the winter season and the latter in the summer months. Subsequently he came to Sugar Valley and bought a farm of 103 acres near Loganton, in Green township, now owned by Conrad Bowersox. He made all the improvements upon the place, including the erection of a good residence, barns and outbuildings, and made it his home until called from this life. His remains were interred in the Loganton cemetery near the Evangelical Church, of which he was a most active and consistent member. By his first vote he supported the Whig party, later became a strong Abolitionist, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He served as overseer of the poor in Green township, and also as school director, auditor and tax collector. He was temperate in all his habits, was well liked and respected by all who knew him. In Brush Valley, Centre county, he was married to Miss Esther Friedley, who was born near Carlisle, in Cumberland county, Penn. Her father, Ludwig Friedley, was a member of Washington's body guard for six years during the Revolutionary war. She died on the home farm, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. In their family were eleven children: Sophia, widow of Peter Karstetter; James, who died in Loganton; William (deceased); John, of this sketch; Thomas, a farmer of Arkansas; Priscilla, deceased wife of Jonathan Confer, of Green township, Clinton county; Euilla, who died in Jewell county, Kans.; Sarah, who died unmarried; Delila, who died in infancy; Catharine, wife of J. Frank, of Green township; and Lewis F., who died in Kansas.

During his childhood and youth John Berry attended the public schools of Salona, Nittany Valley and Loganton, and started out in life for himself as a farm hand, working in that way until eighteen years of age, when he spent one year in learning the stonecutter's and mason's trade with his father. The next year he worked for John Struck, and continued to follow that trade for twenty years, during which time he cut the first stone used in building the railroad bridge at Muncy, Northumberland Co., Penn. He was also employed in the lumber woods during the winter season when work at his trade was scarce.

On March 11, 1847, at Tusseyville, in Georges Valley, Centre county, Mr. Berry was married to Miss Catharine Morris, who was born February 10, 1827, the oldest daughter of Daniel R. and Abigail (Mowery) Morris, and they have now traveled life's journey together for over fifty years, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. Six children came to brighten the home by their presence, namely: Sebilla J., wife of Harvey Smith, of Johnsonburg, Penn.; Elmira, wife of Jared Karstetter, of Oregon; Dora, wife of Samuel Goodman, of Loganton, Penn.; W. Scott and E. O., who died when young; and J. Curtin, an engineer living in Loganton.

During the Civil war our subject manifested his patriotism by enlisting, August 24, 1864, in the United States service. He was appointed a recruiting officer, and from Clinton, Centre and Luzerne counties he formed a company, which was mustered in as Company G, 210th P. V. I., of which he was commissioned second lieutenant, serving under Capt. Wilson P. Palmer and Col. W. T. Sargent, in the Army of the Potomac, Fifth Corps, Second Division, Third Brigade. He participated in the battles in front of Petersburg, Hatcher's Run, Dabney Mills, Stone Creek, Five Forks, Gravel Run, Weldon Railroad Raid, and also took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. Being taken ill, he was for four weeks confined in the Fourth Ward City Point hospital, and when the war was over was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant.

In 1873 Mr. Berry became a resident of Loganton, where he has since made his home, and until 1882 he continued to follow lumbering, but is now retired, though he is still quite strong and enjoys excellent health. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church, and in politics is a staunch Republican. He was appointed postmaster under President Lincoln, and served for four years under Grant. He also filled the same office for four years in Loganton under President Harrison, and has been overseer of the poor, constable five terms, and supervisor three terms. He proved a popular and capable official, and discharged the duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

JACOB A. BITNER, one of the most progressive, thorough and systematic agriculturists of Lamar township, Clinton county, was born November 28, 1837, in the same township, a son of Christian Bitner, whose birth occurred in 1803 near Eagleville, in Centre county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, when a

boy, removed with his parents from Lancaster county, Penn., to Liberty township, Centre county, becoming one of its honored pioneers and leading farmers. His death occurred near Eagleville. In his family were sixteen children, and his wife by her first marriage was the mother of another child.

Christian Bitner, the second son of his parents, was reared as a farmer boy. Although small, he was a great worker, and in his younger years devoted much time to the occupations of threshing and chopping wood. At one time he and another gentleman contested for a wager of \$10, and between sunrise and sunset Mr. Bitner chopped eleven cords of wood, while his adversary chopped nine. This contest attracted universal attention throughout this section of the State at that time.

In Wayne township, Clinton county, Christian Bitner was married to Miss Nancy A. Dice, who was born in that township, in 1803, a daughter of George Dice, a weaver by trade. She, too, learned that occupation, and from the flax which our subject often gathered, would weave the cloth for the clothes of her family. Mr. and Mrs. Bitner began their domestic life upon a farm owned by a Mr. Miller, the first sheriff of Clinton county, and from that place removed to Bald Eagle Valley, Beech Creek township, Clinton county. After renting there for some time, the father located in Nittany Valley, where he became one of the first successful corn raisers of the Valley. The first land that he ever owned is the farm now occupied by our subject, but when the family removed to the place in 1842 but one field had been cleared, it being the present orchard, which the parents planted. In imitating them our subject planted an apple seed in a tea cup, and as it sprouted, it was later set out in the orchard, and is to-day an excellent tree, of the variety known as the golden pippin. Although the father had but fifty cents at the time of his marriage, he succeeded in accumulating a good property through his own industry, good management and perseverance. His political support was always given the Democratic party, and he faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor of his township. For many years he was a deacon in the Christian Church, of which he was a prominent and active member, and to which his estimable wife also belonged. They are both now deceased, the father dying at the age of sixty-seven, and the mother at the age of eighty-six, and their remains were interred in the Disciple cemetery at Salona.

The children born to this worthy couple were

as follows: Elizabeth married Dr. Eli Parry, and died in Lock Haven; George D. was a medical student at the time of his death, being accidentally drowned a short distance below Columbia, in Lancaster county; John is a farmer of Dunningburg; Mary S. died in girlhood; Jacob A. is our subject; Harriet C. is the wife of Henry Wasson, of Toronto, Woodson Co., Kans.; and two died in infancy.

In the Salem school, under the direction of Wesley Ferree, Jacob A. Bitner began his literary education, but his privileges along that line were very limited, as he was never able to attend a full term, and the schools of that day were very poor. During his boyhood he would ride the horses used in threshing on the barn floor, and perform other labors about the farm. At the age of twenty-one he taught a four-months' school in Sugar Valley, but he continued to make his home with his parents, never leaving the old homestead, where he still continues to reside. For several years after his marriage he rented the place, and subsequently purchased the interests of the other heirs. In 1878 he built a good barn, and five years later erected his pleasant residence. He has also added to the original tract until he now has 112 acres.

On December 26, 1867, in Clinton county, our subject was married to Miss Nancy E. Hall, who was born October 22, 1844, in Beech Creek township, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (McCloskey) Hall, in whose family were eight children—three sons and five daughters. Mrs. Bitner is the oldest, and acquired her education in the common schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of seven children, whose names are as follows: Samuel C.; Mary E.; Sarah J.; Meda M. graduated at the Lock Haven Normal School in the class of 1895, and is now engaged in teaching; Alma K. graduated at the same institution in 1897; Joseph died in infancy; and Jessie F. All of the children are still at home.

Mr. Bitner is an earnest supporter of Democratic principles, and has been honored with a number of local offices, being county auditor one term, and overseer of the poor in Lamar township for thirteen consecutive years, declining a re-election. He is a member of the Christian Church, is justly regarded as one of the valued and useful citizens of his community, as he gives a liberal support to all worthy enterprises for the public good, and he certainly deserves honorable mention in a record of Clinton county's prominent and representative citizens. His family is one of the most highly respected in the Valley, occupying an enviable position in social circles.

ARCHIBALD MUNRO, of the firm of Fredericks, Munro & Co., of Lock Haven, large manufacturers of an excellent quality of fire brick at Farrandville, Clinton county, was born March 4, 1834, at Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and is of Scotch descent.

Alexander Munro, his father, was born in the City of Glasgow, Scotland, October 9, 1805. He was a practical miner and foreman of a mine in his native country, and, in 1821, he was brought to Nova Scotia by an English company to operate mines. He remained there seven years, and, in 1838, came to America and to the town of Farrandville, Clinton county, which was then a point of considerable importance owing to the bituminous coal mines that were being operated there, and to the iron industries. Here he was employed in mining for the Lycoming Coal Company, until in 1840, when they ceased operations. At this time Mr. Munro moved his family to Queens Run, and there remained until in 1847, at which time the Farrandville Coal Company began operations, and then returned to that point. He understood mining thoroughly and was a good foreman, a good handler of men. His wife, who also was a native of Scotland, born at Glasgow, was Jeanette Dick, and their children: Alexander Neal, of Tioga county, Penn.; John C. (deceased); Annie; Archibald, our subject; Rev. Henry C., of Montour county; Jeanette (deceased); Euphemia (deceased); William (deceased); and Robert (deceased). The parents of these died, the father in 1872, and the mother in 1879.

Archibald Munro received only a district-school education excepting one year's attendance in the high school of Lock Haven. In 1847 he entered the store of the Farrandville Coal Company as a clerk, and remained in their employ until they gave up the business in 1860. He then became the timekeeper and paymaster of the Eagleton Coal & Iron Company, which employed 150 men. Eagleton was then a lively and bustling little place, the mines were profitable, and things thereabout wore a business air. Young Munro remained in the employ of the company until the mines were closed in 1865. At about this time the Rock Cabil mines were opened by the McHenry Coal Company, and Mr. Munro became their manager, and remained with the company until 1869. He then returned to Farrandville, and, in 1873, the present fire brick works of Fredericks, Munro & Co., at that point, was established by Mr. Fredericks and himself, which from that time to this has been successfully operated. It is now a great



Archibald Munro

industry, and the manner in which it has been conducted, reflects credit to its promoters and management. This firm gives employment to 150 men the greater part of the year. They carry on a general store in connection with their business at Farrandsville, a point some six miles west of Lock Haven. They are successful business men. In 1888 Mr. Munro built a beautiful home at Lock Haven which would be a credit to a more pretentious city, where he has since resided.

On May 19, 1859, our subject was married to Miss Anna Owen, a daughter of Silas Owen, of Luzerne county, Penn., and the following children have come to bless their home: Mary (Mrs. Leisenring), Jennie (Mrs. Oscar Wolever), Ada C. (Mrs. Rev. Edward Blint), Gertrude, Grace, Oscar G., Sallie (deceased), and Archie. The parents of these are identified with the Baptist Church, in which Mr. Munroe is a deacon and trustee; also treasurer of the Church. In politics he is a Republican. He has never sought public office, although he has been elected to some of the minor offices of the city, among them that of school director and postmaster at Farrandsville, having held the latter office since appointed by President Arthur, thus giving evidence of his worth as an official, and of his great popularity with the Democrats and Republicans. Mrs. Munro was born at Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania.

HOUSTON WEIDLER, the well-known and popular proprietor of the Rauchtown Roller Mills, in Crawford township, Nippenose Valley, Clinton county, was born September 19, 1846, in Mifflin township, Lycoming Co., Penn., a son of Christian Weidler, whose birth occurred in Wurtemberg, Germany, on Christmas Day, 1818.

The grandfather, Frederick Weidler, also a native of Germany, was a gunsmith by trade, and also worked as a piano-maker in that country. In 1829 he bade adieu to the Fatherland, and with his family took passage on a sailing vessel bound for the United States. On landing at Philadelphia he went direct to Lycoming county and located near Williamsport, where he at first followed his trade, but later devoted his time and attention for several years to farming. Having a strong desire to see more of the great Republic in which he had cast his lot, he traveled quite extensively over the middle and western States, but returned to Lycoming county, Penn., and spent his last days with his family in Mifflin township, where his remains were interred. He was an industrious, energetic man, who had the re-

spect and esteem of all who knew him. In his family were six children, as follows: Christian; John, who died in Kansas; Barbara, wife of John Chromer, of Pottsville, Penn.; Daniel, of Mifflin township, Lycoming county; George (deceased); and one child who died in France.

Christian Weidler received a fair German education in his native land, and was eleven years of age on the emigration of the family to the New World. He made his home near Williamsport for some time, and with Obadiah Ellis, of Williamsport, Penn., learned the trade of a millwright, which he followed for about twenty years. In 1854 he came to Crawford township, Clinton county, and located on a farm of 230 acres in the west end of Nippenose Valley, which was covered with a heavy growth of timber, and was known as the Stuck farm. He cleared much of the land and made many excellent improvements thereon, including a fine residence, good barns, and an orchard. He continued its operation until 1891, when he retired from active business life, and has since made his home in Rauchtown, where he has a comfortable residence, and is surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, all of which has been obtained through his own industry, enterprise and good management. In 1879 he bought the Rauchtown Mills, which our subject is now operating.

In Mifflin township, Lycoming county, Christian Weidler was married to Miss Julia Ann Sallada, who was born in that county in 1824, a daughter of Jacob Sallada, the founder of Salladasburg, Lycoming county, and a millwright by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Weidler were born eight children, as follows: Houston is our subject; Oliver operates the old homestead farm; Adaline is the deceased wife of Henry Sweely, of Williamsport, Lycoming county; Sevilla, Mary E. and Michael W. all died when young; Anna C. is the deceased wife of Clarence Arnot, of Chicago, Ill.; and Wilks C. is a cooper, of Williamsport, Penn. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1892, and was buried in the Lutheran churchyard in Limestone township, Lycoming county. In early life the father was a Democrat, but is now a stalwart supporter of Republican principles, and has served as school director in his township. Thoroughness and persistency characterized his entire business career, and they have been supplemented by careful attention to details, and by honorable straightforward effort that has gained him a most excellent and enviable reputation.

In the winter months during his boyhood and youth, Houston Weidler attended the schools of Mifflin township, Lycoming county, and Crawford

township, Clinton county, and remained with his parents until he had attained the age of twenty-seven. He then learned the millwright's and miller's trades, at which he worked during the fall and winter seasons, while the spring and summer months were devoted to the stonemason's trade. With John Smith he had learned milling, and after becoming thoroughly familiar with the business he rented the Rauchtown Mills from his father in 1879. He has since successfully operated the same, but in the meantime served as engineer in a sawmill for five years on account of his health. (In 1890 his father put into the Rauchtown Mills a full set of rollers, at a cost of \$2,000, and has made other valuable improvements in the plant). He also built a good residence in the town in 1876 at a cost of \$1,000.

Houston Weidler was married in Williamsport, Penn., in 1874, to Miss Pauline Hayes, born in New Jersey, of Holland extraction, and they have become the parents of five children: Charles S., an exemplary young man, who at the age of fifteen became an engineer and is now employed in Tioga county, Penn.; Carrie L., a milliner, is at home; Frank L., a miller, resides with his parents; Annie F. is at home; and Norris died in childhood.

Our subject served one term as justice of the peace in Crawford township, Clinton county, and was re-elected to the same office, but refused to qualify. He filled the position of school director two terms, and constable of his township one term, but has never cared for the honors of public office. His political support is always given the Democratic party. He is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, is temperate in all his habits, and his honorable, upright life commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life. Social, educational and moral interests have been promoted by him, and anything that tends to uplift and benefit humanity secures his hearty co-operation.

CHARLES H. NOWELL, a leading farmer and tobacco grower of Woodward township, Clinton county, belongs to an old and honored Massachusetts family of English descent.

In 1630 Increase Nowell and his brother John braved the dangers of an ocean voyage at that early day and took up their residence in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where the former served as secretary under Gov. John Winthrop. He was also a preacher for the colony. One of his sons, Samuel Nowell, was a member of the first class that graduated at Harvard College, and was

the father of Capt. Peter Nowell, who was born in Salem, Mass., in 1670, and was an officer under the British crown. In 1698 he was sent to Maine to settle the difficulties between the Indians and white settlers, and while there purchased a tract of land, or took it up from the government, where the town of York, York county, now stands. There he afterward made his home and devoted his time to farming. He was married there or in Salem, Mass., and became the father of eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Peter, February 24, 1698; Sarah, June 29, 1700; Mary, July 10, 1702; John, March 18, 1705; Ebenezer (Eben), November 12, 1709; Abram, February 28, 1712; Paul, 1714; and Silas, 1717. Some of the children died in childhood, and the parents both passed away while living in York county, Maine, and were buried there.

Of this family, Ebenezer Nowell spent his entire life on the old homestead in York county, Maine, and followed the occupations of farming and lumbering. He married a Miss Hamilton, who was born in the same county of Scotch ancestry, and among their several children was Jonathan Nowell, who was born in York county, in 1746, and, like his ancestors, followed lumbering and farming throughout life. In his native county, he raised a company, of which he was commissioned captain, during the Revolutionary war, and was later promoted to the rank of major for gallant service in that terrible struggle, in which hundreds of men laid down their lives to free their country from British oppression. He gave his political support to the party of which Jefferson was at the head, and he and his family all belonged to the Congregational Church. In York county he married Elizabeth, daughter of the well-known Capt. John Frost, of Revolutionary fame, and in their family were the following children: Ebner, the grandfather of our subject; George; Jonathan; Henry; Mrs. Col. Hobb; Mrs. Hiram Hayes; Mrs. James Johnson; and Mrs. Reuben Neal. The father died in North Berwick, Maine, in 1821, the mother in 1830, and their remains were interred in the cemetery at that place.

Ebner Nowell was born in 1767, in York, York Co., Maine, and accompanied his parents on their removal to North Berwick, in the same county, where he also followed the occupation of farming and lumbering, and continued to make his home until his death, in 1860. He was classed among the well-to-do citizens of the county, and for a number of years lived retired from active labor. In North Berwick he married Rachel Grant, a native of that place, whose

father was also born in York county, and followed agricultural pursuits. The children born to them were as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Dr. C. Traf-ton; Mary, wife of William Shaw; Tabitha, wife of Ebner Littlefield; Sophia, who died unmarried; Lucretia, who also died single; Joshua, father of our subject; and Sybil, wife of Dr. Hatch. The family held membership in the Baptist Church, and the father was one of the most prominent and influential men of the Democratic party in his community.

Joshua Nowell was born in 1806, in North Berwick, Me., where he spent his entire life, following the occupations to which he had been reared. His literary education was rather limited, but he became a thorough and skillful agriculturist, and owned a fine farm of 200 acres which he placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. He was also a staunch Democrat in politics, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, to which his wife and family also belonged. In his native place he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Hammond, who was also born there, a daughter of John Hammond. Eleven children were born to them, namely: Ebner, still a resident of Maine; Sybil, who died unmarried; Augusta, wife of Joseph B. Frost, both now deceased; John, who is living on the old homestead; Charles H., of this review; George, of New Hampshire; William, of Colorado; Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Harvey; Amelia, wife of William Reed; Joshua, of Melrose, Mass.; and Sarah, who died in infancy. The mother died in December, 1879, and the father in December of the following year, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery at North Berwick.

For only about two or three months during the winter season was Charles H. Nowell, of this sketch, able to attend the public schools of his native county during his boyhood, and at an early age his school days were over. He assisted in the work of the farm during the summer season, and when not in school during the winter, he drove an ox-team in the woods, hauling lumber. At the age of twenty he left home and started out in the world to make his own living, his capital consisting of only a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed. Bidding farewell to his parents he came to Pennsylvania, and was first employed in cutting timber in Clearfield county during the winter, while in the summer he worked in a sawmill at Chatham Run, Clinton county, being thus employed until 1865, when he went to Minnesota, and spent a year and a half as foreman in the lumber regions for Senator Washburn.

In 1867 Mr. Nowell returned to Pennsylvania, and in Lycoming county purchased a farm of 230 acres, which he operated for two years and then sold. In 1869 he removed to Dunnstown, Clinton county, where he spent eleven years engaged in the manufacture of lumber, running a sawmill and selling the product at different markets. In the meantime he bought fifty acres of land in Woodward township, and began raising tobacco and doing general farming. To this place he removed his family in 1886, and to the original purchase added eighty acres known as the Major McClosky farm, on which he built a good barn and made other substantial improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance. For the past twenty years he has made a specialty of the raising of tobacco, and has met with excellent success in his undertakings.

On April 5, 1865, at Lock Haven, Mr. Nowell was married to Miss Matilda Shobert, who was born November 8, 1845, in Watson township, Lycoming Co., Penn., a daughter of Josiah and Mary (Reigle) Shobert. The Shobert family was founded in America by Frederick Shobert, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who in 1765 came to America and located in New Jersey. When the Revolutionary war broke out he cast his fortunes with the Colonies, joining Washington's army about 1777, and when hostilities ceased he returned to his farm. His son Simon (Mrs. Nowell's grandfather) removed from New Jersey to Luzerne county, Penn., in 1805, and followed the occupation of hotel-keeping. Josiah Shobert was educated in both English and German, and was a well-informed man. In 1840, with his wife and one child, he removed from Luzerne county to Watson township, Lycoming county, where he purchased a farm of 100 acres, and continued to operate the same until his death, which occurred in 1887. His widow still resides on that place. On his removal to Lycoming county, he was accompanied by his two younger brothers, Frederic and Napoleon, who during the gold excitement went to California. They have been very successful, and at present are located on large farms in Oregon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nowell were born five children, as follows: (1) James A., born February 7, 1866, in Minneapolis, Minn., was educated in the public schools of Clinton county, the high school of Lock Haven, and La Fayette College, where he graduated in 1888. For a time he then engaged in teaching in Mankato and St. Paul, Minn., and was later political reporter for the *St. Paul Daily Globe*. In the meantime he studied law, and was admitted to the Bar of that

State, where he engaged in practice and newspaper work until 1893, when he was appointed by President Cleveland as chief clerk in one of the auditor's offices in Washington, D. C. He is now president and manager for a Baltimore firm at Minneapolis and St. Paul, and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He married Miss Nannie Strough. (2) Minnie, born February 17, 1868, died in January, 1871. (3) May A., born October 21, 1869, attended the high school of Lock Haven and the Central State Normal, graduating from the latter institution in 1885, after which she successfully engaged in teaching for nine years, in the home school, and also in Pine Creek township, in Clearfield county, and in Lebanon county, Penn. In August, 1894, she gave her hand in marriage to John R. Watson, of Clearfield county, and now has two children—George and May A. (4) Nellie, born June 8, 1873, was also educated in the public schools of Woodward township, Clinton county, the high school of Lock Haven, and the Central State Normal School of the latter place, and has now successfully taught school for seven years—three in the home school in Clinton county and four in Elk county, where she had charge of one school four terms. (5) Grace L., born November 12, 1882, has attended the public schools and also the high school of Lock Haven.

In June, 1863, Charles H. Nowell enlisted at Lock Haven in the emergency service, becoming a member of Company A, 38th P. V. I., under Capt. S. Brown and Col. Horn. He was sworn into the United States service at Reading, was on guard duty at that place and Greencastle for six weeks, and was mustered out at Reading, August 3, 1863. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Dunnstown, Woodward township, and hold an enviable position in social circles, where intelligence and worth are received as passports. Politically, he is a free-silver Democrat, and has been called upon to serve as school director (president of the board one term), overseer of the poor and supervisor one term. While possessing the qualities of a successful business man and a desirable social companion, perhaps Mr. Nowell's most strongly marked characteristic is his unswerving fidelity to duty. His devotion to the national interests of the country is only excelled by the patriotism which never loses sight of the highest duties of citizenship.

WILLIAM GUMMO, a valued and esteemed agriculturist of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, owns a fine, well-improved farm, be-

sides other land. The buildings upon the home place are of a neat and substantial character, and betoken thrift and prosperity. He was born December 23, 1841, near his present home in Bald Eagle township, and is a worthy representative of one of the prominent and highly-respected families of the county.

John and Jane (Rounsaval) Gummo, grandparents of our subject, in 1832 left their old home in Cornwall, England, and came to the United States, accompanied by their children—William, James, Edward, Thomas, Elizabeth, Jane and Maria—taking up their residence at Farrandsville, Clinton Co., Penn. In his native land the grandfather had been employed in the smelting works, but in this country he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying a farm in Bald Eagle township, where he lived for some years. He died at Queens Run when in his seventy-third year.

Richard Gummo, our subject's father, was born in 1804, the eldest in the family. While still a resident of England he married Miss Agnes Nancarrow; he did not accompany his parents on their immigration to America, but remained in his native land until 1841, when he crossed the Atlantic, and also took up his residence on a farm in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county. At that time he had never seen a tree chopped down, and was entirely unfamiliar with agricultural pursuits; but he was industrious, energetic and persevering, and soon mastered the occupation of farming. In early life he enjoyed excellent health, being a robust young man, and succeeded in clearing many acres of land. His first plow he carried home two miles on his shoulder, and he was obliged to endure many of the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life, as he found this region still in its primitive condition. Although he began life here empty-handed, he met with success in his undertakings and became the owner of two valuable farms. He died in Bald Eagle township at the ripe old age of eighty-five, his wife when seventy-eight, and both were laid to rest in the Brown cemetery. In religious belief they were Methodists, in politics the father was a Republican, and although he never was an office-seeker, he faithfully served as supervisor of his township. His upright and honorable course demanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In his family were seven children, namely: William, the subject of this sketch; Edward, a prominent farmer of Bald Eagle township; George, Eliza, Richard and Elizabeth A., who all died in 1855; and Matilda, a resident of Flemington, Pennsylvania.

Our subject received such education as the



William Gummo

country schools of his day afforded, and it was begun in a primitive log school house sixteen feet square, furnished with slab seats, his first teacher being Ellen Rogers. Being the eldest son, his services were often required at home, much to the detriment of his school training. He continued to assist in the work of the farm until his marriage, which took place in October, 1864, Miss Sarepta Sollars, a native of Luzerne county, Penn., becoming his wife. Her father, Peter Sollars, was a farmer by occupation. Nine children blessed this union, six of whom are living: Anna A., who is engaged in teaching; Mary C., now the wife of William Glossner, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county; Richard E., of Porter township, in the same county; Etta M., at home; Myron E., a farmer of Bald Eagle township; and James W., at home. Those deceased are: Effa died when eighteen months old; Alma I., when two years old, and one in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Gummo located on his father's farm in a log house, which was built expressly for our subject's occupancy, and is still standing. In January, 1875, he removed to his present comfortable home, which stands on land purchased from the George Kessinger estate. He has become quite well-to-do, owning 205 acres of fine farming land in Bald Eagle township, 150 acres of mountain land, and a farm of ninety-five acres in Porter township, Clinton county. He is thrifty, progressive and energetic—characteristics which cannot fail to win success.

As a Republican Mr. Gummo has taken a prominent and influential part in political affairs, and has been honored with several official positions of trust, being school director about twenty years; tax collector, eighteen years; overseer of the poor, fourteen years; township treasurer and treasurer of the school board, several years; and also supervisor of his township. It is needless to say that his duties were always performed in a most satisfactory and able manner. Although not a member of the Laurel Run Methodist Episcopal Church, he was one of the building committee in 1894, contributing liberally of his own means toward the erection of the house of worship. He has since served as trustee, and is also secretary of the Sunday-school. His career has been ever such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity. His devotion to the public good is unquestioned, and arises from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow men.

THOMAS J. SMULL, a prominent merchant of Mackeyville, Clinton county, is a man who commands in a remarkable degree the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. His popularity is based upon an appreciation of his sterling qualities of character, even his political opponents being staunch personal friends. As one evidence of this we may mention the fact that he has held the position of postmaster in his town for more than thirty years through all changes of administration, but other incidents are not wanting as will be seen in the following history.

Mr. Smull was born May 24, 1834, in Rebersburg, the youngest child of Henry Smull and his first wife, Elizabeth Royer, who are mentioned more fully elsewhere. When our subject was but a few days old his mother died, and he was taken to the home of his grandfather, Christopher Royer, in the vicinity of Rebersburg. He attended school in the latter town, Mr. Mulford and Mr. Burkett being among his first teachers, and although the instruction was decidedly inferior in many respects to that given in the common schools of to-day, he managed to secure the rudiments of a practical education, and a good knowledge of the German language, English not being spoken. He remained in that locality until he was about fifteen years old, when, his grandfather having died, he went to the Nittany Valley to reside with a cousin, Samuel Royer. There he found the English language in common use, and for some time this was a handicap to him in his studies, but after six years' attendance (four months in each year) at the Clinton school he was qualified to teach. While in this school he made a yarn ball which he sold to a playmate, now the Rev. Dr. Dornblaser, and in later years, believing that he had driven too hard a bargain, he returned the money with compound interest to the date of payment amounting to more than two dollars. The transaction illustrates well the strict integrity which has characterized his business life. After leaving school he taught successfully for eleven terms, including a term in the "Clinton school," one in Mill Hall, and four in Madisonburg, Centre county. In 1857 he spent a few months near Valley Falls, Kans., and in 1859 he went to Illinois, where he remained a year, during which he taught one term of school in Stephenson county. Before returning home in June, 1860, he spent some time in Ohio and in Philadelphia, where he visited an uncle. He had been reared as a farmer boy, but, having a desire to enter mercantile life, he secured a position as a clerk with Joseph H. Long in a store in Lamar township,

Clinton county, on the pike, near the Porter township line. While there he gained a practical insight into the business, and in the spring of 1866 he formed a partnership known as Beck, Smull & Co., and engaged in mercantile business at Hamburg (now Mackeyville), Penn., continuing one year. Another firm, which had started at the same time, got tired before the end of the year, and our subject, with F. E. Hays as a partner, secured the store and carried on business there until 1870, when Mr. Smull became the sole owner. He met with success, and in 1874 built a new store house to accommodate his increasing trade, but in 1889 this was destroyed by a flood which carried away everything, causing a loss of \$6,000. His safe was not found for more than two years, when it was discovered imbedded in the debris a short distance below Mackeyville. One week before the flood Mr. Smull had drawn his check to pay for a lot of flour, canceling his only indebtedness; but his satisfaction was of brief duration, as one week later he was practically penniless. He soon learned the value of a "good name," his reputation as a straightforward, honest business man bringing its own reward. It so happened that Mr. Smull, who has been an ardent Republican ever since the organization of the party, was in the habit of holding heated discussions on the topics of the day with Mr. Perry W. McDowell, an equally ardent Democrat. These tilts were always friendly, a fact which speaks volumes for the good sense of both the gentlemen, and Mr. McDowell had no sooner learned of Mr. Smull's misfortune than he determined to show his appreciation of the latter's worth by offering him sufficient ground for a store building. The land was at the opposite end of town from Mr. Smull's former location, and Mr. McDowell had refused numerous propositions from others who wished to buy it for business purposes. In 1889 Mr. Smull erected a new store and residence upon the site mentioned, and he has since conducted his business there. He was obliged to make "a new start in life," but his credit was good, and he has had no trouble in sustaining an honorable place in business circles. Always jovial, he likes to perpetrate a joke, and can relish a joke from others, and no man in Nittany Valley has more or better friends than "Jeff Smull."

On February 13, 1873, Mr. Smull was married to Miss Harriet Transue, who was born November 4, 1842, in Hublersburg, Penn., the daughter of Peter Transue, a well-known farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth (Best), both of whom were natives of Northampton county, Penn.

Their last years were spent in Clinton county, and their remains now rest in the cemetery at Mt. Bethel. Mrs. Smull was the fourth daughter and fifth child in a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters. Four children have brightened our subject's home, two of whom died in infancy. (1) Lilly E., born July 22, 1874, lived only eighteen months. (2) Thomas J., Jr., born September 22, 1875, is a successful teacher, having begun that occupation before he was seventeen years old; he was married March 28, 1894, to Miss Mary Bennison, daughter of Capt. S. H. Bennison, a leading citizen of Centre county, and granddaughter of P. W. McDowell, and they now reside in Mackeyville. (3) James L., born June 7, 1879, is also a licensed teacher, and at present resides at home. (4) Martin D., born August 24, 1871, died at the age of ten months. As Mr. Smull values education highly, he has endeavored to give his sons good opportunities, and they do credit to his efforts. He has always been a leader in his community, being ready to forward any progressive movement, and for six years he served as school director. He was influential in securing the post office at Mackeyville, and the citizens evidently consider him the only suitable person to take charge of it. During the Civil war he was a member of the 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and for six weeks was engaged in "emergency service." The family is identified with the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Smull is an active member. He is a member of the G. A. R.

Our subject has made many original printed speeches, seldom quoting from other speakers, and was always sufficiently humorous to do as the poet said: "Made many laugh that never laughed before, and those that laughed, laughed the more." His own productions of anecdotes are used, frequently with considerable effect, by younger speakers in the central part of Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. BURRELL. There is probably no better type of farmer in Nittany Valley, nor a more exemplary citizen in Clinton county than William J. Burrell, who represents a family that early settled in this section of Pennsylvania, and played well their part through long and busy lives.

Born December 20, 1844, on the farm where he now resides, and which he owns, Mr. Burrell is the son of Samuel and Lydia (Ilgen) Burrell, the Burrells being of French extraction. Samuel Burrell was born about 1807 in Northumberland

county, Penn. He was one of two sons who were left orphans in early boyhood. Samuel was bound out, and at the age of twelve years came to Centre county in company with his brother John Burrell and wife. For some time both brothers followed the mason's trade, and in company with George Ilgen they purchased a tract of timber land on Egg Hill, where John Burrell cleared a farm and built a home for himself. Samuel Burrell on coming to Centre county brought with him, tied in a handkerchief, all of his effects. After learning his trade with his brother, he worked at it for years and assisted in building many of the barn walls in that region. He helped to build the old stone mill yet standing at Clintondale, Clinton county. He was married near Aaronsburg, Centre county, and resided for some years near Penn Hall where he owned a small farm of forty acres. His wife, who was the daughter of a pioneer preacher, whose name was a household word in many of the homes of the early residents of Central Pennsylvania—Rev. Ilgen—was born near Aaronsburg in Penn's Valley in about the year 1810.

The children of Samuel Burrell and wife were: John I. became a very prominent Lutheran minister, died while serving a charge in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is buried in Greenwood cemetery in that city; Samuel P. (deceased) was a farmer of Lamar township, Clinton county; Mary L. is the widow of J. Kleckner, and resides at Sugar Valley, Clinton county; Anna L. was the wife of Rev. E. Studebaker, and died in Huntingdon county, Penn.; Margaret R. died after reaching maturity, unmarried; Leah E. became the wife of Rev. Burke, and died at Baltimore, Md.; Lydia was married to Prof. W. W. Herr, and died at Salona, Clinton county; William J. is our subject; James L. A. was a physician, and died at Williamsport, Penn.; Laura J. is Mrs. George Buffington, of Lycoming county; Charles W., after graduating at Pennsylvania College, went to Los Angeles, Cal., where he now resides. The father of these began life as a poor boy, but he was industrious and economical, and, with the aid of his good wife, became well-to-do. They had their early struggles. The young husband followed his trade during the summer seasons, and with the assistance of an old German who was in the employ of the family, the wife and children put out and cultivated the crops. After a residence of some years in Centre county, Mr. Burrell and his brother-in-law—George Ilgen—bought in partnership 300 acres of land in Nittany Valley, Clinton county, from a Dr. Ard (a part of this land is the present farm on which our subject re-

sides). After a few years Mr. Burrell purchased the interest of his partner. The greater part of the land was then in its primitive condition. The house stood on the south side of the road and the barn on the site of the present road. The first few years on the farm were rather discouraging ones, the land was stony and not very productive, but these parents toiled on and on, each succeeding year bringing new hope, as the crops increased. Time passed on, and with it came improvements, the old barn and house were replaced by new ones, and the appearance of things generally underwent a transformation. These buildings are yet standing; the old barn-wall, built by the father himself, and though sixty years have passed it is as substantial and "plumb" as when his hands laid it up. This farm, mainly cleared and improved by the father, became one of the best and most productive farms in Nittany Valley, and on a part of it he passed to his final rest May 12, 1883. His wife preceded him many years, she dying October 18, 1862. Both rest in Cedar Hill cemetery, Lamar township. They led exemplary lives, reared their children so that they occupied honorable and useful stations in life, and all (parents included) bore the respect and esteem of their neighbors and acquaintances. The parents, as stated, were industrious and became well-to-do; nay more than this, they were good managers and became rich, the father leaving an estate of some \$60,000. The father in politics was a Democrat. In the days of slavery he was a pronounced Abolitionist, being bitter in his denunciation of slavery. He had no inclination to hold office, but on the other hand under no circumstance would he accept it. He was a most useful citizen, was a member of the Lutheran Church, and led a life in keeping with his profession. He was a kind husband and an indulgent parent, and in his passing away a good man and a most successful one left this world.

William J. Burrell was reared and remained an agriculturist. He attended the schools of the district in which he lived, his first teacher being James Rogers. Mr. Burrell has great regard for those old district schools of his boyhood, and great respect for the teachers of that day. It was often the case that out of those rude buildings, where discipline was not slack, came boys that startled the world—set the pace for college-bred men to follow. From such schools and surroundings came boys of practical ideas, and, turned loose in the world, were prepared to cope with it. Young Burrell, along in 1863-64 and '65, attended Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna University), at Selins Grove, in Snyder county. He later taught school some at Hyner,

Clinton county, but, not liking it, soon abandoned the profession. He started to learn pharmacy in the drug store of Mr. Archie Semple at Lock Haven, but soon after abandoned the idea and clerked for a short time in a grocery store at Belvidere, N. J., but the confinement was injuring his health, and he returned to the home farm and took its management. He has since remained thereon and devoted his energies toward reaching the highest excellency in his vocation, keeping abreast of the times in all scientific and improved methods that have been from year to year introduced to aid the farmer in getting the best results in the varied lines of his work. On his father's death the son purchased other interests in the farm, and has since owned it. He has a fine farm of 170 acres, and some 300 acres of timber land, with good buildings and improvements, indicating the progressive farmer that he is. He is one of the most substantial men of the county, ambitious and energetic beyond the state of his health to reach his aim. He has a large acquaintance, and is valued as a neighbor and citizen. Politically he is an Independent, voting for men and measures that at the time seem to his judgment best for the country or the community. During the Grange movement he was identified and in sympathy with it. During the Cleveland administration he was appointed postmaster at Rote, but served by proxy only, having the work of the office carried on by others. He had served as school director, assessor and auditor of the township.

On September 26, 1876, in Lamar township, Mr. Burrell was married to Sarah C. Dornblazer, a native of Porter township, and a daughter of Gideon Dornblazer. To this marriage were born: John I. is now attending Susquehanna University at Selins Grove, Penn., and Lena F. and Mabel are at home. The father of these is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOHAN W. GROUP, an attorney-at-law at Rauchtown, and one of the most extensive land owners of Clinton county, is a man whose well-deserved success places him above envy, by reason of the admirable manner in which it has been won. In his business career he has followed the most reliable methods, and with a never-failing energy has prosecuted his interests so that the obstacles and difficulties in his path have been overcome and prosperity has been achieved.

Mr. Group is descended from German ancestry. His grandfather, Philip Group, was born

in York county, Penn., reared to manhood on a farm, and throughout his life carried on agricultural pursuits; he also engaged in freighting between Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburg before the days of railroads and canals. He owned a farm in that part of York county which was made into Adams county, and died on the old homestead near the historic battle ground of Gettysburg, September 12, 1844, at the same hour in which occurred the birth of our subject. His remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Gettysburg. In politics he was a staunch Jeffersonian Democrat. He married a Miss Brame, who now rests by his side. They were the parents of eight children.

Peter Group, the father of our subject, was born, in February, 1807, in Adams county, received a good education in English and German, and in his early life followed farming and freighting for his father. When a young man he came to central Pennsylvania and worked on the Pennsylvania canal in the capacity of a blacksmith, which trade he had learned in his native county, doing the blacksmith work on the Lock Haven dam; at that time he lived in Lock Haven. Later he removed to Nippenose Valley, and settled in that part of Lycoming county which is now Crawford township, Clinton county, where he made some improvements on his land, afterward buying additional land adjoining his first purchase. Here he spent his remaining days, dying in 1877, his remains being interred in the Lutheran cemetery in Nippenose Valley. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a Jeffersonian Democrat in early life, later became a war Democrat, and afterward joined the ranks of the Republican party. He served as township supervisor, was school director, overseer of the poor, and collector of taxes. He was a man of firm convictions, as true to a verbal promise as to a written one, faithful to every trust reposed in him. He held friendship inviolable, and was respected by all who knew him.

At Lock Haven, Peter Group was married to Elizabeth Straub, who was born in 1810, in Milton, Penn., a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Serles) Straub, the former a carpenter and millwright of Lock Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Group had four children: (1) John W. is our subject. (2) Andrew V., who was educated in the public schools, taught school in Clinton county, after which he studied theology, was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, later became a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and died in Philadelphia, in 1879. (3) Tillman H., who also taught school in Clinton county, is now a farmer in Oklahoma. (4) Emma



John W. Group.

is the wife of William T. Welshans, of Rauchtown, Clinton county. The mother of this family who was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at the home of our subject, who took care of both his parents during their old age.

John W. Group was born in Crawford township, Nippenose Valley, Clinton county, September 12, 1844, on a farm where his early life was passed. He attended the public schools up to the age of seventeen years during the winter months, and throughout the remainder of the year assisted in the labors of the farm. He studied hard to obtain an education, and taught school for seven years during the winter months while working on the farm in the summer. Ambitious to achieve mental advancement he saved enough money from his teaching to enable him to spend two years at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. In 1871-72 he was a law student in Ann Arbor University, Mich., and was graduated in the latter year. Returning then to Lock Haven, he studied law with Seymour D. Ball, in 1874, was admitted to practice in the courts of Pennsylvania, and, later, in the United States courts. His success was marked and immediate, his superior ability, indomitable energy and laudable ambition winning him distinctive preference in his chosen calling. In 1894 he began his farming operations, and is accounted one of the most practical and progressive farmers in Nippenose Valley. He owns a farm of 170 acres, on which he built a fine residence and barn at a cost of more than \$8,000. He makes a specialty of the breeding of fine Jersey stock, and has thirty-five head of blooded cattle. He takes a deep interest in all that advances the welfare of the agriculturist, and improvements mark his labors. In addition to the home farm he owns 1,000 acres in other parts of the State, including coal and mineral lands. Besides his farm interests he is interested in milling, having, in 1896, erected a steam feedmill near his house and barn, with a capacity of fifty bushels per hour.

In 1891, in Camden, N. J., Mr. Group was married to Miss Jestia May Gebhart, a native of the Nippenose Valley, and a daughter of George Gebhart. They had two children: Charles George Gordon, and one that died in infancy. In his political preferences Mr. Group is a gold Democrat; socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His prominent characteristics were manifest when he provided for his own education—determination, self-reliance and undaunted perseverance—showing that the student would make a capable man of affairs in the business world. He is popular, and is the center of a large circle

of friends and acquaintances who honor and esteem him for his manly virtues and sterling worth.

GEORGE W. HERR is one of the leading and influential citizens of Salona, who has taken an active part in promoting the substantial improvement and material development of Clinton county. As a miller and farmer he was for many years actively identified with its agricultural and industrial interests, but is now devoting his energies to merchandising, having in the spring of 1896 purchased the store of O. H. West, in Salona, which he is now successfully conducting under the firm style of G. W. Herr & Son.

Our subject was born July 18, 1848, a short distance east of Salona, in Lamar township, and is a representative of an old and highly-respected family of Clinton county, it being founded at Mill Hall about 1815. His grandfather, Daniel Herr, was born August 10, 1777, and was the great-grandson of Hans Herr, a native of Switzerland, who founded the family in this country during the early part of the 18th century. In 1815 the grandfather's family left Lancaster county, Penn., and came to Mill Hall, Clinton county, but he remained behind to settle up some business, and later died while *en route* to Mill Hall, his remains being buried at Columbia, Penn. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Bressler, and was born February 16, 1778, was left with what could be called a comfortable competence, which was invested by her brother in a manufacturing business at Mill Hall, but the enterprise proved unprofitable. She died September 18, 1873. In her family were three children: George, the father of our subject; Mrs. Dr. Parry, who spent her entire life in Lancaster county; and Mrs. Shoff, now deceased.

George Herr, Sr., was born February 24, 1805, in Lancaster county, and acquired his education in the schools of Mill Hall, in which place he also clerked for his uncle, George Bressler, a merchant, during his younger years. He was first married in Nittany Valley, in 1834, to Miss Charlotte Miller, by whom he had three children as follows: Emma, born March 12, 1835, is now the widow of Eli Hyatt and a resident of Salona; Henry, born January 29, 1837, was a tanner and lumberman by occupation, and died in Salona; and Daniel, born January 7, 1840, is a dairyman, at Quincy, Ill. For his second wife, George Herr, Sr., married Miss Catharine Wilson, who was born September 28, 1809, in Lamar township, east of Salona.

and was a daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Bressler) Wilson. Four children blessed this union, of whom our subject is the oldest. Rebecca, born December 1, 1849, makes her home in Salona. Sarah and Charlotte (twins) were born March 19, 1852, and the former is now the wife of W. H. Cadogan, of Quincy, Ill., while the latter died at the age of fourteen.

About 1834 the father located in Nittany Valley, where soon afterward he purchased a farm which is still in the family, and he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a man of rather spare build, never weighing over 140 pounds. He started out in life practically empty-handed, but became one of the successful farmers of the Valley, and for several years previous to his death lived retired from active labor. In his farming operations he was systematic and methodical, and as a citizen deserved the high regard in which he was uniformly held. He was one of the leading members of the Methodist Church, to which he was a liberal contributor, and of which he served as trustee for many years. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and although he took an active interest in political affairs, he never cared for official honors. His death occurred January 16, 1884, and his wife passed away January 13, 1897, and now sleeps by his side in the Salona cemetery.

In the Salem school, under the instruction of Sally A. Herr, the subject of this sketch began his education, and the knowledge acquired in the district schools was later supplemented by a course in Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, which he entered at the age of eighteen. Although he was naturally bright and able to learn rapidly, he was not ambitious and did not make the most of his advantage, much to his sorrow in later years, as he fully appreciates the value of a good education, and he has provided his children with good advantages along that line. He was reared as a farmer boy although his parents removed to Salona when he was thirteen years of age, and when his school days were over he began learning the miller's trade at the old stone mill in that place under the direction of Joseph Farley, who gave him \$6 per month for his services. He completed his trade, however, in the old Liggett mill above Eagleville, in Centre county, and for twelve years followed that occupation, having charge of the old stone mill in Salona for ten years of that time. For some time he operated his mother's farm, but in the spring of 1894 took up his residence in his present home at Salona, and for two years was again engaged in the milling business. Since that time, how-

ever, he and his sons have successfully engaged in merchandising.

On February 2, 1871, Mr. Herr was united in marriage to Miss Anna Fredericks, who was born January 23, 1848, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland Co., Penn., a daughter of John and Rachel (Walter) Fredericks. She was reared in her native county, where she successfully engaged in teaching previous to her marriage. She has become the mother of two children: (1) Wilson F., now engaged in business with his father, was born May 29, 1873, and graduated at the Lock Haven Central State Normal School in 1891. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and is a member of Olympic Council, Royal Arcanum, at Lock Haven. He married Anna F. Heard, and has two children—Leigh and Paul. (2) Jessica F. was a member of the graduating class of the Lock Haven Central State Normal School in 1893, and resides at home.

Although an ardent Republican in politics, at local elections our subject supports the men whom he considers best qualified for the office regardless of party ties. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange; the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at Salona; and Olympic Council, Royal Arcanum, at Lock Haven; while religiously he and his wife are both members of the Methodist Church, of which he is one of the trustees. In the formation of the Salona Creamery Company Mr. Herr took an active part, and has been prominently identified with every enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit, so that he is justly regarded as one of the foremost citizens as well as substantial and reliable business men of Salona.

JOSEPH R. KENDIG, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a trusted and faithful employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has for several years been general manager of the store of that company at Renovo, Clinton county, having previously served a number of years as maintenance of way clerk, and for the period of nine years was chief clerk to superintendent of the middle division of the Philadelphia & Erie division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Kendig was born in Cumberland county, Penn., in 1839, a son of Jacob and Susan (Reifsnnyder) Kendig, who spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania. The father, in 1845, moved from Cumberland county, Penn., to Franklin county, same State, locating in Orrstown, then a thriving village, where he followed the occupation of blacksmithing, and engaged in the manufactur-

ing business. His death occurred in 1891, having long survived the mother of our subject, who died in 1841, leaving three children by his first wife, who are yet living: Henry B., a resident of Altoona; Joseph R.; and Elizabeth, of Renovo.

The common schools afforded our subject his educational privileges. He was reared upon the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he began school teaching, a profession he successfully followed for five years. On the breaking out of the Civil war, he, with his brothers, Abraham R. and William H., enlisted in the service of the United States Government for three years or during the war, the brothers becoming members of Company B and he of Company H, 107th P. V. I. He was engaged in skirmish at Thoroughfare Gap, Va., in the second battle of Bull Run, and in the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, where he was wounded by a minie ball passing through his right hip. From the consequence of his wound he was given an honorable discharge April 23, 1863. On recovering his health Mr. Kendig, on January 11, 1865, entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Renovo, with which he has since been connected, holding different positions, and since 1889 has had continuous charge of their store here. He has faithfully served his employers, as is quite evident by his long retention in their service.

Mr. Kendig was married to Miss Rebecca Brown, daughter of John and Catharine (Grimes) Brown, of Newville, Cumberland Co., Penn., and they have become the parents of nine children, as follows: Roscoe B., Thomas A. (deceased), Wilfred M., Florence, Clara L. (deceased), Joseph R., F. Louis, Julian H. and Dorothy. Both parents hold membership in the New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborgian), while, socially, Mr. Kendig belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and, politically, affiliates with the Republican party. He has never been an aspirant for official honors, but has held some school offices. He stands to-day in his mature years a strong man, strong in the consciousness of well-spent years, strong to plan and perform, strong in his credit and good name. His has been a pure, honorable and useful life, actuated by unselfish motives, prompted by patriotism and guided by truth and justice.

HUGH WHITE. "The art of growing old gracefully" is well exemplified in the personality of this venerable and honored citizen of Lamar, Clinton county, who, despite the fact that he has now advanced nearly a score of years

beyond the Scriptural limit of man's life, is still hale and hearty. His step is firm and steady, and his faculties in full use, his eyesight enabling him to read as well as ever, although as a precautionary measure he procured a pair of spectacles about two years ago.

Mr. White was born September 12, 1810, in Pine Creek township, Clinton (then Lycoming) county, and is of our best Colonial stock. Hon. Hugh White, his grandfather, was a native of Dauphin county, Penn., both of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a colonel in the Revolutionary army. Later he served in the State Legislature as a representative from Lycoming county, where his last years were spent upon a farm. The estate is now within the limits of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, and the burial place of the old pioneer is known as Pine Creek cemetery. He also owned a large tract of land in Bald Eagle Valley, where his sons, William and Hugh, located; but others of the family remained in the vicinity of the old homestead, and all of them settled within the State. His first wife was a Miss Allison, and his second a Mrs. Wetzell, a widow. By the first marriage there were seven children: William, our subject's father; John, who was subject to fits, and during one fell out of a canoe and was drowned; Chesney, who died unmarried; Allison, who was killed while horseback riding, being thrown against a tree; Hugh, who died in Bald Eagle Valley, leaving a family; James, who died in Pine Creek township, Clinton county; and Nancy, wife of John F. McCormick, of Lock Haven, in which city her death occurred a few years ago. Four children were born of the second marriage: Isabella, who married (first) Robert Bailey, (second) James Allen, and now resides in Jersey Shore; and George, John and Henry, all of whom died in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

William White, the father of our subject, was born November 26, 1774, and was married April 5, 1803, in what is now Pine Creek township, Clinton county, to Miss Hannah Jackson, who was just six days older than he. In February, 1811, he removed to Bald Eagle township, Clinton (then Centre) county (then a new section), and engaged in farming. He held a prominent place among the pioneers of that locality, and for some years served as justice of the peace. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious faith was an ardent Presbyterian, being an elder in the Church. Financially he met with success, and at his death he left a goodly inheritance to his children. He died on December 31, 1831, and his wife passed away about June 15, 1833, their remains being interred in the old cemetery on the

hill above Lock Haven. Of their children, the eldest, Margaret, born January 16, 1804, married John Stout, and died at Lamar; Caroline, born December 21, 1805, married George Worrick, and died at Mackeyville, Penn.; Jackson, born July 17, 1807, died in childhood in Bald Eagle Valley; Agnes, born November 17, 1808, also died in childhood; Hugh (our subject) is mentioned more fully below; Miss Lucinda, born January 10, 1813, died at Lamar, at the age of eighty-two years; the seventh child, a son, died in infancy; William A., born September 23, 1816, became a successful merchant of Clintondale, and died at the age of seventy-four, leaving a large estate.

Our subject was but an infant when his parents removed to the Bald Eagle Valley, and his educational opportunities were restricted to the subscription schools of that day and locality. All the apparatus was of a primitive sort, quill pens being used for writing, and the methods of teaching no less old-fashioned. However, he made the most of his time at school and, having prepared to teach, he in early manhood took charge of a school for five months. As the son of a pioneer farmer he became thoroughly familiar with agricultural work, and at the age of twenty-four he left home to learn the tanner's trade with a cousin, Robert Hamilton, in Lycoming county, about a mile above Newberry. Five years Mr. White spent in that business, and then, in the fall of 1839, he went to Lock Haven, which had just begun to attract the notice of settlers, and opened a grocery. Three years later he sold out, but not long afterward he established another in the same town, and this he conducted successfully for five years, his trade increasing with the growth of the city. In the fall of 1849 he removed to Nittany Valley and established a store on the pike near "Custard Tavern," where he remained until 1863. Since that date he has been a resident of Lamar, and until 1880 he was engaged in the mercantile business there, while acting also as postmaster. His dealings were always cautious and conservative, steady gains being preferable in his opinion to reckless speculation with a view to unusual profits, and his integrity has won for him the esteem of all who knew him. On disposing of his store in 1880, he retired from business with a handsome competence, which has been gained entirely by his own well-directed efforts. For a number of years his sister, Miss Lucinda White, kept house for him; she died December 2, 1894. He is the only member of the family now living and his strength and vigor give promise of many years of life for him.

Although Mr. White is not a member of any religious denomination, he has contributed liberally to the Presbyterian Church, which he attends, and is in sympathy with every effort which tends to progress. He has taken an intelligent interest in the questions of the time, and has been an active and influential worker in local politics, first as a Whig and later as a Republican, never missing a Presidential election since arriving at his majority, and assisting the party at all emergencies as the occasion demanded. For three years he served as county auditor. For some thirty years he was postmaster and acting postmaster at Lamar.

EMORY BEARDSLEY WATERS, an undertaker and embalmer of Lock Haven, Clinton county, who is skilled in his line, is a young man of education and intelligence, and is descended from one of the pioneer families of Warren county, this state.

His grandparents, Albert Starling and Mary Jane (Coxwell) Waters, were residents of Warren county, Penn. Starling W. Waters, a son of this couple, and the father of the subject of this sketch, is one of the prominent citizens of Warren, born in the county of the same name. He was married to Mary Rosamond Hall, a native of Warren county, Penn., and a daughter of Orris Hall, who located in that county while yet the Indians were there, being one of the first settlers of that locality. He at one time owned much of the land on which the present town of Warren stands, and donated the ground on which four of the churches of the place are built. The children of Starling W. Waters and wife are: Wilson Hall, Myron, and Emory Beardsley, our subject.

Starling W. Waters has thus far passed his life in the county of his nativity, where he has been very active in business affairs, and where, too, he has served the public for years creditably to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was for three terms the prothonotary of the county, and is at present the postmaster of Warren. He has been prominent in the councils of the Republican party many years. He is a large oil producer.

Emory Beardsley Waters was born in Warren, July 20, 1871. He attended the public schools of the town, and was graduated from the high school in 1885. After his graduation he entered the undertaking establishment of P. Greenland & Sons, and of these gentlemen learned the business. Desiring to become thoroughly equipped in a knowledge of the best

methods in vogue in this line, in New York City, he went thither and entered an embalming school from which he was graduated in 1890. He has ever since given the subject his undivided attention, and is now very proficient in the business. His undertaking rooms in Lock Haven are well regulated, and present a neat and inviting appearance. Socially, he is identified with the F. & A. M., and with the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On October 14, 1897, Mr. Waters was married to Grace May Fisher, of Lock Haven, a daughter of an old English family who came from England to Lock Haven when it was a small place. The parents were engaged in the bakery business until their deaths.

DAVID R. WERTS. Among the business men whose enterprise and activity in trade circles have made them prominent citizens of Renovo is this gentleman who is now successfully engaged in dealing in coal, wood and ice.

Mr. Werts was born in 1858, at Westport, Clinton county, a son of Samuel and Nancy (Pfouts) Werts, both of whom are also natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer and lumberman, following those pursuits throughout his entire life. He took quite a prominent part in local affairs, and often filled public positions of honor and trust. On November 12, 1892, he was called to his final rest, but his estimable wife is still living. Her father, Simeon Pfouts, was the first settler on Kettle creek, in this section of the West branch district, coming to the county when it was a wilderness. Samuel and Nancy Werts had a family of two daughters—Viola and Eva (both dead)—and six sons—W. C., Simeon P., Daniel B., John F., Samuel M. and David R., all living.

David R. Werts acquired his early education in the district schools, and, subsequently, for three years attended the Lancaster schools. He was reared under the parental roof, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist; but his tastes lay in another direction, and on attaining his majority he came to Renovo where he was employed in the car shops for a year and a half. He then embarked in business on his own account, establishing a woodyard. His capital was at first small, but he gradually extended his operations and began dealing in coal and ice as well as wood. He is now a leader in his line of trade, enjoying a large patronage, from which he derives a good income. He is known as one of

the most famous hunters of his age in this section of the country, having killed 200 deer and thirteen bear and numerous other game.

In 1880 Mr. Werts was united in marriage with Miss Ada Stewart, a daughter of J. F. and Jane (Fair) Stewart, natives of Pennsylvania. The following children grace this union: Nannie M., Samuel B., Alfred, K. P., Winifred, and Raymond. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, socially, Mr. Werts is connected with the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Maccabees. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as high constable and police commissioner of Renovo, discharging his duties in a most satisfactory manner. He has the essential qualifications of the successful business man, and his indefatigable labor, his sound judgment and well-directed efforts have brought to him the prosperity which he now enjoys. In manner he is pleasant and genial, and the circle of his friends is constantly widening.

AH. BROWN, a well-known farmer of Lamar township, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of Clinton county, and its members have been actively identified with the growth and prosperity of this region.

Samuel Brown, his paternal grandfather, was born March 21, 1770, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was the first of the family to locate upon the present farm of the latter, which has now been in the possession of the family for over a century. He found the land still in its primitive condition, but at once commenced to clear and improve it, erecting thereon a good stone residence in 1800. Throughout his entire life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. On February 18, 1799, he was married to Miss Ann Fearon, who was born January 14, 1771, and died November 20, 1831, while his death occurred May 24, 1842, and both are laid to rest in the Cedar Hill cemetery. In religious belief, they were Presbyterians, and in politics the husband was a Whig. In their family were the following children: Sarah F., born January 4, 1800, married Alexander Jackson, and died in Lamar township, Clinton county, June 18, 1861; William F., born May 26, 1801, emigrated to Stephenson county, Ill., where he engaged in farming until his death; Joseph, born May 19, 1803, was a merchant for some years at Cedar Springs, but died at Weaverville, Northampton Co., Penn.; James, born August 3, 1805, also became a farmer of Stephenson county, Ill., and

and died at Freeport, that State; Thomas, the father of A. H., is next in order of birth; Samuel, born October 23, was an agriculturist, and died at Clintondale, Clinton county, September 30, 1873; and Robert B., born September 17, 1811, was a retired farmer at the time of his death, which occurred in Altoona, Penn., September 12, 1896.

Thomas Brown was born October 13, 1807, in the old stone house on our subject's farm, and, with the exception of nine years, he there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. The subscription schools afforded him his educational advantages, and he made the most of his opportunities. On May 23, 1843, in Bellefonte, Penn., he was married by Rev. Linn to Miss Eleanor J. Hays, who was born May 24, 1819, in Bald Eagle Valley, one mile above Marsh creek, a daughter of William and Mary (Hays) Hays. She was reared in her native Valley.

William Hays (Mrs. Brown's father) was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1778, and came to the United States, when young, with his parents. His father, William Hays, Sr., was buried in Hays cemetery, in Beech Creek, Clinton county. On attaining to man's estate the son was married near Beech Creek, to Mary Hays, who was born there May 10, 1788, a daughter of Lieut. James Hays, whose parents, John and Jane Hays, came to the New World from West Donegal, Ireland, in 1732. The Lieutenant won his title while serving in the French and Indian war under Colonel Bouquet, and in return for his services he received a tract of land at the mouth of Beech creek, in Clinton county, where he located and reared his family. Mrs. Brown's father, who always followed the occupation of farming, died January 30, 1838, and his wife passed away September 10, 1827, the remains of both being interred in Cedar Springs cemetery. In their family were six children, namely: Sarah B., now the widow of Robert Fearon, and a resident of Lock Haven; William N., who is living in New Florence, Westmoreland Co., Penn.; Mrs. Brown; Emeline, widow of Alexander Sloan, and a resident of Lock Haven; Elizabeth, widow of John P. Martin, and a resident of Jersey Shore; and Mary A., who wedded Aaron Schofield, now deceased, and makes her home near Geuda Springs, Kansas.

To Thomas and Eleanor Brown were born six children: Mary A., who died in childhood; William N., also deceased; Sarah J., wife of Samuel Hays, of Pine Creek, Lycoming Co., Penn., and the mother of four children—Thomas B., Matthew Mc., Eleanor J. and Alfred W.; A. H., whose name introduces this sketch; and Tillie

E. and Anna E., both at home. The father of this family died August 3, 1884, and was buried in Cedar Hill cemetery. His first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson, the Democratic candidate for President, but after that he supported the Whig party, and later became an ardent Republican, but was never an office-seeker, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, and those who knew him best were numbered among his staunchest friends, a fact which plainly indicates a good life. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his estimable wife also belongs. She is still living with her children on the old homestead, and at her advanced age is exceedingly well preserved, and possesses a remarkable memory, which seems a characteristic of her family.

SAMUEL MORTIMER, an enterprising citizen and prominent agriculturist of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, Penn., was born in England in 1833, a son of William and Susanna (Wakely) Mortimer, also natives of England, where they passed their entire lives.

The son had but meager educational advantages in his native land, as his parents were in no better than moderate circumstances, and early in life he learned the trade of a weaver, at which he worked in England until he was twenty years old. At that time (about 1853) he came to the New World, taking up his first residence here in New York State, whence after some ten months he came to Clinton county, locating in Ginger township, where he worked for two years; then moved to Lock Haven, and there lived till 1857, the year of his coming to Beech Creek township. From 1872 to 1884 (twelve years in all) he was engaged in farming in Kansas, returning to Clinton county in the latter year. In 1885 he purchased his present farm of 100 acres, on which he has neat, substantial and commodious buildings.

In 1858 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Lynn, daughter of James Lynn, of Clinton county, and five children have blessed this union, all yet living: Joseph, Susanna (wife of John Zurbee), Tacie Edith (widow of John Powers), Samuel, and Cora (wife of Oliver Bitner). The mother of these died in December, 1887, and in December, 1889, Mr. Mortimer wedded Miss Sarah Catherine Sproul, of Centre county. Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer are members of the M. E. Church; in politics Mr. Mortimer is

a Republican, and, while no aspirant for office, has served efficiently as supervisor. Socially he enjoys the esteem and respect of all as a kind husband, an indulgent parent and a trustworthy citizen.

ADAM DICKEY, a leading farmer and fruit-grower of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, was born in that township, December 2, 1849, a son of Robert L. and Magdalena (Kessner) Dickey.

Robert L. Dickey was a native of Stone Valley, Huntingdon Co., Penn., but during boyhood was brought by his father to Mill Hall, Clinton county, where he made his home for several years while employed as a collier and in cutting cord wood. Later he removed to a small farm near that village, where he made for his family a comfortable home. He was a hard-working, energetic man, and a highly-respected citizen of the community. During the dark days of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company B, 11th P. V. I., under Col. Coulter, faithfully aided in the defense of the Union for eighteen months, and was twice wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, one wound causing, in later years, the loss of the sight of his right eye. Originally, in politics he was a Whig, and on its organization became a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

At Mill Hall, Penn., Robert L. Dickey was married to Magdalena Kessner, a native of Lebanon county, Penn., whose mother died when she was only seven years old. They became the parents of four children, namely: Sarah A., wife of Thomas J. Fox; William T., who when last heard from was in California; Adam, of this sketch; and Henry A., a farmer of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county. The father died at the age of forty-five, the mother at seventy-nine, and the remains of both were interred in the Brown cemetery.

Adam Dickey began his education in the Brown school under the direction of Fern Brown, but his privileges along that line were very meager, as during early boyhood he began working away from home for his board. At the age of fifteen he found employment in the lumber woods, where he continued to work for several years. On April 25, 1875, he was married to Miss Sarah C. Earon, who was born September 21, 1850, in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, a daughter of John and Eve (Myers) Earon, farming people. She obtained a good, common-school education, and successfully engaged in teaching in her native township, the same county. Seven children blessed the union

of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey: Anna M., born March 4, 1876; John W., February 10, 1878; Robert L., May 2, 1880; Adam C., October 12, 1882; Henry E. and Charles W., who died in infancy; and Eleanor P., born May 27, 1896.

Previous to his marriage our subject supported his mother for several years, and therefore had saved but little. He continued to reside upon a rented farm in Beech Creek township, where he located in 1873, making it his home until his removal to his present farm in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, in March, 1880. He purchased the place of John Keener, but had to go heavily in debt for the same, and may properly be numbered with the self-made men of the community, who have attained a good home and comfortable competence by the exercise of good business ability, industry and sound judgment.

In his labors to build up a homestead, Adam Dickey has also kept in view the good of his community, and is one of the first men approached in the inauguration of an enterprise tending to the building up of the township and the welfare of its people. A staunch Republican in politics, he keeps well posted in regard to current events, and is a liberal contributor to both educational and religious matters. He has served as school director twelve years, overseer of the poor eight years, supervisor two years, and township treasurer three years, discharging the various duties of those positions in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Both he and his estimable wife are identified with the Methodist Church, and he has served as trustee of the Church and superintendent of the Sabbath-school. She has been an important factor in his success, and they merit and receive the respect and esteem of all who know them.

SAMUEL BRUNGARD. The name Brungard is almost a synonym for that of a good farmer and excellent citizen, for those who bear the name are invariably thorough and skillful agriculturists and thrifty and enterprising business men, who have made for themselves comfortable homes. Our subject is no exception to the rule as he is to-day one of the leading and prominent farmers of Lamar township, Clinton county. By a different branch of the family the name is spelled Brungart.

Samuel Brungard was born February 10, 1844, on a farm in Lamar township, in the eastern part of Nittany Valley, where his father first located on coming to Clinton county. He was George Brungard, a native of Brush Valley, Miles township, Centre Co., Penn., born July

24, 1816, and a son of Jacob and Margaret (Gephart) Brungard. He was reared as a farmer boy, and in his native Valley was married, February 14, 1838, to Elizabeth Wohlford, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Peter S. Fisher. Mrs. Brungard was born July 19, 1815, a daughter of John and Catharine Wohlford. The parents of our subject began their domestic life upon a farm in Nittany Valley, where the father owned considerable land, divided into two farms. His first home in Lamar township was an old log house, but in later years it was replaced by a more pretentious dwelling, and good barns and other outbuildings were also erected. He died upon that place March 10, 1865, and his wife, after surviving him many years, passed away August 26, 1885, and they now sleep side by side in Cedar Hill cemetery. He was officially connected with the Lutheran Church, and was a Democrat in politics, but took little interest in political affairs, although he faithfully performed all duties of citizenship.

To George and Elizabeth Brungard were born the following children: John, born April 3, 1839, was a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and after that struggle went to Kansas, where he died January 3, 1875; Sarah, born March 29, 1840, is the wife of Michael Miller, of Madisonburg, Centre Co., Penn.; Amanda E., born August 28, 1841, married S. E. Walker, and in Lamar township, Clinton county, was gored to death by a bull, July 6, 1886; Mary J., born November 19, 1842, is the wife of George S. Gramley, of Lamar township; Samuel is next in order of birth; Henry J., born May 15, 1845, is a farmer of Lamar township; Catharine, born July 2, 1846, is the wife of Cyrus Erhart, of Rebersburg, Penn.; George B., born July 9, 1850, and Jacob, born September 26, 1852, are both agriculturists of Lamar township; Margaret, born March 14, 1854, is living in Indianapolis, Ind.; Luther, born March 1, 1856, makes his home in Salona, Penn.; and Rosie A., born September 18, 1858, is the wife of John Mayberry Herr, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

During his boyhood and youth the subject of this sketch attended the public schools, which were much inferior to those of the present day, and among his early teachers were James Rogers and Judge Austin Furst. Reared as a farmer boy, he was able to handle the plow at the age of ten years, and he has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. After renting his present farm of his mother for ten years, he purchased the place, which comprises 100 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under

good cultivation, and he also has a similar amount of timber land. His present barn was erected in 1871, and in 1889 he built his comfortable and commodious residence.

On December 31, 1868, Mr. Brungard was married to Miss Mary J. Wolf, who was born October 31, 1844, in Brush Valley, Centre county, a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Minich) Wolf. She is one of a family of six children, one son and five daughters, was reared in her native Valley, and when a young lady accompanied her parents on their removal to Nittany Valley. By her marriage to our subject she has become the mother of five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: George E., November 12, 1869; Anna S., December 10, 1870; Daniel O., March 22, 1873; Ella M., December 3, 1878; and Rebecca E., August 3, 1880. The oldest son is now a farmer of Lamar township, and the others are all at home. Although not strictly partisan, the father of these usually supports the Democratic party by his ballot, and he has served as supervisor longer than any two men in his township, being the present incumbent. This fact plainly indicates his popularity and the high regard in which he is uniformly held. He is an active and prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and has served as deacon and trustee.

GEORGE S. GOOD, a man of large business interests, and of prominence in the business circles of central Pennsylvania, and a resident of Lock Haven, Clinton county, was born April 10, 1845, near Milton, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

George and Mary (Smith) Good, his parents, were natives of Northampton county, this State, and were there married. George Good (the father) passed his younger life as an agriculturist, but later he engaged in milling, carrying on a merchant-mill within the limits of the city of Williamsport, Penn., being there so occupied at the time of his death in November, 1871. He was a reputable business man, a man of unquestioned integrity, and held the esteem of the community. His estimable wife, who was a daughter of Abram Smith, of Northampton county, died in October, 1886. They left nine children surviving them, namely: John is operating the mill at the homestead; Abraham is also engaged in large milling operations, residing in Williamsport, Penn.; Elizabeth is the wife of Jonas Trexler, and resides at Shamokin Dam, just opposite Sunbury, Penn.; Margaret is the wife of Jesse Snyder, of Williamsport, Penn.; Emma is the



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wife of Charles F. Datesman; Jennie is the widow of Daniel Smith; George S. is our subject; Hattie M. is the wife of John R. Ault; and Laura is Mrs. Johnson, who resides at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

George S. Good received his school training at the famous Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Penn.; his education, however, was broken in upon in 1862, when seventeen years of age, by his entering the United States service. His country's flag had been fired upon, and too great was the patriotism of young Good to longer withstand her call to arms, and he accepted the appointment to a second lieutenancy in Company I, 84th P. V. I. He shared the fate of that command for nearly three years, and left a record which his posterity will cherish and in which they can justly take pride. At the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 1 to 4, 1863, he received (on Sunday) a gunshot wound, taking effect in the right hand, and was taken prisoner by the enemy and confined in Libby prison at Richmond, Va., for three weeks. He was again made a prisoner of war November 25 (Thanksgiving Day), 1863, at the battle of Mine Run, Va., while in command of the skirmish line, and was for six months confined in Libby prison. He was one of the 109 prisoners that escaped in May, 1864, through the famous tunnel, and at the time was one of the youngest men in the prison. Unfortunately he did not long enjoy his freedom, as he was re-captured on the following day near the Chickahominy river, and confined in a cell or pen 11 x 12 feet in size, in the same prison, and for a week his only diet consisted of a short allowance of cornbread and water. Through political influence he with some others was soon liberated, and that same May (1864) Lieut. Good was put on court martial duty in Washington, D. C., and there remained until in November, 1864, when his regiment was consolidated and he was mustered out as first lieutenant. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Mine Run. He returned to Lock Haven and engaged in the grocery, business and his occupation has since chiefly been in mercantile lines. Since 1876 he has carried on, in connection with his other business, general contracting, doing considerable railroad work. He has constructed upwards of 500 miles of railroad, 122 miles of which were in the Indian Territory, a part of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad. He is now chiefly engaged in the manufacture of vitrified brick and sewerpipes, making some three carloads per day. The works are now located in Patton, Cambria Co., Penn., where the clay and coal used are mined by him. He holds large

railroad and mercantile interests, and is one of the substantial men of Clinton county. At this time he has a contract for building 165 miles of railroad from El Paso, Texas, to White Oaks, Mexico, and forty miles of railroad in the State of Missouri (from Bolivar to Osceola). He has continually in his employ some 800 men.

In November, 1867, Mr. Good was united in marriage with Miss Kate Baker, a daughter of George Baker, a prominent business man of Milton, Penn., and their children are: Sallie B., Mary W., Blanche B., Harry F., Ralph, and George S., Jr. The family are identified with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Good figures conspicuously in a number of orders, clubs, etc. He is a member of the G. A. R.; of the I. O. O. F.; of the Lock Haven Business Club; of the Hecla Park Club, and of the Young Men's Republican Club, of Williamsport. He is prominent in politics, though he has had no political aspirations.

HENRY M. SCHWENK, now living retired in Green township, is justly numbered among the honored and highly respected citizens of Sugar Valley, Clinton county, and was for many years prominently identified with its business interests as a farmer and lumberman. He has an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

The name was originally spelled Schwenck, and the family was founded in this country by two brothers who came from Germany about 1635, and took up their residence in Montgomery county, Penn., where they followed farming. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born near Norristown, in that county, where he was reared and educated, and continued to make his home throughout life. He successfully followed the occupation of farming and tanning, and also owned and operated saw and oil mills, becoming one of the most prosperous as well as one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county. For seven years he valiantly aided the colonies in their struggle for independence as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and was in many of the important battles. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Lutherans, belonging to the old-school Lutheran Church. He had married Fanny Bower, also a native of Montgomery county, and to them were born eight children: John, George, Samuel, Abram, Jacob, Elizabeth, Catharine and Mary, or Molly.

George Schwenk, our subject's father, was born in Montgomery county, in 1784, and received a fair German and English education. With his father he learned the tanner's trade, and for ten years operated the tannery. On selling out he removed to the northern part of Montgomery county in 1815, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits for seven years. As the man who bought the tannery was unable to meet his payments, Mr. Schwenk could not obtain the money to finish paying for his farm, which was finally sold by the sheriff, and he only saved about \$100 dollars—the result of seven years hard labor. With characteristic energy he and his worthy wife began life anew, purchasing 100 acres of land at a place known as The Leap, in Montgomery county, which he worked hard to clear and improve. There he spent the last twenty-one years of his life, dying in 1843 honored and respected by all who knew him. He manifested his loyalty by faithful service in the war of 1812, and throughout life was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife, who so nobly stood by him in his hour of trial, held membership in the Reformed Church. He supported Andrew Jackson for the Presidency, and continued to vote with the Democratic party until 1840, when he cast his ballot for William H. Harrison, the Whig candidate.

George Schwenk married Miss Catherine Moyer, a native of Montgomery county, and they became the parents of seven children: Julia, deceased wife of John Boyer; Abraham, deceased; Benjamin, who died in Ulster county, N. Y.; Catharine, wife of Abram Ziegler; Samuel, a resident of Delaware; Delila, wife of Jacob Saylor; and Henry M., our subject.

Henry M. Schwenk was born February 20, 1820, in Montgomery county, and received only a German education, not being able to speak English until after his marriage. He remained at home aiding his father in the arduous task of clearing and improving a new farm until seventeen years of age, when he began learning the miller's trade, which he successfully followed for about eighteen years in Montgomery, Lehigh and Luzerne counties. In 1855 he brought his family to Clinton county, and in Sugar Valley, Logan township, bought a tract of 230 acres of mountain land, which he operated in connection with lumbering for fifteen years. He then purchased the Major Wolford farm in Green township, and to its cultivation and improvement devoted his time and attention until laying aside all business cares in 1897, when he sold his place to his son Harvey, who now operates it.

In Luzerne county, Penn., Mr. Schwenk was married to Miss Margaret McNeal, who was born in Salem, that county, in 1820, and is a granddaughter of James McNeal, a native of Scotland, who came to this country when a young man and settled in Luzerne county, where he engaged in surveying and farming throughout his remaining years. There he was married, and reared his family of seven children, namely: John, Samuel, William, Amy, Elizabeth, Margaret and Sarah. John McNeal, Mrs. Schwenk's father, was born in Salem, Luzerne county, in 1780, and obtained an excellent education in the schools of Philadelphia. In early life he followed the cabinet-maker's trade, but afterward devoted his time to farming and lumbering, always making his home in his native county, where he died in 1854. He was married at Salem to Miss Rachel Shiner, and to them were born eleven children: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Jones; Amos; Margaret, wife of our subject; Hannah, wife of Theodore Haas; Mary, wife of Benjamin Budd, of Wisconsin; William Wallace; and five who are now deceased—Andrew, James, Eariah, John and William. The parents were both faithful members of the Society of Friends, and were widely and favorably known throughout their native county, where they spent their entire lives.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Schwenk, as follows: Emily, who died when young; William Wallace, who was a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war, and located in the West; Samuel Sharron, a shingle manufacturer and farmer, who married Sophia Brown and has five children; Clayton, deceased; Benjamin, a lumber manufacturer of Green township, Clinton county, who married Emma Bargess and has four children; Edgar A., of Green township, who married Susan Shryer; Harvey, late a merchant, now operating the old homestead, who married Maggie Barner and has seven children; Charles, who married Elsie Barner and lives in the State of Washington; and Frank, who was killed in a sawmill at the age of ten years.

Mrs. Schwenk, a well-educated and refined lady, taught her husband the English language after their marriage, and has always proved a true helpmeet to him, aiding him in all his undertakings by her encouragement and sympathy. They began their married life in limited circumstances, and were forced to pay \$3 per bushel for wheat and \$35 for a hog, but being industrious, enterprising and energetic they acquired a comfortable competence which now enables them to spend their declining years in ease and retirement. They are prominent members of the

German Baptist Church of Green township, to which one of their children also belongs, and their sterling worth and many excellencies of character have gained for them many friends. On attaining his majority Mr. Schwenk cast his first Presidential vote for William H. Harrison, and at the last election in the fall of 1896 supported Major McKinley, being at the present time an ardent Republican. Socially, when a young man, he affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but withdrew from the order in 1848.

JOSEPH MARTIN, a well-known agriculturist and honored veteran of the Civil war, residing in Pine Creek township, was born in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Penn., November 7, 1838, of German ancestry.

His grandfather, John Martin, was a native of Lancaster county, this State, where he was reared, but when a young man removed to Dauphin county, there purchasing a farm of 100 acres, between Harrisburg and Middletown, where he followed farming, and also conducted the well-known hostelry known as "Black Bear Tavern." During the Revolutionary war he served in the Continental army in 1775 and 1776, and in politics was a Whig. He was married in Lancaster county, Penn., his wife's Christian name being Elizabeth, who also was a native of that county; both passed away at "Black Bear Tavern," in Dauphin county. In their family were three children, namely: Joseph, father of our subject; Abram, a minister of the Winebrennerian Church, who also followed farming, and died in Dauphin county; and John, an agriculturist of the same county.

Joseph Martin, Sr., began his earthly career at "Black Bear Tavern," and in the county of his birth was educated, learning to speak German and read and write English. He remained at home working upon the farm until he had reached the age of twenty-one, when he went to Middletown, Dauphin county, where, during the dull seasons, when other work was not obtainable, he picked up a knowledge of the cooper's trade, and engaged in the manufacture of tubs, barrels, etc. Hearing that land was cheap in central Pennsylvania, and desiring to have a farm of his own, he in 1840 came to Clinton county and located on a tract of timber land in Pine Creek township. After clearing a small tract, he erected a house and barn thereon, and in the winter months continued to engage in the manufacture of barrels, as he found there was a demand for the same at the mills in this section

of the State, while he spent the summer months in clearing, improving and cultivating his farm with the help of his family, and had the pleasure of seeing waving fields of grain replace the wild and primitive forests he found on his arrival here.

At "Black Bear Tavern" Joseph Martin, Sr., was married to Miss Rebecca Shiley, a native of Dauphin county, and a daughter of John Shiley, a farmer of that county. Twelve children were born to them, namely: Alexander died in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, at the age of fifty-seven years; Sarah is the wife of Irvin Hammer, of Ontario, Canada; Mary died in Pine Creek township at the age of twelve years; Rebecca died unmarried in the same township; Joseph is the subject of this sketch; Christiana A. M. is the wife of Daniel Ricker, of Wayne township, Clinton county; Louise is the wife of John M. Scout, of Indiana; Sebina is the deceased wife of Henry Chambers, of New York State; Catharine is the wife of James Scout, of Pine Creek township; Amelia died at the age of thirteen years; Elizabeth is a resident of Jersey Shore, and Ida died at the age of eight. The father died on his farm in December, 1860, the mother at the home of our subject, December 14, 1888, and their remains were interred in the graveyard attached to the Lutheran Church in Pine Creek township. They were members of that Church, and were widely and favorably known. The father was first a Whig and later an ardent Republican in politics.

The subject of this sketch was only two years old when brought by his parents to Clinton county, and in the public schools of Pine Creek township he acquired his education, Joseph Mason and a Mr. Garman being among his teachers. As soon as old enough he began to assist in the arduous task of clearing and developing the wild land, and although he worked for neighboring farmers at times, he remained upon the old homestead after the death of his father, caring for his mother and looking after her interests. During the Civil war in 1863 he manifested his patriotism by enlisting at Williamsport, Penn., in Company E, 143d P. V. I., under Capt. L. M. Blair and Col. E. L. Daney, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps. On going to the front, he participated in the engagements at Thoroughfare Gap, Va., the Wilderness, North Ann River, Bethesda Church, and Cold Harbor, where he received a rifle ball in the left shoulder, that is still imbedded in the flesh. For four weeks he was confined in Campbell Hospital, Washington,

D. C., and Chestnut Hill Hospital, Philadelphia, and on his recovery rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg, in which battle he took part. Later he was in the Weldon Railroad raid and the first and second battles at Hatcher's Run, after which he was sent to New York harbor to guard prisoners and secure recruits. When the war was over he was honorably discharged at New York, in June, 1865, and returned to his home in Clinton county, with a war record of which he may justly be proud, for he was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the old flag and the cause it represented.

In 1866, Mr. Martin found employment in a sawmill, and for three years during the winter season worked in the lumber woods of Lycoming county. In 1875 he purchased the old McCloskey farm of forty-four acres in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, on which he has erected a good frame residence, a barn, tobacco sheds, etc., and made many other excellent improvements, at a cost of \$4,000. He now devotes his energies principally to agricultural pursuits, and has met with a fair degree of success in his undertakings.

In 1882, at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Kline, a native of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Daniel Kline. She was at that time the widow of Christian Rinehart, who died in that township, in 1880, leaving one son, Bert, who now lives with our subject. Two sons grace the second marriage—Ervin Raymond, born March 11, 1883; and Benjamin Franklin, born November 12, 1886. The father of these is now serving as treasurer of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Charlton, and he and his family hold membership in the Lutheran Church, in the work of which he has ever taken an active and prominent part, being one of the teachers in the Sunday-school. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never been an office-seeker, though he has creditably served as overseer of the poor in Pine Creek township. He lost the hearing of one of his ears during his army service, and now receives a pension of \$12 per month from the government as a slight compensation for the injury. He has the respect and confidence of all who know him, and his friends are many throughout Clinton county.

JOHN HAAGEN was reared to the occupation of farming, and has devoted his entire life to that honorable calling. He yet resides upon the farm where his birth occurred in 1833. His parents, George G. and Mary (Barger) Haagen,

were natives of Germany and Berks county, Penn., respectively. The father resided in that country and in England until forty years of age, and then crossing the Atlantic took up his residence in Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life upon a farm. He was a progressive citizen, and was the first man in his section of the State to own a post-digger. He was well-educated, and earnestly advocated all measures tending to advance the welfare of the community. He died in 1863, and his wife passed away in 1873. They had a family of eight children, namely: Sarah (deceased), Mary Louisa, George C., Solomon, Alexander, John, William, and Nathan.

John Haagen received only the educational advantages afforded by the common schools. His training at farm work began in early life, and he has since followed that pursuit, being now the owner of 172 acres of valuable land in Beech Creek township, Clinton county. This is under a high state of cultivation, and the well-tilled fields surround modern and substantial buildings, which indicate the progressive and practical spirit of the owner. His methods are modern and systematic, and the thrifty appearance of the place well indicates his careful supervision.

In 1862 Mr. Haagen was united in marriage with Miss Fayette Brungard, a daughter of John Brungard, of Sugar Valley, Clinton county. They now have a family of ten children, namely: Nelson, who is married and resides in Iowa; Hattie, wife of Robert McGee; George; Ellen, wife of Charles Rutrich; William; Tennyson C.; S. R. Peak; Maggie; Alexander; and Bessie.

The parents are members of the Disciple Church, and the family is one of prominence in the community, while the household is noted for its hospitality. Mr. Haagen is a member of the Odd Fellows Society, and in politics is an advocate of the Democracy. He has served in local official positions, having been jury commissioner, while for fifteen years he did effective service as a member of the school board. He is public-spirited and progressive, and manifests his deep interest in the welfare of the community by giving an earnest support to all measures for the public good.

REV. J. J. GORMLEY. There is no position held by man more important than that of pastor of a Church, nor is there a position that has attached to it greater importance or responsibility when properly conceived and conscientiously discharged. This is more essentially the case with the clergymen of the Catholic



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faith, for they are held more as instructors and guides, not only in religious matters, but in moral and social conduct, by their congregations. There are few men by character and education better fitted to preside over a people in all these relations than the reverend gentleman whose name opens this biography.

Father Gormley, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, at Renovo, was born in 1849, in Ireland, and there began his preparation for the priesthood. He first attended St. Mels College, in Longford, and later took a philosophical and theological course at All Hallows College, Dublin. Coming to America, in 1874, he entered the Niagara University, in New York, where he completed the course the following year. After being ordained, he had charge of St. Patrick's Church, in Carlisle, Penn., for five years, and for the following seven years was pastor of St. Joseph's Church, in Bonneauville, Adams Co., Pennsylvania.

It was in May, 1888, that Father Gormley came to Renovo, and under his able pastorate St. Joseph's Church is now in a flourishing and prosperous condition. The house of worship, which he has erected, is an elegant brick structure, 65 x 125 feet, and is finished on the interior in the most approved style. Besides this building, which cost \$45,000, he has also erected a fine parsonage, at a cost of \$5,000, and has improved the convent and school buildings, so that the church property is now very valuable. The congregation has been rapidly gaining under his pastorate; the parochial school now numbers 300 pupils, and the high school fifty. Father Gormley is a man of good address and winning manners. He is a zealous, active and efficient worker for the Church, and is held in high esteem not only by the people of his own congregation, but by the residents of Renovo generally. In the pulpit he is especially gifted, and his discourses are scholarly and effective in their appeals to follow the teachings of the Master. In business he is shrewd, and as a financier no priest in the diocese can excel him. Renovo is proud of his citizenship, and points with pleasure to his latest work, the church, that will afford for future generations a monument to his memory.

D C. GRIEB, one of the most active, enterprising and systematic farmers of Porter township, has spent his entire life in Clinton county, his birth occurring June 9, 1853, in Green township, Sugar Valley, near Tylersville, where the family was early established.

His grandfather, Christian Grieb, was born

June 10, 1799, in Germany, but at the age of sixteen left the Fatherland, emigrating to the United States and becoming a pioneer of Sugar Valley. He was one of a family of sixteen children, whose descendants are now scattered over this country. He began life here in very limited circumstances, but by industry and economy he succeeded in accumulating a handsome property, and at one time owned and operated a gristmill in Sugar Valley. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Catharine Heinly, who was born in 1893, and by their marriage they became the parents of four children who reached years of maturity: Thomas, who lives near Carthage, Mo.; Henry, also a resident of Missouri; Jacob, father of our subject; and Aaron, who died in Sugar Valley, December 15, 1875. The father of these passed away March 24, 1867, the mother July 30, 1878, and both were laid to rest in the Tylersville cemetery.

Jacob Grieb was born in 1829, and on attaining to man's estate was joined in wedlock to Miss Lovina B. Royer, a daughter of Daniel Royer. To them were born four children, namely: D. C., of this review; John I. N., a resident of Missouri; Samuel, a hotel-keeper at State College, Penn.; and Supera, wife of James Bierly, of Anderson county, Kans. The father was a tall man, an agriculturist by occupation, and highly respected by all who knew him. He died March 20, 1860, and his wife departed this life January 12, 1868, at the age of thirty-seven, the remains of both being interred in the Lutheran and Reformed cemetery at Tylersville.

The subject of this sketch was only seven years old at the time of his father's death, after which he lived with his uncle, Samuel Royer, who was his guardian, remaining with him until he started out in life for himself. He began his education in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen entered the Missionary Institute at Selins Grove, Penn., where he pursued his studies for some time. Reared as a farmer boy, he has always followed that occupation, and has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings.

In October, 1878, Mr. Grieb was married to Miss Ella M., daughter of Charles and Catharine (Yearick) Stitzer, and they now have six children: Charles B., Edwin B., Elma P., Jay S., Russell G. and Herman W. After his marriage Mr. Grieb operated his uncle's farm on Fishing creek until the spring of 1891, when he removed to his present farm of eighty acres in Porter township, Clinton county, which he purchased of Charles Romig. The well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicate the industrious habits and progressive spirit of

the owner, and it is to-day one of the most highly cultivated and attractive places of the locality.

On attaining his majority Mr. Grieb became a Republican, and continued to support that party until the fall of 1896, when he cast his ballot for W. J. Bryan and free silver. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs, but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of political office. Fraternally he belongs to the Grange, and was formerly a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and, religiously, both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon and secretary of both Church and Sabbath-school. They are industrious, intelligent people, and well deserve the confidence and respect which is so freely accorded them by the entire community.

ROBERT J. WOLF. No foreign element has become a more important part in our American citizenship than that furnished by Germany. The emigrants from that land have brought with them to the New World the stability, enterprise and perseverance characteristic of their people, and have fused these qualities with the progressiveness and indomitable spirit of the Western hemisphere. Mr. Wolf is a representative of this class. He came to America poor, hoping to benefit his financial condition, and his dreams of the future have been more than realized, as he now owns a good home, besides a fine flouring-mill in Mackeyville, Clinton county.

Mr. Wolf was born October 4, 1843, in Prussia, Germany, a son of William Frederick and Hannah (Kantner) Wolf. The father was also a miller by trade, and owned a small mill in his native land, where he and his wife spent their entire lives, his death occurring in 1852, at the age of fifty-two, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-two. At his death he left the mill and home, which the mother retained, and she operated the former until she, too, was called away. Our subject was the youngest son in the family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, all of whom remained in Germany with the exception of Robert J. and two brothers—Ernest, now a farmer of Kansas, and William, a miller of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

In his native land Robert J. Wolf secured a good common-school education. He was but nine years of age when his father died, but the mother kept her children together until they were old enough to start out in life for themselves. At the age of fourteen he began serving

a regular apprenticeship to the miller's trade, and during his term of three years received only fifty cents per month. When he had attained a sufficient age he entered the army, and remained in the service for three years, after which he again worked at his trade. His older brother, William, had already gone to the United States, and was doing much better than he could have done in Germany, therefore our subject concluded to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. He had saved some money, and in May, 1869, took passage at Hamburg on the vessel "Germany," which, after a voyage of twelve days, reached the harbor of New York. The following August that vessel foundered several hundred miles from New York.

Mr. Wolf's destination was Williamsport, Penn., where his brother, William, was then living, but as the party he was with, including his brother, Ernest, were principally going to Chicago, he decided to go with them. As he could not find work at his trade, the first money he earned in the United States was as a laborer in clearing away some debris where there had been a fire. After a short stay in Chicago, he went to St. Louis, and later to Marquette, Michigan, where he was employed as watchman in an iron furnace during the winter of 1869-70. The following spring he came to Williamsport, Penn., and soon afterward secured a position as miller in Montoursville, where he remained for a year and a half. His brother, William, had been in the employ of John S. Furst as miller in Lamar township, Clinton county, and that position our subject filled at different times for fifteen years. In the meantime the mill was destroyed by fire, so that he was forced to seek employment elsewhere, and worked for a time in both Bellefonte and Williamsport, after which he returned to the Furst mill, which had been rebuilt, and was then conducted by Furst Brothers. On account of ill-health he was compelled to resign his position in the spring of 1889. Mr. Wolf then removed to Mill Hall, but as his health improved, on August 1, 1889, he took charge of the old Hamburg Mill, which he purchased from William Decker, and has since made his home in Mackeyville. He has greatly improved the plant by putting in new machinery, etc., at a cost of over \$5,000, and now has one of the best mills of its capacity in Clinton county.

On September 26, 1872, at Mill Hall, Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Lucetta Masden, who was born May 28, 1851, in Bald Eagle Valley, Clinton county, a daughter of William and Hannah (Staran) Masden. They now have three children: Maud D., born June 14, 1876, is the

wife of Burton Tobias, of Mackeyville; and Jennie P., born July 4, 1880, and Harry E., born February 27, 1884, are both at home. The father's sympathies are generally with the Democratic party, but at local elections he endeavors to vote for the best man regardless of party affiliations. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, while his wife holds membership in the Disciple Church. Socially he belongs to the Knights of the Mystic Chain. His life record is one well worthy of emulation and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to a young man who wishes to improve every opportunity for advancement.

JOHAN G. SCHRACK, one of the most intelligent and progressive agriculturists of Green township, Clinton county, is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families.

John and Benjamin Schrack, two brothers, were born in Scotland, and when young men crossed the Atlantic and located in Lancaster county, Penn., where they followed farming for several years. Emigrating westward, they took up their residence in what was then a part of Northumberland county, but is now Forest Hill, Union county. Benjamin finally located on the present site of Lewisburg, where he spent his remaining days, but in 1773 John came to Sugar Valley, now Clinton county, crossing over Sugar mountain. In Green township he squatted upon a tract of about 360 acres, known as the Weister tract, that being the name of the man who first surveyed it. Here John Schrack followed hunting and farming until he, too, was called to his final rest, and his remains were interred in the Sugar Valley cemetery, which was laid out upon a part of his farm. In his family were four sons: John and James, who remained in Sugar Valley; and David and Charles, who became pioneer settlers of Stark county, Ohio.

John Schrack, of the family just mentioned, was the grandfather of our subject. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited, as there were no schools in his neighborhood at that early day. He aided his father in the arduous task of clearing and cultivating the new farm, and after attaining his majority purchased the tract on which his father had first located. As it was covered with timber, he erected a sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and as the land was cleared he placed it under cultivation and erected good and substantial buildings thereon. His entire life was passed in Sugar Valley, where he married Catharine Brocius, who was born there, the

daughter of Jacob Brocius, a farmer, of German descent. Their children were as follows: Jacob, John, David, Pinkney, Levi, Mrs. Catharine Brungart, and Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman. The family has ever been one of the highest respectability. The grandfather was a Democrat until that party got the State so deeply in debt by the construction of canals, when he changed his political allegiance, becoming a Whig. He and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Old School Lutheran Church.

On the home farm, David Schrack (our subject's father) was reared, and obtained a fair English education, considering the number of schools that existed in the Valley during his boyhood. These were taught on the subscription plan in old log school houses, and the teachers were poorly prepared for their duties, but were strict. He spent his entire life on the old homestead, and when the property was divided after the death of his father, he took the 150 acres which constituted the lower half. Upon his land he erected a good residence and barn, planted an orchard and made many other useful improvements, which added to its value and attractive appearance. Farming and lumbering he made his principal occupations throughout life, and upon his place he built a sawmill. He attended the great Centennial Exposition held in Philadelphia in 1876, and was taken ill on his return home, and died on the 12th of November of the same year. In politics he was an uncompromising Republican, and was called upon to serve in the office of overseer of the poor.

In Sugar Valley David Schrack was married to Miss Mary Greninger, who was born there, and was a daughter of Peter Greninger, a farmer. The children born to this union were as follows: Catharine, wife of Henry Fidler, of Wisconsin; John G.; Mary, wife of John Miller, of Logan township, Clinton county; Elizabeth, wife of John Emig, of the same township; Isabella; David, who lives on a part of the old homestead; Aaron, who died when young; Jacob, also deceased; Harriet, wife of Ellis Frantz, of Tylersville, Penn.; Emma J., wife of Charles Weaver, of Logan township; and Harvey, deceased. The mother's death occurred in Tylersville in 1891, and she was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Booneville cemetery. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and had a host of warm friends who appreciated their sterling worth.

John G. Schrack (our subject) was born September 28, 1838, at the ancestral home in Green township, and in an old log school house he pursued his studies for about four months out of the

year when his services were not needed on the home farm. Later he attended the Williamsport College for one term, and being a great reader he has become one of the best-informed men of the township, being thoroughly posted on all the leading questions and issues of the day. For twenty-three years he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber in his father's sawmill, and when the property was divided (in 1876) between his brother David and himself, he obtained eighty-five acres, which has since been his home. He has been quite successful in its operation, and has made all the improvements found thereon, including the erection of a comfortable residence and good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of his grain and stock.

In May, 1866, Mr. Schrack was married by a justice of the peace to Elizabeth Wolf, who was born February 4, 1840, in Lykens Valley, Dauphin Co., Penn., and was at that time the widow of William Wallace Schwenk. Her parents were Samuel B. and Ann M. (Witman) Wolf, both now deceased, the former dying in Sugar Valley in 1890, and the latter in the same place, in 1881. By occupation the father was a farmer and blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. Schrack have no children. Wherever known they are held in high regard and have the respect and confidence of the entire community.

WILLIAM R. GOODMAN, M. D. In studying the lives and character of prominent men we are naturally led to inquire the secret of their success and the motives that have prompted their action. Success is oftener a matter of experience and sound judgment, and thorough preparation for a life work, than it is of genius, however bright. When we trace the career of those whom the world acknowledges as successful, and those who stand high in public esteem, we find that in almost every case they are those who have risen gradually by their own efforts, their diligence and perseverance. These qualities are undoubtedly possessed in a large measure by the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and added to these is a devotion to principle that may well be termed the keynote of his character. It is this which commands the confidence and respect so universally given him, and it is this that has secured him a liberal practice as a medical practitioner in Loganton, and an eminent position in both political and social circles.

The Doctor was born April 9, 1851, in the town where he still makes his home, a son of George Goodman, whose birth occurred in Dau-

phin county, in 1812. The father only received a meagre education in the German language, becoming able to read the writing but not the German print, but was only able to speak English to a limited extent. Learning the shoemaker's trade, he made that his life occupation. When a young man he came to Loganton, Clinton county, where he built for himself a home, and followed his trade throughout the remainder of his life, dying here in 1892. In Loganton he had married Lyddie Sugard, who was born in Reading in 1815, and died in 1892, being laid to rest by the side of her husband in Sugar Valley cemetery. In their family were six children, namely: Jeremiah, now a resident of Wisconsin; Jennie, wife of William Hibler, of Lock Haven, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of George Tibbins, of Loganton; William R.; Samuel, of Loganton; and Joseph, a shoemaker of Lock Haven. The family is one of the highest respectability.

During his boyhood Dr. Goodman was only able to attend the public schools of Loganton during the winter term. At the early age of nine years he began working for farmers in the Valley, the first year receiving only his board and clothes. The following year he was given \$3 per month, and the next year \$4, but this was all given to his parents. After working in this way for four years, at the age of thirteen he began learning the shoemaker's trade with his father, and the following seven years he was employed at farm labor during the summer months, and at work in the woods, mills or at teaming during the winter season.

In 1871 he went to Illinois, where he worked on a farm, but in the winter of 1872 returned to Pennsylvania and found employment in a sawmill. Saving a little money with which to pay his expenses, he attended the summer schools of Loganton, and during the next fall and winter clerked in the store of Mr. Witmer, after which he pursued his studies in the normal school of Salona, Clinton county, for a time, under the direction of Prof. Martin Herr. The following winter he taught the primary school of Loganton, and read medicine with Dr. J. A. Houtz, of that place, and the next summer attended the Central Pennsylvania College of New Berlin, Union county, after which he taught the grammar school of Loganton through the winter while continuing his medical studies. He then entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and during his two-years' course spent the vacations in teaching in Loganton. After his graduation, in the spring of 1880, he went to Reedsville, Mifflin Co., Penn., where he spent two months, and for the same length of time was en-



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gaged in practice in Rebersburg, Centre county, but at the death of Dr. Moyer, an old practitioner of Loganton, our subject was invited to locate here by his former preceptor, Dr. Houtz, with whom he entered into partnership in the fall of 1880. Their skill and ability have won for them a large and constantly increasing practice, and among their professional brethren they occupy an enviable position.

On March 24, 1880, in Beech Creek, Clinton county, Dr. Goodman was married to Miss Annie M. McCloskey, who was born near Farrandsville, same county, a daughter of Abner McCloskey, an old and honored citizen of Beech Creek. They have two children: Lee McCloskey, born September 12, 1881, attended the public schools of Loganton, where he graduated, and was later a student for three terms in the Central Pennsylvania College of New Berlin, and with the class of 1897 graduated at the high school of Lock Haven, and is now attending Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Penn.; and Linn Sumner, born February 19, 1883, completed the grammar-school course in Loganton in 1896, and is now attending the Lock Haven High School.

Socially the Doctor is a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of La Fayette Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lock Haven, and the Chapter and Commandery. He is one of the leading Democrats of the county, and has been honored with a number of important official positions, being chief burgess several terms, a member of the council and school director, the duties of which offices were most faithfully and efficiently discharged.

GEORGE GLOSSNER, a well-known tobacco grower and farmer of Woodward township, Clinton county, comes from the Fatherland, and the strongest and most creditable characteristics of the Teutonic race have been marked elements in his life, and have enabled him to win success in the face of opposing circumstances. Mr. Glossner was born November 18, 1835, in Wittenberg, Germany, of which place his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Ghoul) Glossner, were also natives, the former born in 1811, the latter in 1813. In his native land the father acquired a good German education and learned the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow there until 1836, when, with the hope of bettering his financial condition, he came to the United States accompanied by his family, on a sailing vessel, which reached the harbor of Baltimore after a long voyage of eleven weeks. From

there they walked to Chambersburg, Penn., and by wagon proceeded to Harrisburg, and thence to Eagleville, now Blanchard, Centre county, where Mr. Glossner built for himself a home and followed his trade throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1851, and was buried at Eagleville. He was a Whig in politics, was a consistent member of the German Reformed Church, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. His estimable wife belonged to the same Church. In their family were eight children, namely: Christina, deceased wife of Peter Shaub, of Harrisburg; George, of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of John Sloan, of Harrisburg; David died in childhood; Daniel died in Leidy township, Clinton county; Joseph died in Lock Haven, Clinton county; Jacob, of Butler county, Penn., and Christian, of Cameron county. After the death of her first husband the mother married James Sawyers, of Eagleville, by whom she had two children: James and Irwin.

Our subject was only a year old when brought by his parents to America, and in the public schools of Centre county he received his education, while his business training was received in a fanning-mill manufactory, at Beech Creek, where he worked from the age of twelve to sixteen, receiving only thirty cents per day, from which he had to board himself. During the last year he worked at piece-work and made better wages. In 1851 he found employment in a blacksmith shop in Eagleville, where he remained for two years, and afterward was engaged in scaling logs in different counties for almost twenty-three years, during which time he measured many million feet of lumber, was regarded as one of the best scalers in the business, and met with a well-deserved success in that enterprise. He has also acted as pilot on the West branch of the Susquehanna, rafting lumber down the river to markets. In 1875 he purchased a farm of sixty-two acres in Woodward township, Clinton county, on which he has erected a comfortable residence and made many other valuable improvements, and he has since devoted his time and attention principally to general farming and tobacco raising.

In Chapman township, Clinton county, in 1857, Mr. Glossner was married to Miss Jane Kelley, a native of that township, and a daughter of Samuel Kelley, a farmer by occupation. To them were born five children: Amelia, wife of Cline McCloskey, of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county; George B., a merchant of Galtton, Potter Co., Penn.; Jennie, who has successfully engaged in school teaching for twelve years;

and two who died in infancy. The wife and mother died at Lock Haven, in 1865.

Mr. Glossner was again married at Flemington, in 1868, his second marriage being with Miss Mary F. Jones, who was born April 8, 1833, in Berkshire, Mass. She began her education in the public schools of that place, and later attended the State Normal School of Connecticut, where she graduated in 1851. For eight years she followed the teacher's profession in that State, and after coming with her parents to Flemington, Penn., in 1861, she continued to engage in teaching for six years in Clinton county, for one year in the high school in Bellefonte, and also in the grammar department. She met with excellent success as a teacher, is a cultured and refined lady, and she and her husband are held in high regard by all who know them. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as trustee and steward. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Glossner have been born two children, namely: (1) Enima E. was educated in the public schools of Woodward township, and in the Central State Normal at Lock Haven, and then taught school for four years in Clinton county. On October 18, 1892, she was married to William E. Houck, of Chester Hill, Clearfield Co., Penn., and they now have three children—Mary, Ruth, and Carl. (2) J. Frank also attended the public schools of Woodward township, and now assists his father in the operation of the home farm.

Albert Jones, the grandfather of Mrs. Glossner, was born in Connecticut, of Welsh ancestry, and throughout his active business life followed droving and merchandising. In his political views he was a Whig, and in his Church relations was a Baptist. His last days were spent in Berkshire, Mass. He married Lillie Maxwell, a daughter of Col. Maxwell, an officer in the Revolutionary war, under Gen. Washington, with whom he crossed the Delaware river the night before the battle of Trenton. He was also a member of the first Colonial Congress. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had four children: Alfred, Elizabeth, Joshua, and John.

Capt. John Jones, Mrs. Glossner's father, received a good education, and was a drover for a time. He was a self-made man, and after coming to Flemington, Clinton Co., Penn., became a contractor for the Philadelphia & Erie railroad. He was married in Berkshire, Mass., to Emeline Knight, a native of that place, and a daughter of Arthur Knight, and to them were born three children: Mrs. Glossner; Alfred, who died in child-

hood; and Carrie, who died at the age of twenty-one. The mother passed away in Flemington, in 1861, and the father, who was also born in Berkshire, Mass., in 1811, died at the home of his daughter, in Dunnstown, Woodward township, in 1878. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he had long been active and prominent, and he was unwavering in his support of the principles of the Republican party. No man in Clinton county was more highly respected or esteemed than Capt. Jones.

CHRIStIAN MYERS is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Clinton county, and has for many years been prominently identified with its agricultural interests.

The Myers family is of German origin, and was founded in America by Christian Myers, a native of Baden, Germany, who learned the mason's trade in that country, and in 1829 came with his wife and five children—Charles, Catharine, Mary, Conrad and Eve—to America. The voyage was a long one, but at length they reached their destination and located in the German settlement in Clinton county. The father had exhausted all his means on the trip over, but provided for his family by working at his trade. He purchased a wooded tract of land, and while clearing the place endured many hardships, but he was a sturdy German, possessing the resolute character of his people, and ultimately he obtained a good home. He died in 1851 at the age of sixty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eve Catharine Ziegler, lived to a ripe old age, and was buried by his side in the Ziegler cemetery in Dunstable township, Clinton county. They were both members of the Lutheran Church, and he was a Democrat in his political views.

The children of this worthy couple, who lived to adult age, were as follows: Christian, who died in Gallagher township, Clinton county; Catharine, who became the wife of Adam Engler, and died at Lockport; Conrad, who died in Beech Creek township, Clinton county; Charles, of Gallagher township; Mary, who became the wife of William Pelton, and died in Lock Haven; Eve C., wife of John Earon, of Lock Haven; Adam, who lives on the old homestead; Elizabeth, who married Martin Tyler, and died in Farrandville; Susan, wife of Charles Van Gordon, of Mount Eagle, Centre county; and Caroline, wife of George Kirby, of Farrandville. Barbara died at the age of ten years, and several children died in infancy, there being about twenty children altogether in the family.

Christian Myers, the father of our subject,

was born in Baden, and in early life was a shepherd. He lived with his uncle, Mr. Shaffer, and remained in Germany several years after his parents' removal to America, but on his uncle's death in 1847 he came to America on the same vessel on which his future wife, Barbara Trost, was a passenger. They were married soon after reaching this country, and Mr. Myers and his brother Charles purchased 100 acres of timber land, on one-half of which the father of our subject established a home. He endured many hardships and privations while developing and improving that property, but lived to see it transformed into a good farm. He was an active, industrious man, and put forth every effort to provide for his family. After a lingering illness of several months he died in October, 1867, and was buried beside his wife, who had passed away seven years before and was laid to rest in Gallaher cemetery. In political belief he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Lutheran.

Christian and Barbara Myers were the parents of the following named children: Gottlieb, of Renovo, Penn., who was born in 1848; Christian; Thomas, a brickmaker of Castanea, born in 1851; Martin, of Bensinger, Elk Co., Penn., born in 1853; Adam, who was born in 1854, and died in childhood; George, who died in infancy; John A., of Bensinger, Penn., born in 1856; Theresa, born in 1858, wife of David Myers, of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county; and Frederick, who was killed at the age of nineteen by being thrown from a load of fodder.

Christian Myers, whose name opens this article, was born February 3, 1850, in Gallagher township, Clinton county. He attended the schools of the neighborhood to a limited extent, but his privileges were meager, as his service was needed in clearing the home farm. In his boyhood he lived in a log cabin, and not a house could be seen from the place. The path to school was never trod except by the school children, and lay through the dense woods, where frequently deer could be seen. He aided in clearing and developing the farm, and at the time of his parents' deaths he went to live with John Earon in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, making his home with his uncle until he began work on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad as a brakeman. After two years, illness compelled him to abandon that work, and he worked in the lumber woods and on a farm.

On April 14, 1880, in Beech Creek, our subject was married to Miss Mary J. Earon, who was born March 20, 1847, in Dunstable township, a daughter of John and Eve (Myers) Earon, who now live in Lock Haven. They began their do-

mestic life on the Philip Lehr farm, which Mr. Myers purchased. There he lived for fourteen years, and in the spring of 1893 came to his present home in Bald Eagle township, known as the J. D. L. Smith farm. The stone residence, which still stands, was built more than a century ago. He has 108 acres of valuable land, and he owns another farm of 125 acres in Beech Creek township. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Myers has been blessed with three children: Thomas A., born July 10, 1882; Albert C., born February 21, 1885; and Barbara E., born August 23, 1887.

In his political views Mr. Myers was formerly a Democrat, but his strong temperance principles led him to endorse the Prohibition party, with which he is now identified. He and his wife are members of the Laurel Run Methodist Episcopal Church, and he served as a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the house of worship in 1894, and contributed liberally to its support. He was one of its first trustees, still fills that office, and he has been class-leader for seventeen years. Mr. Myers started out in life a poor boy, but has become one of the substantial farmers of the community. His life has been one of earnest, indefatigable labor, guided by sound judgment, and characterized by the strictest honor in all business transactions. There is no better or more valuable citizen in Bald Eagle township than this gentleman.

HENRY H. FRITZ, who is classed among the successful agriculturists of Gallagher township, Clinton county, is well worthy of notice in a work of this kind, and to be ranked among the men who have distinguished themselves as useful and enterprising citizens. He was born June 8, 1840, and is a son of Joseph Fritz, whose birth occurred near Williamsport, in Lycoming county, Penn., where he acquired a limited English education, and continued to make his home until early manhood. He then came to Lock Haven, where he started the first brick manufactory, which he operated very successfully for a number of years, and also engaged in farming on the Isaac Lusk property. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious belief a Baptist. He died in Lock Haven, in 1848, honored and respected by all who knew him.

At Williamsport, Penn., Joseph Fritz was married to Christina Hartsock, a native of Tioga county, Penn., and to them were born six children, namely: John, a resident of Indiana;

Sarah, deceased wife of Jacob Gottschall; Henry H., of this review; William, of Watson township, Lycoming Co., Penn.; Daniel, who died in Lock Haven; and one child, who died in infancy. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Fritz married John Gottschall. She died in Gallagher township, Clinton county, and was buried in Caldwell cemetery.

Henry H. Fritz attended the public schools of Lycoming county, and Lock Haven and Gallagher township, Clinton county, but his education was limited as his father died when he was only eight years old, and he was forced to earn his own livelihood. For a short time he worked in White Deer Valley, and then assisted his stepfather in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, remaining with him until reaching manhood. He then engaged in shingle making and lumbering in different parts of the county until 1865, when he located on the old Gottschall farm of 137 acres, which he still continues to own and operate in a most profitable manner. He has made many excellent improvements upon the place, including a fine house and substantial barns and outbuildings, and it is now one of the most attractive and valuable farms of Gallagher township. In connection with general farming he is also engaged in stock-raising.

On April 30, 1865, in Loganton, Sugar Valley, Mr. Fritz was married to Miss Adelia Sheetz, who was born February 27, 1842, in Miles township, Brush Valley, Centre county, Penn., a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Snyder) Sheetz, natives of Powells Valley, Dauphin county, and Northumberland county, Penn., respectively. By occupation the father was a farmer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz were as follows: Harriet V. and Franklin F., who died when young; Alva Festus, who was educated in the Central State Normal, of Lock Haven, and has successfully engaged in teaching for two terms; Elmer Harrison, at home; Irena E., wife of George A. Fox; and Corda M., John H. and J. Jacob Garfield, all at home. The oldest son also resides at home, and in politics is a Republican.

On attaining his majority our subject supported the men and measures of the Whig party, and since the Civil War he has been an ardent Republican. He has been called upon to serve in several official positions of honor and trust, being tax collector of his township, school director, supervisor, auditor and overseer of the poor. In the United Evangelical Church he and his family hold membership, and occupy a prominent position in the social circles of the community.

ABSALOM FARWELL, whose identification with the business, political, social and moral interests of Clinton county numbers him among its leading citizens, is a representative of one of the earliest families of Chapman township.

His ancestors located in New England in Colonial days, and the first of the family to come to Pennsylvania was Lemuel Farwell, the grandfather of our subject, who resided near South Farmingham, Mass., whence he removed in 1800 to Chapman township, then a portion of Northumberland county. He settled on a tract of land near Bakerstown, built a log house and barn and began farming and lumbering on his own account. He spent his entire life there, dying at the age of fifty-five, and his remains were interred in Bakerstown. He was married in Chapman township to a daughter of Abner McCloskey, of Scotch-Irish descent, a farmer and lumberman of the neighborhood. In their family were five children: Abel removed to Stephenson county, Ill., though his death occurred in Clinton county, Penn.; James followed farming in Clearfield county, Penn., until his death; Lemuel died in Hyner, Penn., in 1889; Nathan died on the homestead in Chapman township; and Mrs. Rachel Lingle died in Ohio. The mother of this family passed away in Chapman township. The grandparents were both members of the Methodist Church, and he was a man well known for his honesty and upright dealing.

Lemuel Farwell (father of our subject) was a native of Chapman township, and attended the subscription schools, but was mostly educated under the direction of his father who was a man of scholarly attainments. He followed lumbering and farming with his father for a time, and afterward engaged very extensively in the lumber business, erecting a sawmill and shipping his lumber in rafts to Middletown, where it was sold. Mr. Farwell was one of the most extensive lumber dealers in his section of the State, and became so thoroughly acquainted with the West branch of the Susquehanna that he frequently acted as pilot on the river in his young days. He also owned and operated a gristmill, and, as there was no bank in the community, he acted as a local banker, loaning money to his neighbors at a small rate of interest. In 1869, after a long, busy and useful career, he retired to private life and moved to Hyner, where he built a comfortable home, and with his wife there enjoyed the fruits of his former toil. His death occurred in 1889. In politics he was a Democrat, but not an office-seeker. He and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Church, in which he

served as class-leader, and was Sunday-school superintendent and teacher. Temperate in all his habits, he abstained from strong drink and tobacco, and in all his business dealings his honesty was proverbial. Genial in manner and kindly in temperament, he was a good father, kind husband and faithful friend, and his death was deeply mourned. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane McCloskey, was born in Dunstable township, Clinton county. Her father, Abner McCloskey, was born in the North of Ireland in 1798, and became a farmer of Clinton county. Mrs. Farwell had five children: Absalom, our subject; Nancy, widow of George Valentine, of Starrucca, Penn.; Kline J., a lumberman of Renovo, Penn.; Mary A., deceased wife of R. S. Condon, of Chatham Run; and Sarah E., wife of Samuel Mummah, of Juniata, Penn. The mother of this family is still living in Hyner, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, and enjoys good health.

Absalom Farwell is one of the progressive men of Pine Creek township. He was born in Chapman township, December 18, 1839, attended the public schools, and Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Penn. He afterward taught school in Logansville for one term, and one term in Pine Creek township. Having a good knowledge of the lumber business, he then took charge of his father's mills, which he operated until the great flood of 1865, when the mill was washed away and lumber to the value of many thousands of dollars was lost. In the summer of that year he became a jobber in nursery stock, handling fruit trees and shrubbery, and in this way traveled through every county of Pennsylvania and many of the eastern, middle and western States and Canada. For a quarter of a century he followed that business, employing many agents and meeting with good success in his undertakings. During that time he made his home at North Bend, Clinton county, where he had a fine residence and good farm of one hundred acres, which is now operated by his son. In 1885 he purchased the Brown farm in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, comprising 125 acres, on which stand a fine brick dwelling house, good barns and other substantial buildings. In 1892 he retired from the nursery business and took up his residence upon this farm, where he has since made his home. He is now quite extensively engaged in cultivating tobacco, and has built good sheds and secured other facilities to advance his interests in this line. He is also engaged in raising stock, and has one of the best-cultivated farms in his section of the county.

In 1868, in Dunstable township, Clinton

county, our subject was married to Martha Jane Baird, who was born in that township, November 24, 1844, a daughter of David and Tabitha (Quigley) Baird. They have five children: (1) Truman L. L. D., who was educated in the schools of Chapman township, the Lock Haven Normal, the Westchester Normal, and the Pennsylvania State College, now operates the farm at North Bend. He married Nellie Gallagher, who is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics the husband is independent. (2) Tabitha Josephine, educated in the public schools of Clinton county, Bucknell Seminary of Lewisburg, and the West Chester Normal, is engaged in teaching music. She married Harry Crist, of Pine Creek township. (3) Franklin Pierce, educated at Charlton and Lock Haven Normal school. (4) Milton Girard Gambetta and (5) Howard M. are at home.

Absalom Farwell is a Democrat, and he staunchly advocates the principles promulgated by Bryan. In 1877 and again in 1888 he was a candidate for sheriff, but failed to overcome the strong Republican majority. He has served as auditor of Chapman township, and as school director of Pine Creek township, acting as secretary of the board. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Farwell formerly belonged to the Odd Fellows Society. His life record is one well worthy of emulation. In his business he is energetic, persevering and progressive, and conducts his interests along the lines of the most honorable business dealings. He has achieved success through his capable management, and his prosperity is certainly well deserved. Public spirited, he withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to benefit the community. He holds friendship inviolable, and is true to all the duties of both public and private life.

JEREMIAH J. BARNER, one of the most progressive lumbermen and farmers of Green township, Clinton county, was born there on May 1, 1838, a son of Henry Barner, a native of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

John Barner, the grandfather, was also born in Schuylkill county, and was of German descent. He was an agriculturist, and on leaving his native county came to what is now Clinton county (then Centre), and in Green township purchased a tract of 400 acres, which he improved and cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. In connection with farming he also engaged in lumbering. He was a man well known and highly respected. Retiring one night in the best of health, he was

found dead in bed the next morning, being shot during the night by some unknown assassin, who was never found or brought to justice for the terrible crime. His wife was one of the best of women, very strong, being able to carry three bushels of wheat, and at the time her youngest child was married she was still able to ride on horseback over the mountains to visit her children. In the family were twenty-two children, none of whom were twins, but only the names of the following are known: David, George, Henry, Benjamin, John, Daniel, Adam, Samuel, Christopher, Herman, Lyddie, Mary, Fanny, Elizabeth and Catharine.

Henry Barner, our subject's father, received a fair education in both the German and English languages. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Clinton county, where he grew to manhood on the home farm, and on starting out in life for himself engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sugar Valley, Green township, where in 1840 he bought 300 acres of timber land. Upon his place he erected a sawmill, and converted the timber into marketable lumber, and cleared 150 acres of his land, which he placed under cultivation and improved with good buildings, including a fine residence. He also conducted a hotel or tavern for five years on his farm in Green township, and in his undertakings met with a fair degree of success. He was a staunch supporter of the Democracy, and was an elder in the Lutheran Church. His upright, honorable course in life gained for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact, either in his business or social relations.

In Green township, Clinton county, Henry Barner was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Kurn, who was born in Logan township, a daughter of John Kurn, a native of Germany, and a farmer by occupation. The following children were born to them: John, a resident of Green township; Israel, who died in 1892; Emanuel, of Nittany Valley, Penn.; Sarah, widow of David Miller; Jacob B.; Jeremiah J.; Rebecca, wife of David Shryer; Daniel, of Green township; Helen, wife of Samuel Engle; Catharine, wife of John Douty; Henry, who died when young; George, of Penn's Valley; and one who died in infancy. The father departed this life in 1872, the mother in 1893, and both were laid to rest in Mount Union cemetery, Green township.

Jeremiah J. Barner obtained a limited education in the public schools of Green township, but his business training was not so meagre, and he had so thorough a knowledge of the milling business that at the early age of twelve years he was given charge of a circular saw for the lumber

firm of Voras & Caldwell in the eastern part of Green township, remaining with them for three years. For the same length of time he was a sawyer for Hoover & Price, and the next three years were spent in the sawmill of Haffey & Co. He was then a partner in the manufacture of shingles in the Engle sawmill, but two years later he accepted the position of head sawyer in a mill at Williamsport, where he remained three years, and spent the following eight years in a mill on Little Pine creek, after which he traveled for a time through the western States, and in the Rocky Mountains as far as Colorado. He then accepted a position in a sawmill in Jackson county, Mo., but as the climate did not agree with his health, he resigned at the end of two months and returned home. After working in a sawmill in Brush Valley, Centre county, for a year and a half he came to Green township, Clinton county, in 1885, and entered into partnership with the Engle brothers in the manufacture of lumber, since doing business under the firm style of Engle, Barner & Engle. It is one of the most reliable companies of the kind in the county, and is meeting with a well-deserved success. Mr. Barner is also interested in farming, having a valuable place of sixty-five acres, whose well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance testify to the skill and ability of the owner as an agriculturist.

During the dark days of the Civil war, Mr. Barner laid aside all personal interest, and at Lock Haven, on August 10, 1861, enlisted in Company B, 11th P. V. I., under Capt. Shanks and Col. P. D. Collier. On being mustered in at Harrisburg, the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and with his command our subject participated in the battles of Falling Water, White Plains, Thompson Gap, Cedar Mountain and Gettysburg. After the last named engagements he, with three comrades, bought some milk to drink, and the others died from the poison which it contained, while he himself thereby rendered unfit for duty for almost a year, during which time he was confined in six different hospitals in Washington, and suffered untold agonies. As soon as he was able to be moved he was discharged in May, 1864, at Washington, and returned home.

At Lock Haven, Mr. Barner was married to Miss Elizabeth Engle, a native of Green township, Clinton county, and a daughter of John Engle, a lumberman. Her brother Jacob is now a partner of our subject. Five children grace this union: Franklin is engaged in milling; McClellan is postmaster and a sawyer at Carroll, Green township; Clara is the wife of Cyrus Bix-

ler, of Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Penn.; Lawrence was educated in the Musical College of Freeburg, and is now engaged in teaching music; and Grant is at home.

Fraternally, Mr. Barner is an honored member of George E. Myers Post No. 379, G. A. R., and Sugar Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F., both of Loganton, while politically he has been a pronounced Republican since the war. For five years he has served as school director, and he has always taken an active interest in those measures calculated to promote the general welfare along various lines. As a citizen he is highly respected, enjoys the confidence of his neighbors, and is regarded as a man of excellent business judgment.

JOHAN SOLT. It must be with a deep sense of just pride and of grateful satisfaction that a successful self-made man at eventide of life looks back over the past—to his early poverty and struggles, and later victories and triumphs. In a position to do this is he whose name introduces this sketch.

Born February 20, 1829, on a farm in Porter township, Clinton county, Mr. Solt is the son of John and Mary (Miller) Solt, the former of whom was a native of Northampton county, Penn. Our subject was one of seven children born to his parents, and one of twins—their first born. His parents were farming people of the county, plain, unassuming and hard-working country folks, God-fearing and law-abiding citizens, who plodded on through life yet were of good cheer, scattered sunshine as they went along, and left the world the better for their having lived in it. The father was identified with the Evangelical Church. He died at the age of eighty-one years, and his faithful companion passed away when she was forty-seven. Both are buried at Mackeyville. He had been previously married, and to that union were born seven children. Our subject was raised on a 25-acre farm; his parents being poor he had to assist in the support of the family, and was not given many school privileges. At the age of eighteen years he worked on a farm for David Allison, and although performed a man's work he received for his services only six dollars per month. His father had previously bought a small farm of twenty-five acres, but had not been able to pay for it. This tract was in the woods, and the father and sons had performed much hard work in clearing, grubbing and preparing the ground for cultivation. A combination of circumstances seemed to conspire against the father, and he was unable to pay for the land and so lost it.

Finally, however, by the combined efforts of the family, the little farm and home were paid for.

The son, John, while yet in his teens, was away from home much of the time, working at different places at whatever he could find to do until finally he located on his father's farm, which he rented and began farming on a small scale. He commenced with two horses (one of them being quite old and of not much service) and one cow. He remained on the little farm some two years, he and his faithful wife struggling on, full of hope that inspires youth to its greatest energies. At the time of his marriage, in December, 1852, when he was twenty-four years of age, and before he rented the home place, himself and bride began their married life in two rooms in the house of his brother Samuel, at Mackeyville. At this time the husband depended upon his day's labor for support, and his wages were then but fifty cents per day. But with stout hearts and willing hands they went to work and toiled on. From Mackeyville they went to the farm, thence to the Thomas Brown farm, which the husband rented in connection with his brother Samuel, but their efforts were still unrewarded, for after planting and cultivating, the harvest was not sufficient to pay for the seeding; and their efforts did not yield them a living. This farm was abandoned, and again the young husband resorted to days' labor, residing on rented property at Mackeyville. Later on he rented a farm in Lamar township, and after six years of effort, good managing and economical living, they were successful in getting a good start and bought the John Reesman farm, going in debt to the extent of nearly \$4,000, which, as time passed by, the united efforts of husband and wife paid off the obligations. No sooner out of debt than their only daughter was married, and the good parents, prompted by their generous love to their child, moved to Mackeyville, and left the daughter on the farm to begin life under more flattering circumstances than awaited their own marriage. Subsequently (1880) Mr. Solt purchased another small farm of eighty-odd acres, and after one year's residence at Mackeyville, moved to it, where he resided until 1892; then returned to Mackeyville, where he now occupies and owns one of the most comfortable houses in the village. Although pretty well advanced in years, nearing the three-score and ten period, he is by no means inactive, but finds something to keep his active and restless mind busy. He still farms a little, and is hardly on the retired list.

Mr. Solt is an example of what perseverance and a determined effort may accomplish, rising from a poor boy through adverse circumstances

to a competence and to creditable citizenship. For years he served the people of his township as overseer of the poor, and for two years as supervisor. He is esteemed as a citizen, and is a man of influence in the community in which he resides. Politically he is a Democrat, yet he does not always vote that ticket, believing it a duty to vote for the man in his judgment the better qualified or otherwise best fitted for the office. His wife, who was a Miss Mary A. Auman, a native of Centre county, born April 11, 1830, in Brush Valley, has been most surely a good help-meet and companion, for to her untiring efforts and good cheer much of the husband's success is due. She is the daughter of Peter and Julia A. (Dale) Auman, and when an infant of one year was taken by her parents who then moved to the vicinity of Rebersburg, Centre county, where she was reared. She was the second of five children, and the eldest daughter.

One daughter—Amanda J.—was born to our subject and wife. She married M. Swavely, and died in August, 1887, leaving two children—Mamie and Anna, who make their home with our subject and wife, and with her father, respectively. Mrs. Solt is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH W. SMITH, the popular and efficient burgess of Renovo, is also one of the borough's prosperous and successful business men. Not on the plains of affluence did he start out on life's journey, but in the valley of limited circumstances with the rough and rugged path of hard undertaking before him. He started on the ascent, worked his way steadily upward, climbing higher and higher until he now stands on the mountain top of prosperity.

Mr. Smith was born August 29, 1855, in Lock Haven, Clinton county, a son of Jacob and Mary (Pfeffer) Smith, natives of Germany. The father was for many years a leading merchant and prominent and progressive citizen of Lock Haven, but is now living retired in that city though he still enjoys excellent health. The mother of our subject was called to her final rest in 1870.

The early education of Joseph W. Smith was acquired in the public schools of Lock Haven, and the knowledge there obtained was supplemented by a course in St. Vincent's College in Westmoreland county, Penn. He also attended Pierce's Business College in Philadelphia, and on laying aside his text books began his business career in his father's store, where he remained

for some years. He then engaged in the cigar and tobacco business on his own account for several years, and continued that line of trade for about nine months after coming to Renovo in 1884. In the spring of the following year, however, he embarked in the wholesale liquor and bottling beer business, and in 1889 added to this the ice business, but disposed of the latter in 1895. In the former enterprise he is still engaged and enjoys an excellent trade.

In 1875 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Clara, daughter of Matthew Mellon, of Lock Haven, and they now have two sons: Albert W. and Bart J. The family are all communicants of the Catholic Church, and, socially, our subject is a member of the Benevolent & Patriotic Order of Elks. Politically, he is a lifelong Democrat, opposed to all monopolies and an earnest advocate of the principles of his party. He has done all in his power to advance its interests and insure its success; in 1896 he was chosen chairman of the Clinton County Democracy, the following year was unanimously re-elected and is now serving in that position. He has also been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, has served as a member of the borough council in Renovo, and is at present most satisfactorily filling the responsible position of burgess. Wherever found he is a social, affable, genial gentleman, whose friends are legion, and his record as a self-made man is one of which he may be justly proud. Success is not measured by the height which one may chance to occupy, but by the distance between the starting point and the altitude he has reached; therefore, Mr. Smith has gained a most brilliant success—a just reward of meritorious, honorable efforts which command the respect and admiration of all.

JAMES McNAMARA, a leading coal dealer of Renovo, is one of the most energetic, progressive and enterprising business men of Clinton county. His birth occurred in 1861, in County Clare, Ireland, on the banks of the river Shannon, and his parents, Patrick and Bridget (Birmingham) McNamara, were born, reared and married in that country. The mother died in Ireland, but the father spent his last days in the United States. Of their six children, five are still living, namely: Mary, wife of Cornelius Mulvahill, of Renovo; Susan, wife of William Dwyer, of the same place; Anna, wife of Charles McElheny, of Philadelphia; Bridget F., a resident of Chicago; and James.

James McNamara obtained but a limited ed-



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ucation in the schools of his native land as he had to walk six miles to the school house, carrying his share of the fuel under his arm as was then the custom in Ireland under English rule. He was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, and early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow until crossing the Atlantic in 1880. On reaching the shores of the New World he came to Renovo, Penn., where he first worked in the railroad shops, then in the store of his brother-in-law, William Dwyer. Subsequently he started in business for himself as a teamster, and also worked at different occupations until he began dealing in coal. He now does the largest business of the kind in the borough.

On April 27, 1892, Mr. McNamara was married to Miss Agnes Rouen, a daughter of Thomas Rouen, a native of Ireland. They now have three children, namely: Patrick S., James Joseph, and Thomas Francis. The parents both hold membership in the Roman Catholic Church, and are widely and favorably known. In his political views, Mr. McNamara is a Republican, and at State and National elections always votes for that party, but at local elections his support is generally given the man whom he considers best qualified for the office regardless of party affiliations. He has never cared for official honor, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He believes that the Republican party some day will be the means of giving liberty to his native land. His life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish, for on reaching Renovo his cash capital consisted of only one penny. He is today the owner of much valuable property in the city, and is numbered among its thrifty and prosperous citizens. In everything pertaining to the upbuilding of Renovo he takes an active part, and is a liberal contributor to the enterprises which insure its progress. Although of foreign birth, no more loyal or patriotic citizen can be found in Clinton county, and it is to such men that the community owes its prosperity, its rapid progress, and its advancement.

WILLIAM STRUNK, an energetic and prosperous agriculturist of Porter township, Clinton county, residing near Parvin, is regarded as one of the best citizens of that locality. His success has been obtained by his hard work and shrewd management, and he is truly "the architect of his own fortune."

His ancestors came from Germany at an early date, and members of the family fought in the

cause of freedom during the Revolutionary war. William Strunk, our subject's grandfather, was for many years engaged in the miller's trade in Bucks county, Penn., but his last days were spent in Mifflin county, where his death occurred in 1838. He was twice married and had eighteen children, five sons and four daughters born to each union. The sons by the first marriage were William, George, Daniel, John and Jacob, while those by the second were Benjamin, Findley, Isaac, Andrew and Joseph.

John Strunk, the father of our subject, was born February 17, 1806, in Bucks county, and, like all of his brothers and half-brothers, he followed the miller's trade. On August 14, 1827, he was married in Lewistown, Penn., to Miss Nancy Henry, who was born October 30, 1806, in Beaver township, Snyder county, the daughter of Adam Henry, a well-known blacksmith of that time. The young couple had a poor start in life—a bed, two plates, a knife and fork constituting their household effects—but they established their home at Lewistown, and gradually added to the comfort of their surroundings. While there Mr. Strunk was employed at milling by his brother George, but later he removed to Yeagertown, Penn., and rented a mill. In 1831 he went to Spring Mills, Centre county, where he spent nine years in the employ of James Duncan without any articles of agreement. He continued in the milling business until 1840, when he purchased a farm in Marion township, Centre county, and made his permanent home there. He was a kind-hearted man, his friendly manners endearing him to all who knew him, and among the guests at his hospitable home were many of the leading men of Bellefonte. As he always did his own thinking his opinions were valued by his associates, and on several occasions when he was called to serve on the jury he was made foreman. Politically he was a Democrat until Henry Clay's candidacy, when he became a Whig, and later he joined the Republican party. Although he was not anxious for office he took much interest in local affairs, and at times held positions in the township. In religious work he was active as a member of the Reformed Church, to which he gave liberally of his time and money, serving as elder and superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. His wife died in June, 1862, and he survived her many years, passing away in 1884. They had the following children: George C., born December 13, 1828, is now residing at Hillsdale, Mich.; William, born March 27, 1830, is our subject; Mary A., born August 31, 1831, married Laird Holmes, and died in Centre county; John F., born August 29, 1832,

died in Stephenson county, Ill.; Margaret, born November 27, 1833, is now Mrs. John Seiler, of Osage county, Kans.; James, born January 30, 1835, enlisted during the Civil war in Company E, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died November 27, 1861, at Camp Cameron, Harrisburg, Penn., his remains being interred in Jacksonville, Penn.; Susan, born April 14, 1836, is now Mrs. Samuel A. Stonebraker, of Black Jack, Kans.; Robert, born September 21, 1837, is now a resident of Bellefonte; Thomas, born March 10, 1839, died in Illinois; Libby, born September 6, 1840, is now Mrs. Isaac Reish, of Lamar township, Clinton county; Peter, born May 19, 1842, is now a resident of Illinois; Samuel C., born August 29, 1843, resides in Morris county, Kans.; Ira C., born March 22, 1846, is now conducting a commercial college at New Albany, Ind.; and Catherine died at the age of seventeen.

The subject of this sketch was born March 27, 1830, in the Kishacoquillas Valley, Mifflin county, Penn., and was educated in the common schools of that time, his studies being begun at Spring Mills, Centre county, under a Mr. Smith. At the age of twenty he entered upon an apprenticeship to the miller's trade with his uncle, Joseph Strunk, of Reedsville, Penn. After learning his trade he worked one year at Lewistown for John Sterrett, and two and one-half years at Bellefonte for Wagner & Thomas, but later he found employment at Hoys Mill, in Marion township, Centre county. On February 23, 1854, he was married in Walker township, Centre county, to Miss Mary Jane Myers, who was born in that township January 19, 1835, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Mowry) Myers. He then located at Cedar Springs, Clinton county, where he rented a home and followed his trade for seven years. In 1860 he bought his present farm, a part of the Peter Seiler estate, and since 1861 he has resided there, his attention being given to agricultural work. When he took possession of the place a log barn and an old dwelling-house were the only buildings, but he has made many improvements. In 1868 he built a new barn, and in 1883 his comfortable residence was erected, the homestead being now a most attractive one. His first purchase consisted of ninety acres, but he has since added to it until he owns 133 acres of as good land as can be found in that vicinity.

Mr. Strunk and his wife have had seven children: Flora, born March 5, 1854, now Mrs. George Manly, of Yorkville, Ill.; Charles A., born April 11, 1858, is a farmer in Dunstable township, Clinton Co., Penn.; Clar, born July 22, 1861, is the wife of Elmer McClintock, of Clintondale; Harry F., born April 22, 1864, died in in-

fancy; William L., born October 28, 1866; Catherine K., born October 17, 1869, is Mrs. Charles A. Taylor, of Lamar township, Clinton county; and Joseph B., born February 4, 1874, is at home. The family is prominently identified with the social life of the neighborhood, and Mrs. Strunk is an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

As a staunch Republican, Mr. Strunk takes much interest in the success of his party. At times he has held township offices, serving with credit as auditor and overseer, but he does not aspire to political honors. He was once a member of the Grange, but is not now identified with the society. In manner he is plain and unassuming, and he is noted for his frank expression of his convictions, a trait which has won him the respect of all who place a proper value upon freedom of thought.

JOHAN B. RUTE, now a prosperous and substantial agriculturist of Lamar township, Clinton county, started out in life for himself with nothing but his indomitable energy, and his accumulation of this world's goods is attributable to his sound judgment, close application to business and untiring industry. The family name of Rute has at times been spelled Ruth.

Born April 27, 1838, in Miles township, Brush Valley, Centre Co., Penn., Mr. Rute is the son of Benjamin and Maria (Binkley) Rute, who had removed to that locality the year previous, from Lancaster county, Penn., locating on the farm where his birth occurred. The father continued to reside in the east end of Brush Valley until the spring of 1870, when he and his wife went to live with their son Elias in Buffalo township, Union county. Later they located on a farm near Vicksburg, that township, where both died, the father at the age of seventy-six, and their remains were interred in the Union cemetery of Mazeppa, Union county. He was a small man but very industrious, and in connection with farming worked at his trade of shoemaking. In the Reformed Church he held membership, and politically, he was identified with the Democratic party. Our subject was the oldest of four children, the others being Elizabeth, now Mrs. Jacob Schilling, of Porter township, Clinton county; Rebecca, wife of John W. Carter, of Vicksburg, Penn.; and Elias, a farmer of Buffalo township, Union county. The paternal grandparents and uncles and aunts of our subject spent their entire lives in the southern part of the State.

The first thirteen years of his life John B. Rute spent in Brush Valley, and in the Brungard school he began his education. One of his first teachers was Mr. Dieffenbach, who taught at the Wolf school which he also attended, but his educational advantages were much inferior to those afforded by the common schools of the present day. As a heavy tax payer and school director, he has done much to improve the schools of his township. Being the older son, his school days were often interrupted by work upon the home farm. At the age of thirteen he went to Cedar Run, Clinton county, where he lived for three years with John Wagner, receiving the meager wages of \$4 per month in the summer and nothing at all in the winter season except the privilege of attending school. Having saved from his wages a little over \$100, Mr. Rute, at the age of eighteen, purchased 106 acres of land in Brush Valley at assignee's sale, but went \$400 in debt. This was bought for a home for his parents.

After three years spent in Clinton county, Mr. Rute returned to Brush Valley, where he worked as a farm hand until his marriage, which was celebrated in Rebersburg, March 17, 1861, Rev. Tobias performing the ceremony which made Miss Anna M. C. Snook his wife. She was born January 8, 1838, in Sugar Valley, and was one in a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, whose parents were Levi and Margaret (Wolford) Snook, farming people, who removed to Brush Valley when she was about six years old. There she was reared and educated in the district schools. Mr. and Mrs. Rute have become the parents of six children: Matilda M., who married Clayton Brungard, and died in Brush Valley, leaving two children—Sarah C. and John H.; Thomas E., a farmer of Lamar township, Clinton county, who is married, and has six children—Laura G., John S., Mabel H., L. Nora, Virgie E. and Ellis T.; Sadie E., wife of Ira E. Spangler, a United Evangelical minister, of Sullivan county, Penn.; Jennie, now Mrs. George D. Walker, of Lock Haven, and the mother of one child—Lula C.; Amelia M., who is a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and resides at home; and Kate M., organist of the Lutheran Church at Salona, also at home.

For three years and a half after his marriage John B. Rute worked for his father-in-law, receiving \$100 per year and his board and clothes, and in the spring of 1865 he came to Lamar township, Nittany Valley, Clinton county, where he operated a rented farm for two years. He then returned to Brush Valley, where he continued to live until 1883, when he purchased his

present farm in Lamar township from Eli Snook for \$15,000. It comprises 137 acres of valuable and productive land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved in many ways, making it one of the most desirable farms of the locality.

Until the Democratic party tried to deprive the soldiers of their vote, Mr. Rute was one of its supporters, but since that time has been a pronounced Republican, and has always given his influence to all measures which he believed would benefit the public or advance the general welfare. He was drafted, but the war ended before he was mustered in. He enjoys excellent health, never having been ill for a day in his life, and he has performed much hard labor, in this way gaining for himself and family a good home and comfortable competence. He and his wife are active and prominent members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held nearly all the offices, being elder at the present time, and was once elected superintendent of the Sabbath-school, but declined the honor. His word in business transactions is considered as good as his bond, and he is justly recognized as one of the energetic and representative citizens of Clinton county.

THOMAS J. FOX, in whose life the well-directed efforts and perseverance which have marked his business career have brought him success, was born June 6, 1819, near McEwensville, Northumberland county, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Resh) Fox. His father was born, reared and married in Chester county, Penn., and the mother was a native of the same locality. He was a miller by trade. In 1833 he moved to Marsh Creek, Howard township, Centre county, and turned his attention to lumbering and sawmilling, also clearing land, 175 acres of which he farmed. He passed away in 1850, leaving seven children, and his remains were interred at Jacksonville, Centre county. His widow remarried, marrying Daniel Schenck two years later. She passed away in 1862, and was laid to rest by the side of her former husband. John Fox had eleven children, four of whom were sons. The youngest was our subject. The father was a Democrat in early life, but later gave his support to the Whig party. He was a member of the Reformed Church and his wife of the Lutheran Church.

Thomas J. Fox removed with his parents during boyhood to Centre county. His school life was limited to three months and nineteen days' attendance in a log school building, but experi-

ence, reading and observation have made him a well-informed man. He worked for his father without wages until twenty-four years of age, at which time he was married, and his father afterward paid him as a regular farm hand. He wedded Mary Ream, a native of Lebanon county, whose father died when she was only two years of age, after which she was reared by William Strunk.

After living two years longer on his father's farm, Mr. Fox began housekeeping for himself. With the money he had earned he purchased a horse, and, as his father had previously given him one, with this team he began his farming operations on the place which is now his home, living there from 1847 until 1855. He then removed to another farm, but in 1863 returned to his present farm, and the following year purchased 160 acres. He has since sold a portion of this, but has a valuable property of eighty acres remaining. The well-tilled fields and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicate his careful supervision. He is a wide-awake, progressive farmer, and the prosperity which he has achieved is well merited. In 1878 he lost his first wife. Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Wolf, of Sugar Valley; Harriet, wife of John U. Wasson, of Marion township, Centre county; Maggie, who died at the age of twenty-three; William T., of Kansas; George W., who died in Kansas; John, deceased; Curtis M., who is living near Jacksonville, Penn.; Elmer E., deceased; and Ira J., principal of the First ward schools of Lock Haven. For his second wife, Mr. Fox married Mrs. Sarah A. (Dickey) Barrett, widow of George H. Barrett. Their children are: Mary A., Carrie B., Charles M. and Thomas J.

Our subject has always been a stalwart Democrat, and has served as school director and supervisor, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability. His interest in public affairs is manifest by a prompt performance of his duties of citizenship, and by his support of all measures calculated to prove of public good. His dealings have been honorable and straightforward, and his well-spent life commends him to the confidence and regard of all.

JOHN S. BOSSERT. The subject of this biography, one of the honored sons of Clinton county, and a most successful farmer of Bald Eagle township, is pre-eminently a self-made man. He began life with a definite purpose in view, worked faithfully, honestly, and with a will for its accomplishment, and now enjoys a com-

fortable competence which has been secured entirely through his own efforts.

Mr. Bossert was born June 8, 1851, in Bald Eagle township, a son of H. M. Bossert, a native of Northampton county, Penn., who resided for some time in Reading and later in Northumberland county, whence he came to Clinton county. He attended school at McEwensville, and was also a student for a time in LaFayette College, but owing to lack of funds did not complete the course. For a number of years he successfully engaged in teaching. He was captain of a military company at Mill Hall, and on President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers he enlisted in the 11th P. V. I., later re-enlisting, this time in the 137th P. V. I. He was a recruiting officer for the last regiment at Lock Haven, and was commissioned colonel, and as such served until elected register and recorder of Clinton county, when he resigned. He took an active and prominent part in political affairs, and was a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in this section of the State. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian; socially he was identified with the I. O. O. F. and the Grange. He was an honored and valued citizen of his adopted county, one who enjoyed the high regard of all who knew him.

In Bald Eagle Valley, H. M. Bossert wedded Miss Mary C., daughter of George Brown, and for a number of years they lived in that township, but later removed to Westport, Clinton county, where Mr. Bossert engaged in teaching. His wife died in 1876, and was buried in Beech Creek cemetery; he passed from earth in 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years, and his remains were interred in the Noyes cemetery at Westport. In their family were seven children, namely: George, who died in childhood; Elizabeth E., who died when about twenty-four years of age; John S., the subject proper of this sketch; Anna C., who married Dr. A. W. Heilman, and died in Flemington, Penn.; William and Caroline, who both died in childhood; and Mary F., wife of Joseph R. DeHass, of Westport.

John S. Bossert pursued his studies in the Brown school, where almost his entire literary education was obtained; for one term he attended school near his home, taught by D. H. Hastings, the present governor of Pennsylvania. He was reared as a farmer boy, and when a young man also became familiar with lumbering, which at that time was one of the principal industries of this region, especially along Bald Eagle creek. Going to Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kans., in 1878, he was employed by an extensive farmer and



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stock raiser for one summer, and then returned to Bald Eagle Valley, where he again followed lumbering during the winter season. In 1879 he obtained a position as heater in the axe factory at Mill Hall, and advanced gradually until he held a responsible position. By strict economy he saved enough of his wages to buy a piece of land. His first property was the old home place which he purchased from his father's estate, and later he owned another farm now included in the town of Mill Hall. The latter place he traded May 15, 1894, to T. H. Hammon for his present farm of sixty-five acres of valuable land in Bald Eagle township, which is improved with good and substantial buildings. He is a methodical and skillful farmer, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well-deserved.

In 1885 Mr. Bossert married Miss Minnie Holmes, of Bald Eagle Valley, who was reared by Andrew White, and they have a family of six children: Mary E., Jennie, Anna, John S., Jr., Henry J. and Florence L. At one time Mr. Bossert was a Republican in politics, but at present his leanings for the most part are toward the Democratic party. He has acceptably served as assessor of his township. He is an honored member of Beech Creek Grange, and is recognized as one of the leading citizens of his native county. As an energetic, upright and conscientious business man, Mr. Bossert commands the respect and confidence of all who know him, and he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

BOWER C. YOUNG. The world instinctively pays deference to the man who has risen above his early surroundings, overcome the obstacles in his path and reached a high position in the business world. This is a progressive age, and he who does not advance is soon left behind. Mr. Young, by the improvement of the opportunities by which all are surrounded, has steadily and honorably worked his way upward, and has attained a fair degree of prosperity. He is now successfully engaged in general merchandising in Youngdale, Clinton county, and is also serving as postmaster.

Samuel Young, his grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., of English ancestry, and was a shoemaker by occupation. On leaving his birthplace he came to Wayne township, Clinton (then a part of Northumberland) county, where he followed his chosen calling for a number of years, and in 1860, with his family, removed to Freeport, Ill., where he spent the remainder of his life. In early life he was a Whig, and on its organization joined the Republican party.

In Lancaster county, Penn., he married Hannah Gray, a native of Strawberry, York county, this State, and to them were born the following children: Emanuel, Samuel, Bower, Jonas, Edward, Marion, Asher, Eliza, Mary and Hannah, all now deceased, and John, the father of our subject.

John Young was born February 26, 1819, in Wayne township, Clinton county, and there acquired his education in the subscription schools. With his father he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for several years, and then rented a farm in Wayne township, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He continued to operate rented land until 1887, when with his hard-earned savings he purchased a farm in his native township, but during the great flood of 1889 his property was almost totally destroyed, his loss amounting to \$1,000. He is still residing upon his farm, but has laid aside all business cares and responsibilities, and is enjoying that rest which should always follow a long and useful career.

In Wayne township John Young was married to Miss Sarah Strayer, a native of that township, and a daughter of Daniel Strayer, a farmer by occupation. Eight children were born to this worthy couple, namely: Daniel, who died of diphtheria in 1862; Bower C., of this review; George, who died February 19, 1896; Frances E., wife of John Hammersley, of Wayne township; Jacob, who also died of diphtheria; Rebecca, wife of B. Depew, of New York State; Amelia M., wife of Thomas McCoy, of Denver, Colo., and Ella M., who died at the age of twenty-two. The father is a pronounced Republican, and to use his own words: "If one hair of my head was a Democrat, I would pull it out." He and his estimable wife are now well-advanced in years, and have reason to feel that their lives have not been spent in vain. They are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have endeavored to exercise the kindly spirit of charity and benevolence, to do good as they have opportunity, and have proved the friends and sympathizers of those less fortunate.

Mr. Young, whose name introduces this sketch, was born July 29, 1850, in Wayne township, and may be classed among the self-educated as well as the self-made men of Clinton county, for his school privileges were very meagre, and his teachers not very proficient. He continued to work at home until sixteen years of age, during which time he obtained a good knowledge of navigation on the river, and later piloted lumber rafts down the Susquehanna river to Marietta.

In 1873 our subject went to Virginia, where he was made foreman in the lumber woods for the firm of Allison, White & Co., of Philadelphia, receiving \$58.50 per month and expenses, and he remained in that State for five years. Not finding employment on his return home, he went to Big Rapids, Mich., where he secured the position of foreman for Turnbull Brothers, lumber manufacturers, and there spent two years. On again returning home he bought a tract of of timberland known as the Mathew land, for which he paid \$1,000, and at once commenced the operation of cutting timber. His brother George, who had got married while in Michigan, was living in a rented house of G. S. Smith, and having no steady employment, and only seventy-five dollars in money, he gave his brother George a half-interest in this tract of timberland, and, in two years after, George lived in a house of his own, and it all came out of this tract of timberland, except the lot which his father bought for him. Later on our subject helped him in different ways. In April, 1887, Bower C. Young bought a small tract of land in Wayne township from Joshua Sykes for \$700, which was thickly timbered with maple, poplar and linwood, which was cut into cordwood and sold to the Lock Haven Paper Mill at six dollars and twenty-five cents a cord. There was pine timber and bark and a large amount of tie timber on said tract, it being the best timber tract in that section at the time. He cleared \$2,600 over and above all expenses. One month from the day of the great June flood he was bitten by a copperhead snake, in his back yard, and came near losing his life, and just one month more, to the day, he lost a daughter, Olive Pearl.

On April 16, 1890, Mr. Young purchased a stock of merchandise at Youngdale, and has since successfully engaged in business there. His present fine store building was erected in 1891 at a cost of \$1,500, and he has also built a beautiful residence in the same place, costing a similar amount. Through his instrumentality a post office was established here in 1892, and the postmaster-general named it Youngdale in honor of our subject, after which the railroad station was given the same name. He was the first postmaster, and is still filling that position to the entire satisfaction of the public.

On February 8, 1884, in Wayne township, Clinton county, Mr. Young was married to Miss Ida C. Clendenen, who was born there, and is a daughter of Thomas Clendenen. To them were born three children: Luella Ruth; Pearl, deceased; and Blaine Bower. The parents both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal

Church, and their circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive. Like his father, Mr. Young is an ardent Republican, but has never cared for office, though he has served as school director and is a member of the board of trustees of the M. E. Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. The flood of 1889 proved disastrous to him as well as to others, but he soon retrieved all losses, and in all of his undertakings he has been generally quite successful. It is but just and merited praise to say of him that as a business man he ranks among the ablest in Clinton county, and that as a citizen he has the honor and esteem of all classes.

T N. BICKEL is a wide-awake and progressive citizen of Porter township, Clinton county, and his home with its surroundings denotes the supervision of an intelligent farmer and a capable business man, who at the same time has proved a useful member of society, and one deserving of the esteem and confidence of the people around him.

Mr. Bickel was born February 28, 1847, near Wolfs Store in Miles township, Brush Valley, Centre Co., Penn., but when quite small was taken by his parents, John and Catharine (Dupes) Bickel, to Sugar Valley Mountain, where they lived for a few years (1857). They then removed to a place below Hublersburg, in Centre county, from there, in 1859, came to Lamar township, Clinton county, locating near Cedar Springs, and later they lived on the Fox Hollow road in Porter township, whence, in 1863, they removed to Bald Eagle Valley. Subsequently, in 1867, they settled on a farm near the present site of Abdera; from there, in 1869, they went to Buffalo Run, Centre county, and finally located in Snyderstown, Penn., in 1870, where the father died in 1871 at the age of sixty-four. The mother passed away at the age of seventy-nine, and both were buried at Snyderstown. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mary, who wedded William Erhart, and died in Centre Hall, Penn.; Jonathan, who died in the West; Ann, wife of Close McClintock, of Salona, Clinton county; Lucinda, now Mrs. Daniel Dorman, of Centre county; William, a resident of Beech Creek township, Clinton county; Amanda, Mrs. Frank Russell, of Kansas; Alice, wife of Aaron Shaffer, of Illinois; Daniel, of Missouri; T. N., of this sketch; and Jeremiah, who died in childhood.

T. N. Bickel was able to attend school only for a few days each week, and only for a few months each year during the winter season, as his services were needed at home. Never for a single day was he a student in a summer school. At the age of twenty-two he left the home farm and began learning the carpenter's trade under Daniel Everhart, of Bellefonte, Centre county, who paid him \$15 per month during his apprenticeship. After mastering the trade, he worked at the same for about five years on his own account.

On January 2, 1872, Mr. Bickel was married to Miss Sarah M. McKibben, a daughter of William S. and Barbara (John) McKibben, representatives of an honored pioneer family of Nittany Valley, and six children bless this union, namely: Emma, now the wife of Dorn Bitner, of Jacksonville, Centre county; Clara, Ida, Anna B., and Mary H., all at home; and Sarah R., who died in infancy.

After his marriage, Mr. Bickel located on the old home farm of his father-in-law, his wife being of the fourth generation of the McKibben family to occupy it. For some time our subject continued to work at his trade, but of late years has devoted his entire time and attention to the cultivation and improvement of the farm, which he bought of the McKibben heirs in August, 1891. He now has 117 acres of rich and arable land, and is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Bickel usually gives his support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, but always votes for the man whom he considers best qualified for the office regardless of party ties. He has efficiently served as supervisor of his township, and faithfully discharges every duty that devolves upon him, whether public or private. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle Lodge No. 406, and of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is now serving as trustee. He deserves no little credit for the success that he has achieved in life, for through his own efforts he has gained a home and competence, and he is justly regarded as one of the valued citizens of his community.

JAMES P. ROACH is a wide-awake and progressive business man whose name is inseparably connected with the commercial interests of Renovo. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his fine sense of order and complete system, and the habit of giving careful attention to details without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact.

A native of Clinton county, Mr. Roach was

born December 7, 1861, in Lock Haven, a son of William and Bridget (Kane) Roach, who were born in Ireland but when young crossed the Atlantic to America. In early life the father worked on the canal and engaged in steamboating, being for many years captain of a boat with headquarters at Lock Haven. In 1864 he removed to Driftwood, where he engaged in the hotel business until coming to Renovo in 1881, and then for five years engaged in railroad contracting. He efficiently served as tax collector of Renovo for seven years, and took a very active and prominent part in public affairs up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1894. His estimable wife did not long survive him, dying in January, 1895. They left a family of six sons, namely: James P.; Dr. Thomas E., of Renovo; John F.; William Henry; Michael Stephen; and Charles Peter.

James P. Roach received a good practical education in the public schools of Driftwood, which he attended until seventeen years of age, and then entered the machine shops of Renovo to learn the trade. Later he worked as a machinist in Erie, Penn.; Saxton, Bedford county, this State; St. Paul, Minn.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba, after which he returned to St. Paul, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits for about a year. On again coming to Renovo he embarked in general merchandising and millinery business, which he has since successfully carried on, being one of the leading merchants and most enterprising business men of the place. His store at the corner of Eighth street and Huron avenue, is stocked with a full and complete line of everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. His fair dealing and systematic methods of doing business have won for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

On June 2, 1886, James P. Roach was married to Miss Margaret E., daughter of Patrick Quinlan, of St. Paul, Minn., and they have become the parents of three children: Martha B., Mary E. and Edward L. Mr. and Mrs. Roach are members of the Catholic Church, and socially he affiliates with the Knights of Labor. His political support at all times and under all circumstances is given the Democratic party, and he does all in his power to promote its interests. He is at present serving as tax collector of Renovo, and every duty which devolves upon him, whether public or private, is always most faithfully and conscientiously discharged. As a public-spirited, progressive citizen he is certainly entitled to honorable mention in a work of this character.

JOHN BROWN, a well-known merchant, has gained recognition and prestige as one of the influential and representative business men of Loganton. His career proves that ambition, perseverance, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound business principles, will be rewarded, and that true success follows individual effort only.

Our subject was born January 16, 1853, on the old Brown homestead in Green township, Clinton county, and is descended from a good old German family, his great-grandfather having come to this country from the Fatherland and located in York county, Penn., where he spent his remaining days. John Brown, the grandfather, was born in that county in 1786, received a good German education, but was also able to speak English. He learned the chairmaker's trade in York county, where he continued to reside until after his marriage to Regina Dinges, a native of Lebanon county, Penn., when he removed to the central part of the State, taking up his residence in Penn's Valley, Centre county, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. Hearing that better advantages were afforded a growing family in the West, he removed to Indiana in a covered wagon, which was the only means of transportation in those days, but on his arrival was greatly disappointed with the prospects, and after six weeks spent in Indiana he returned to Pennsylvania. In 1839 he located in Sugar Valley, then Logan, but now Green township, Clinton county, where he purchased 700 acres of land, of which 500 were mountain and timber lands. Upon the remainder he made many improvements, and engaged in farming until called to his final rest in 1866, at the age of eighty-one, his remains being interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Loganton. He held many township offices, and was widely and favorably known. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and in religious belief was a Lutheran, but his estimable wife held membership in the Reformed Church. In their family were nine children, of whom three are still living at very advanced ages: John, who makes his home in Indiana; Adam, a resident of Oregon; and Regina, widow of George Troutner, of Green township, Clinton county. The others were George and Eliza, who died in early life; Philip, who died in Alabama in 1880; Catharine, wife of John Grimmer, of Logans Mills; Samuel, who died on the old homestead; and Henry, father of our subject.

The last named was born June 26, 1822, in Penn's Valley, Centre county, and was considered a good German scholar, having been well-educated in the subscription schools. He could

write both English and German. The first thirty years of his life were passed upon the home farm, and he then purchased a tract of timber land in Sugar Valley, where for over two years he engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. In 1854 he embarked in merchandising in Loganton, his first store being a small log cabin, and being a man of sound judgment and excellent business ability he prospered in his undertaking. Believing that there was a good opening for a store in Hublersburg, where a fortune could soon be made, he decided to remove to that place, where he had a number of friends, including Governor Curtin and other leading citizens of Bellefonte who were interested in the furnaces at Hecla and Roland. Accordingly, in 1857, he located there and started a general store, and putting into practice his enterprising and progressive ideas he met with the success which he anticipated. For twenty-eight years out of the thirty-eight in which he carried on business there, he served as postmaster to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He was widely known for his honorable and straightforward dealings, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He never used intoxicants or tobacco in any form, and in many respects was a most exemplary man. He, too, was a staunch supporter of the Jacksonian principles of Democracy, and most creditably served in a number of local positions, although he never was an office seeker. His death occurred in Hublersburg in 1895, and in the cemetery of that place was laid to rest.

In early manhood Henry Brown was married in Loganton to Miss Catharine Stamm, a native of Sugar Valley, and a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Long) Stamm, and to them were born four children: John, of this sketch; David, a brick manufacturer of Minnesota, who married Savilla Wentzel, and has two children; Mary, wife of John G. Womeldorf, of Loganton; and Jennie, who died when young. The mother of these children died in 1886, in Hublersburg, where she was buried, and the father later married Miss Julia Rockey, who still makes her home in Hublersburg.

In the public schools of Centre county, John Brown began his education, and was later for several terms a student in the Nittany Valley Institute, taught by Rev. Dotterer, a Reformed minister. At an early age he began his business career in his father's store, where he remained until thirty, becoming thoroughly familiar with mercantile pursuits under the able direction of his father, who was justly regarded as one of the best business men of this section of the State.



Geo. Brown.



Coming to Wayne township, Clinton county, in 1884, our subject purchased the old Throne mill at Youngsdale, and operated the same very successfully for five years, during which time he greatly improved the plant. On selling out in 1889 he came to Loganton, and in partnership with his father-in-law, John Morris, purchased the general mercantile establishment of J. B. Barner, which they conducted under the firm name of Brown & Morris for two years. At the end of that time Mr. Brown bought Mr. Morris' interest, and has since successfully engaged in business alone. By upright dealing and courteous treatment of his customers he has gained the confidence and good will of the public, and therefore receives an excellent patronage. Near Loganton he owns a fine farm of ninety-one acres, which he has greatly improved and operates in a most profitable manner. He also built a handsome brick residence on Main street, in the heart of the town, which is now his place of abode.

On February 22, 1883, in Loganton, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Hervetta L. Morris, who was born in that place, and they now have two daughters: Jennie C. and Euphemia May, who are both attending school in Loganton. John Morris, Mrs. Brown's father, was born in Berks county, Penn., September 16, 1835, a son of David R. and Appalonia (Mower) Morris, the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of German descent. His father was also a native of Berks county, and was a weaver by occupation. When only three years old Mr. Morris was brought by his parents to Sugar Valley, Clinton county, where he later attended school and also pursued his studies in the schools of Sugar Valley. At a very tender age he began life for himself as a farm hand in Brush Valley, and was thus engaged until eighteen when he began learning the carpenter's trade with G. C. Breon. After he had mastered the same he worked for eight years as a journeyman in Sugar Valley, and then engaged in the lumber business in partnership with his brother, D. M. Morris, and the Stamm brothers, conducting a sawmill with success for three years. He then purchased another tract of timber land, and in partnership with Joseph Kemmerer engaged in the sawmill business for two years, after which he sold out and was interested in the real-estate business in Loganton for five years. In that enterprise he also met with success, and next purchased the old Loganton gristmill in 1876 from Henry Wirth. During the twenty years he operated the same, he greatly improved the plant, putting in a twenty-four-foot water wheel, a steam engine and other modern machinery, and making it a first-class roller mill

at a cost of over \$12,000. This venture did not prove a success, however, for the hard times came on, and in 1896 he finally sold out to his brother, D. M. Morris. For two years he was also in partnership with our subject as previously stated, and in all his undertakings met with a well-deserved success with the exception of the operation of the gristmill. In 1858, Mr. Morris was married in Loganton to Miss Jane E. Wirth, who was born in August, 1838, in Green township, Clinton county, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Huber) Wirth, the former a lumberman and farmer of Green township, who died and was buried in Loganton. Mrs. Wirth, who was of German descent, also died in Loganton and was there laid to rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Morris were born five children: Hervetta L., wife of our subject; Emma M. and Sarah A., at home; and David and Katie, who died in childhood. Mr. Morris always voted the Democratic ticket until 1884, when he became a Prohibitionist, as he is very temperate in his habits, not having tasted strong drink for sixteen years, or tobacco for thirty years. He is an honored member of Sugar Valley Lodge No. 829, I. O. O. F., of Loganton, and religiously belongs to the Evangelical Association. He is a great Bible student, a most earnest and consistent Christian, and is now serving as trustee of his Church and teacher in the Sunday-school. Wherever known he is held in high regard.

Our subject is one of the prominent members of Sugar Valley Lodge, No. 829, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs; politically he is identified with the Democratic party. He has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being a member of the town council for six years; school director and treasurer of the board, re-elected in 1898; clerk of Walker township, Centre county, for eight years; and auditor of Wayne township, Clinton county, for two years. He, too, is an earnest supporter of all measures calculated to promote the moral or temperance interests of his community, is a faithful member of the Evangelical association, and has served as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school for a number of years.

JOEL ADRIAN HERR. Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith.

Mr. Herr is blessed in this respect, for he springs from an old and prominent family, which was founded in the United States at an early day

by Rev. Hans (or John) Herr, a Mennonite preacher, who was descended from the nobility of Switzerland, and became an early settler of Lancaster county, Penn. He had five sons: John, Christian, Emanuel, Abraham, and Henry, and, of these, Emanuel had six children—Rev. John, Emanuel, Martin, Susanna, Elizabeth, and Mary. Of the last named family, Martin Herr, who died in Strasburg, Penn., March 27, 1811, was the father of six children—Joel, Daniel and Samuel, all of whom started from Lancaster to Clinton about 1800, and here their descendants still live; John, who emigrated to Ohio at an early day; Martha; and Ann. Samuel reared a family of eleven children at his home in Salona, where he died in 1862, and where his remains were interred. Daniel died *en route* for Clinton county, where his family afterward located.

Joel Herr was the grandfather of our subject. He was born October 27, 1774, and died February 3, 1852, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Frances Bressler, was born September 30, 1782, in Lancaster county, and died February 10, 1866, both being interred in the cemetery at Salona. For many years he conducted a mill there, and at one time kept the tollgate between Mill Hall and Salona. In politics he was a Whig and in religious belief his wife was a Mennonite, but their children were reared as Methodists. They were as follows: Charlotte, born May 24, 1804, married George C. Moore in December, 1823, and died in Quincy, Ill., 1890; Elizabeth, born September 19, 1806, married Samuel Wilson, and died in Salona in 1894. George Bressler was the father of our subject; Martin, born April 10, 1811, died in Salona in 1893; Uniah, born February 8, 1814, still makes his home in Salona; Catharine, born October 7, 1816, died unmarried; Rebecca, born March 14, 1819, is the widow of John Miller, of Salona; Frances A., born October 7, 1821, married Prof. John W. Ferree, and died in 1884 while on a visit to Hannibal, Mo.; Harriett, born October 28, 1825, is living in Salona; and Daniel, born February 22, 1828, is also a resident of that place.

George Bressler Herr was born in Salona, November 11, 1808, and during his youth learned the hatter's trade, but devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits. For a short time he lived on a farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, was later engaged in the confectionery business in Williamsport with his brother Martin until 1845, and then returned to Salona, where he conducted a foundry for two years. At the end of that time he removed to the farm on which he spent his remaining days, dying May

28, 1871. Politically he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, but was never an office-seeker, yet served as supervisor of his township and took a great interest in public affairs. He was an earnest Christian gentleman, a devout member of the M. E. Church, and held various Church offices.

In September, 1836, George Bressler Herr was married to Miss Clarissa Miller, who was born in Strasburg, Penn., July 14, 1813, a daughter of Samuel and Harriett (Bressler) Miller, and to them were born six children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others are as follows: John C., born July 19, 1839, died unmarried at Cedar Springs, Penn., February 7, 1873; Albert M., born November 14, 1841, died March 26, 1845, in Williamsport; Mary F., born July 23, 1845, lives with our subject; Elizabeth, born December 19, 1847, died in Cedar Springs, Penn.; and Edmund W., born April 22, 1851, died March 23, 1892. The mother of these children died in April, 1859, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Salona. The father later married Rachel Hamilton, and after her death wedded Lucy Fritz, but had no children by either of these marriages.

Joel Adrian Herr, whose name introduces this article, was born March 1, 1838, in Lamar township, Clinton county, began his education in Williamsport, continued it in the public schools of Clinton county, and later attended a select school in Salona. At the early age of seventeen, he began teaching, at first finishing a term for another teacher. He was then employed at the Burrell school in Lamar township during the winter of 1855-56, and later he attended Williamsport (Penn.) Dickinson Seminary for two years, but not continuously as his resources did not permit it. After that he taught each succeeding year in the public schools in Clinton county (except while in the army) until 1864.

In September, 1862, Mr. Herr enlisted as a private in Company C, 137th, P. V. I., and during his nine-months' service he acted as company clerk. On being honorably discharged on the expiration of his term, he returned home, where he remained until the fall of 1864, when he went to Vineland, N. J., farming and teaching there until 1871. While a resident of that place he again enlisted, in April, 1865, becoming sergeant of Company B, 2nd N. J. V. I. When the war was over and his services were no longer needed, he returned to his farm in New Jersey, and while living there was one of the county examiners in Atlantic county, and also held various township offices.

On the death of his father in 1871, our subject returned to the old homestead in Porter

township, Clinton Co., Penn., where he has since carried on farming, and until 1878 he also engaged in teaching during the winter season, being recognized as one of the most competent and successful instructors of the county. As an ardent Republican he has taken an active interest in public affairs. In June, 1879, he was elected a member of the State Board of Agriculture, with which he has since continuously been connected; has been president of the County Agricultural Society since 1880; a trustee of the State College since 1886; was a member of the World's Fair Committee from Pennsylvania in 1893. Being a great reader, he is well posted on all topics of general interest, and is especially well informed on agricultural matters, thus being ably qualified to fill his present responsible positions. His long, active service on the State Board of Agriculture and contributions to the reports of the same, and his services as Farmers' Institute instructor in most of the counties of the State, has given him a prominence in agricultural circles, and a wide acquaintance with prominent citizens all over the State seldom reached by a farmer. His honor and integrity have never been impeached, and his word is as good as his bond.

Since 1874 he has been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and he also is a member of John S. Bitner Post No. 122, G. A. R., of Lock Haven. He has received the endorsement of his county for State Senator, and is honored, respected and esteemed by all who know him. He has been of great assistance to the other members of the family, and no man in Clinton county has more friends or is more deserving of the high regard in which he is held than Joel Adrian Herr.

GEORGE WAGNER. The career of him whose name introduces this review illustrates most forcibly the possibilities that are open to a young man who possesses sterling business qualifications. It proves that neither wealth nor social position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career are necessary to place him on the road to success. Through his own unaided efforts Mr. Wagner has achieved prosperity, and is now doing a successful business as a general merchant in Rosecrans, Green township, Clinton county.

He was born March 18, 1840, in Saville township, Perry Co., Penn., a son of John Wagner, who was born, reared and educated in Wittenberg, Germany, where he followed farming until coming to this country in early manhood.

For some time after his arrival he made his home in Berks county, Penn., and then removed to a farm in Saville township, Perry county, where he spent his remaining days, dying in 1879. His remains were interred in the Loysville cemetery, of Perry county. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and a faithful member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as elder and deacon. By his first wife he had eight children, namely: Dorothy, wife of Henry Turnbach, of Perry county; Jacob and Catharine, both deceased; John, a resident of New Bloomfield, Perry county; George, of this sketch; Samuel, who was killed in the army; and two who died in infancy. The mother died in Saville township, and was also buried in Loysville cemetery. For his second wife the father chose Mary Fogel, who also died in Perry county. By this union there were five children: Maggie, David, Elizabeth, and two who died in childhood.

Only during the winter months was our subject able to attend the public schools of his native county, and at a very early age his school life was over, as he was hired out among the farmers, at first receiving only \$2 per month, but his wages were gradually increased until he obtained \$12 per month. In this way he worked until 1860, when twenty years of age, when he came to Clinton county. In Green township he found employment as a farm laborer for one year.

The dark cloud of war, which had for some time lowered over our beloved country, now broke upon our people, and patriotic men from all walks of life thronged to the front in response to the call of the general government to defend our national life. Fired by the spirit of patriotism, in 1861, Mr. Wagner enlisted as a private in Company E, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Captain Shaffer and Colonel Wyncoop. As a member of the Army of the Cumberland he participated in the battles of Selma, Tenn., Stone River, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Lovejoy Station and many others, being in the service for about four years, during which time he was ill for about a month and confined in the regimental hospital at Jeffersonville, Ind. He assisted in the capture of Jefferson Davis, was always found at his post of duty, bravely defending the old flag, and, when the war was over and his services no longer needed, he was honorably discharged at Huntsville, Alabama.

Returning to Clinton county, Penn., Mr. Wagner, with the money he had saved during his service, purchased a farm of 125 acres of J.

T. Clepper, at Pleasant Hill, in Green township, of which ninety acres were under cultivation. To its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies for a number of years, and still owns the place, which his son John now conducts. In 1881 he bought fifty acres near the original homestead at Pleasant Hill, from William Miller, and there he built a fine residence, store and made other improvements. That place is now his home, and, having stocked his store with a good line of general merchandise, he is successfully engaged in business.

In 1861, two months before he entered the army, Mr. Wagner was married in Green township, Clinton county, to Miss Mary A. Wirt, who was born in that township in September, 1840, and they became the parents of seven children: Mary Ellen, now the wife of John Cooper, of Green township; John, who married Clara Burley, and operates the old homestead; Leah Matilda (Tillie), wife of James B. Quiggle, of Wayne township, Clinton county, by whom she has two children—Viola M. and Trudie M.; Lizzie E., wife of G. Howard Barnes, of Renovo; Katie M., at home; and Annie J. and Susanna, who died in childhood.

Philip Wirt, Mrs. Wagner's father, was a native of Dauphin county, Penn., and in 1832 came to Lock Haven, Penn., where he followed farming and also engaged in the butcher business. In 1852 he took up his residence in Green township, Clinton county, where he purchased a tract of 100 acres, which he cleared, improved and continued to cultivate until his death, in 1891. His remains were interred in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. In early life he was a great hunter, and took much delight in that sport. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party, and religiously was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He was married in Lock Haven to Anna B., daughter of Adam Smith, of that city, and to them were born nine children, five of whom died in infancy. Those still living are: William J., a farmer; Mary A., wife of our subject; Sarah J., wife of Jonathan Conger; and Adam M., of Green township.

In 1877, during President Grant's administration, Mr. Wagner was appointed the first postmaster of Rosecrans, and has since continued to fill that position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In 1880, on the Democratic ticket, he was elected justice of the peace of Green township, and during his fifteen years incumbency performed many marriage ceremonies, and tried many cases where his judgment was always sustained by the higher courts. He has also served as tax collector in his township for one

term, and as supervisor. He is now a free-silver Democrat, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs. In his Church relations he is a Lutheran, and has served as elder, deacon and trustee in the Pleasant Hill Church, and also a teacher and superintendent in the Sunday-school. He has filled the office of treasurer of the Sugar Valley Insurance Company, and is now vice-president of the company. He has been president of the school board in his district. Genial and hospitable in manner, he is very popular with all classes, and his friends are many throughout his adopted county.

JAMES A. McCLOSKEY. In the great competitive struggle of life, when each must enter the field and fight his way to the front, or else be overtaken by disaster of circumstance or place, there is ever particular interest attaching to the life of one who has turned the tide of success, has surmounted the obstacles and has shown his ability to cope with others in their rush for the coveted goal. Among the successful and prominent agriculturists of Chapman township, Clinton county, is Mr. McCloskey, who has been prominently identified with both the business and political interests of his locality. He was born March 18, 1829, in that county, and on the paternal side is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Nathan McCloskey, father of our subject, was born in Clinton county, when it formed a part of Lycoming county, received only a limited common-school education, and was reared to farm life. Throughout his business career his principal occupations were farming and lumbering, and he ran a number of rafts on the West branch of the Susquehanna to Marietta, Columbia and other markets. He made his home in Colebrook township, where he owned and operated seventy-five acres of farming land, and also had 200 acres of timber land, where he engaged in lumbering. He was a hard worker and did all of his harvesting with a sickle, which our subject still has in his possession. He greatly improved his farm, and continued to reside thereon until called to his final rest. His remains were interred at Dunnstown, in Woodward township, Clinton county. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a highly-respected and honored citizen, and a Whig in politics. He married Annie Bridgens, a native of Clinton county, by whom he had twelve children: David, Felix and Robert, all deceased; Rachel, deceased wife of Alexander Loder; Agnes, deceased wife of James Walsh; Margaret, wife of Noah Mc-

Kane; Nathan and William, deceased; Abner, a resident of Beach Creek; James A., of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of George Stevenson; and Mary, deceased wife of William Ritchey. The mother, who was also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady, died at the home of our subject in Hyner.

James A. McCloskey conned his lessons in an old log shanty in Colebrook township, which had been used as a dwelling by men during the construction of the canal through this section, and his early teachers were N. W. McKane and Frances Platt. For only three months during the year did he attend school, devoting his remaining time to assisting in the cultivation of the home farm. From early boyhood he also engaged in lumbering, and he remained on the farm, helping to support his widowed mother until 1859, when he came to Chapman township and bought the Benjamin Baird farm of 180 acres. It was then partially covered with timber, and after clearing thirty acres, Mr. McCloskey devoted his energies to its further development and cultivation. He has erected a fine residence, and has made many other excellent improvements, which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance, and in connection with general farming is also engaged in stock raising and lumbering, owning 1,000 acres of timber land.

In 1851, at the old Methodist Episcopal Church in Chapman township, by Rev. McGheen, Mr. McCloskey was married to Miss Jane E. Baird, who was born on the Baird homestead in that township, in 1827, a daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Ellen) Baird, well-known agriculturists. Her mother was of English birth. Nine children have been born to Mr. and McCloskey, as follows: Behring, a farmer of Chapman township, who married Josie Grugan, and has three children—Glenn, Blanche and Lacey; Benjamin B., agent for the Pennsylvania railroad and the Adams Express Company at Hyner, who is married to Sybil Nowell, and has one child—Knox; Grant, agent at Carman, Elk Co., Penn., for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railway and American Express Company, who married Rosie Sibley, now deceased; Delbert V., at home; Curtis, who married Bertha Barrett, and, with his wife and two children, lives in St. Mary's, Penn., bookkeeper for Portland Lumber Company; Alma, who died at the age of eighteen years; Effie, who died at the age of three; and Clarence and Mabel, who died in infancy.

James A. McCloskey has been honored with several important official positions, being elected county commissioner of Clinton county, in 1878,

and most acceptably serving for three years. For fifteen years he has held the office of justice of the peace in Chapman township, and during that entire time has never had a judgment reversed; he is also postmaster at Hyner. He is an earnest advocate of the Republican party, does all in his power to promote its interests and insure its success, and socially affiliates with Lock Haven Lodge No. 98, I. O. O. F. An earnest, conscientious Christian gentleman, he has for many years been one of the most active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Hyner, in which he has served as trustee, class-leader, Sunday-school teacher and superintendent. His life is exemplary in all respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving the highest commendation. He is strictly temperate, never using any kind of intoxicating drinks, and he has the esteem of his friends and the confidence of the business public.

JAMES CROWE. A brilliant example of a self-made American citizen, and a grand exemplification of the progress that an ambitious foreigner can make in this country of unbounded opportunities, is shown in the case of Mr. Crowe, one of the leading citizens of Renovo, Clinton county, and car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Born in 1842, in Ireland, Mr. Crowe is a son of Patrick and Winifred Crowe, also natives of Ireland, where the father's death occurred. Later the mother came to America, and spent her last days in Elmira, N. Y., where she died in 1880. In their family were two sons and one daughter: Mary, wife of Edward Devine, of Elmira, N. Y.; Patrick, who has not been heard from since 1854; and James, our subject.

James Crowe was provided with only very limited advantages for obtaining an education. When about seven years of age he came to America, and since that time has mainly been dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. He began his business career by carrying water for the railroad hands during the '50s, and later carried the tools for the men. Throughout most of his life he has been in some way connected with railroading, and from the very lowest position he has worked his way steadily upward, being employed in various capacities. Since 1861 he has assisted in laying ties, tracks, etc., for the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company, and since locating permanently in Renovo in 1865 has served as car inspector for that road. Be-

ing economical, industrious and enterprising, he has succeeded in accumulating some valuable real estate in this place, and is now numbered among its substantial and reliable citizens.

In April, 1866, Mr. Crowe was married to Miss Mary Garry, who died November 1, 1872, leaving two daughters, namely: Mary and Anna. Mr. Crowe was again married, in 1878, his second union being with Ellen E. Mahanay, a daughter of Jerry and Catherine (McCarthy) Crimna, who were of Irish birth, but had come to America in the '30s. They settled on a farm of seventy-five acres in Ridgebury, Penn., and there resided until they died in 1893 and 1894 respectively. Mrs. Crowe is one of a family of four children, the others being: Jerry; Michael, who is connected with the weather bureau at Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. James Welsh, a resident of Ridgway, Penn. Four children grace the second marriage of our subject: John, Catherine, Mathew and Michael Raymond. There was also another son, James, who is now deceased.

Religiously, Mr. Crowe and his family are connected with the Catholic Church, and, politically, he always supports either the Democratic or Prohibition parties. His life has been an honorable and useful one, and he justly merits the high regard in which he is held by the entire community.

ALLEXANDER M. DE HAAS, a resident of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, is a member of one of the old historic families of Pennsylvania.

It appears of record at Strasburg, Province of Alsace, that the original name was Von Haas, and when that province was annexed to France the name was changed to de Haas (the French of Von Haas). In 1549 Charles de Haas acquired large possessions near the city of Strasburg, France, and became the founder of the French noble family of that name. He was a baron and general under the Emperor Rodolph, took the city of Florence, Italy, and was made governor of Central Italy, and was authorized to appropriate the arms of Florence as the family coat of arms. Several of the family still live at Strasburg. [The foregoing copy of the record of the de Haas family was taken from the original record at Strasburg, France, in 1862.]

Gen. John Philip de Haas, of this family, came from France to this country during the Revolutionary war. He was given command of the First Pennsylvania Battalion, and contributed largely of his means for the support of the soldiers under his command, besides rendering much

valuable service to achieve our American independence. At the close of the war he became the owner of large tracts of land in the States of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Kentucky. His son, Maj. J. P. de Haas, and Henrietta, his daughter, survived him, but these lands never came into possession of their children. Maj. de Haas died in Philadelphia. His son, John P. de Haas (father of Alexander M. De Haas), was a native of Philadelphia, and acquired his education in Busseltown Academy. He came to Clinton county with his father, and spent the greater part of his life in school teaching. His career was one of usefulness, worthy of emulation, and he died after passing the seventieth anniversary of his birth, respected by all who knew him. His wife was Hannah Morrison, a native of Chester county, Penn., and their children were seven in number, two of whom—Alexander M. and Mary Jane (wife of Nathan Johnson, of Centre county) survive. The mother of these died in 1863, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1827, in Clinton Co., Penn. He had very limited school privileges in his youth, for the school terms were short and his time was largely devoted to farming. He purchased the Mountain farm in 1857, and for forty years has made his home thereon. For twenty-six years he was a successful pilot on the Susquehanna river. He owns 175 acres of land here, and the place is improved with neat and substantial buildings and other accessories found upon a model farm of the 19th century, while the well-tilled fields which surround his home yield to him a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon them.

On January 14, 1851, Mr. De Haas was married to Sarah A. Johnson, a native of England, who came to America when two years of age. They now have six children: Forest; Mary Virginia, wife of Wilson Devling; Willis, assistant superintendent of the paper mills, of Johnsonburg; Grant, a bookkeeper at Marquette, Mich.; Ellen Florence, wife of William Richards, of Tioga county, Penn.; and Charles Woodward, chief manager of the Filter Works at Johnsonburg, Penn. The parents of these are members of the Christian Church, with which Mr. De Haas has been identified since sixteen years of age. He was for many years an Odd Fellow, but is not now identified with the organization. In politics he is a Democrat, and was three times elected justice of the peace, serving one term, discharging his duties with marked fairness and impartiality. He has also been tax collector, school director and supervisor, discharging his

duties with promptness and fidelity. The fact that he has been honored with political offices, and that for a quarter of a century he has served as elder of his Church, plainly indicates the confidence and trust reposed in him in all circles, and it is a trust that has never been betrayed. His life has been well spent and is worthy of emulation.

J C. BARNER, a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of Lamar township, Clinton county, and one of its highly esteemed and honored citizens, is a native of the county, his birth having occurred in Loganton, February 13, 1842.

Henry Barner, his grandfather, a well-known pioneer of this section, left his old home in Perry county, Penn., when a young man, accompanied by his brother, George, who located at Liverpool, but he took up his residence on Sugar Valley Mountain, one mile north of Loganton, in Clinton county, early in the present century. He believed that the soil of the mountain was better than that in the valley, and the land was much cheaper. He did not long enjoy his new home, however, as his death occurred in 1820. His widow, who survived him for twenty-four years, was thus left with the care of a large family, twenty-one children having been born to them, of whom fifteen reached years of maturity. The trials and hardships she was forced to endure in her primitive mountain home were many; the wild animals which haunted the forests often killed her cattle; and she was compelled to work early and late in order to keep her family together until they were able to care for themselves. Her last years were spent with the father of our subject, who operated the old home farm, and there she passed away at the age of seventy-two, her remains being interred in the old cemetery in Sugar Valley.

Christian Barner, our subject's father, was born on Sugar Valley Mountain, December 19, 1816, and was the youngest child of Henry and Susanna (Bunce) Barner that lived to adult age. As a farmer boy he was reared in the mountain home, and received a very limited education, as the nearest school was several miles distant and hard to reach. As soon as old enough he began learning the miller's trade, but his health did not permit his following that occupation, so he took up the mason's trade. All of his nine brothers who reached manhood had also learned some trade, and it was under the instruction of his brother Harmon that he mastered masonry. As a young man he was employed at various

places, but always considered the farm where he was born, "home."

On October 20, 1839, in Penn's Valley, Christian Barner was married by Rev. Fisher to Catharine Frazier, who was born February 24, 1821, near Rebersburg, in Brush Valley, Centre county, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bierly) Frazier, also natives of Brush Valley. Her paternal grandfather was Ludwig Frazier, a pioneer of that Valley; and her maternal grandparents were John and Catharine (Garman) Bierly. Mrs. Barner is the oldest in a family of six children, of whom one died in infancy, and the others are as follows: Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen; John, who died in Huntingdon county, Penn., in the fall of 1896; William, who did in Salona; and Jonathan, who died in Penn's Valley. She was only ten years of age when her father died, but being the eldest she was forced to earn her own livelihood and help take care of the younger children. She accordingly worked as a domestic from the age of fourteen until her marriage. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, namely: J. C., of this sketch; George H., a resident of Lock Haven; Rebecca, wife of H. J. Brungard, of Lamar township, Clinton county; Sarah E., now Mrs. J. Edward Bressler, of Renovo, Penn.; Nathaniel J., of Emporium, Penn.; and Amanda C., wife of John E. Furst, of Lamar township.

After their marriage the parents of our subject located in Loganton, where the father worked at his trade during the busy season, and in the winter chopped wood or engaged in threshing, receiving only one dollar per day as a mason and fifty cents per day as a laborer. From his small wages, however, he saved enough to purchase two lots, and upon one of these he built a residence, making Loganton his home for eight years. He then returned to the old homestead on Sugar Valley Mountain, as his mother was then in feeble health, and while living there she died. Later the place was divided into two parts and sold, Mr. Barner purchasing the portion on which the buildings stood. At the end of eight years, however, he sold and came to Nittany Valley, where he operated rented land for several years, and then bought a farm in Lamar township, which he subsequently sold at a profit. He traveled through Illinois and Iowa on a prospecting tour, but concluded to remain in Nittany Valley, and bought the farm where our subject now lives. In the summer of 1876 he built a very comfortable home at the east end of Salona, where he continued to reside while engaged in light farming until his death, which occurred in March, 1884, being laid to rest in Cedar Hill

cemetery. For several years he was officially connected with the Lutheran Church, and in politics was always identified with the Democratic party. Although at his death he left a very comfortable property, he started in life for himself in very limited circumstances, but in his labors was ably assisted by his excellent wife, who was to him a true helpmeet. As a girl she had often worked in the hay field at twenty-five cents per day, and after her marriage aided in the work of the farm while her husband was employed at his trade. She is also a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and is enjoying a well-earned rest at her pleasant home in Salona, where she is surrounded by loving kindred and friends.

In his native village, J. C. Barner began his education, but was never able to attend school more than four months out of the year. When about eight years old he accompanied his parents on their removal to the farm on Sugar Valley Mountain, after which his studies were often interrupted by farm work as he was the oldest child. He began to assist in the plowing at the age of thirteen, and continued to help in the cultivation of the farm until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In the summer of 1862, at Lock Haven, Mr. Barner enlisted in Company E, 137th P. V. I., and from Harrisburg proceeded to Baltimore and thence to Washington, D. C., near which place the regiment went into camp. His first engagement was at South Mountain, which was followed by the battle of Antietam and all the other engagements in which his regiment took part during his ten-months' service, including the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg in 1863.

After his return from the army, Mr. Barner worked for his father until his marriage, which was celebrated in Clinton county, in March, 1865, Miss Maggie A. Harter, a native of Penn's Valley, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wolf) Harter, becoming his wife. The children born to them are as follows: William H., a printer living in Meadville, Penn.; Charles E., a machinist of Jersey Shore, who is married and has one child, Erma; Christian S., a machinist by trade, but now a farmer of Lamar township, who is married and has three children—Ira N., William J., and Margaret M.; Henry A., a machinist; and George N., J. Wesley, Mary C. and Florence A. C., all at home.

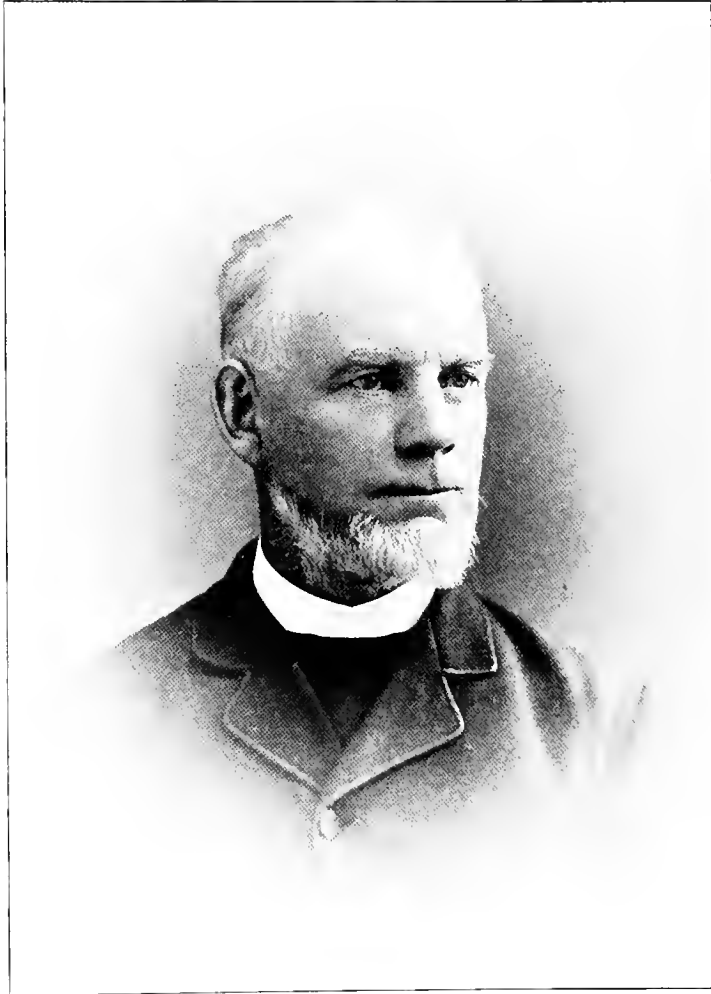
For some time after his marriage our subject lived upon his father's farm near Salona, and then rented the Samuel Segmund place until going to Iowa in 1869. In Audubon county, his

father-in-law owned a large tract of land, and our subject also purchased eighty acres there. He converted the wild land into a good farm, erected good buildings thereon, but at the end of three years and a half returned to Pennsylvania, and after renting his place in Iowa for two years sold it. As a renter he first located upon his present farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, but after the death of his father he purchased the land, and under his able management and careful supervision it has become one of the most desirable places in the locality. He owns 132 acres of farming land and 21 acres of timber land in the home place and a small tract in the east end of Nittany Valley. In the course of his life he has paid out over \$5,000 for rent, but he is now the owner of a most attractive and productive farm, which has been acquired through his own well-directed efforts and untiring energy.

Politically, Mr. Barner is an adherent of Democratic principles, and although he has served as school director, he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. Socially he is an honored member of John S. Bitner Post No. 122, G. A. R., and of the Grange, and, religiously, he and his wife both belong to the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon for several years. In October, 1897, he was elected a deacon of the Lutheran Church at Salona for a term of two years. He was at one time superintendent of the Sunday-school in the east end of Nittany Valley. While in Iowa he was one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church of his locality, and served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. In January, 1898, he was elected one of the directors of the Salona creamery for the term of one year. Pleasant and affable in manner, their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

IRVIN W. GLEASON is a leading representative of the business interests of Chapman township, Clinton county, being the present senior partner of the firm of L. R. Gleason & Sons, who own and operate the Puritan Tannery at North Bend. He also acts as general superintendent. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of the county, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has won success by well-directed, energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gleason was



L. B. Gleason

born August 20, 1862, in Union township, Tioga county, and is descended from an honored New England family who took a very active part in the Revolutionary war, valiantly fighting for the freedom of the country from British oppression. Jacob Gleason was born in Massachusetts, where he followed farming for a time, but when a young man removed to Rutland, Vt., where he owned and operated a farm until life's labors were ended. Three of his four sons, and himself joined the Continental army, and aided in the successful struggle for independence. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and a stanch Democrat in politics.

His youngest son, Jacob Gleason, the great-grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life in Rutland, Vt., and followed the occupation of farming. He was there married and reared a family of six children, all now deceased, namely: Timothy, Jacob, Edmund, Daniel, Sylvia and Ruth. The parents were both interred in the cemetery at Rutland. The father was also a Congregationalist in religious belief, but was an Old-line Whig in politics.

The grandfather of our subject also bore the name of Jacob, and was born in Rutland, where he obtained a limited education in the subscription schools, and grew to manhood on the home farm, remaining there until thirty years of age. Going to Bolton, Warren Co., N. Y., he worked as a laborer for ten years, and then removed to Bradford county, Penn., where the following year was spent. In 1841 he took up his residence in Union township, Tioga county, Penn., where he purchased 100 acres of timber land, which he cleared and improved with good buildings, and after operating his farm for several years he worked in an iron furnace at Blossburg. Later he engaged in lumbering on Pine Creek, Lycoming county, and spent the last years of his life at the home of his son Le Roy, the father of our subject, who tenderly cared for him during his old age. He died at Canton, Penn., in 1869, and was there laid to rest. While in Bolton, N. Y., he had married Sarah Eaton, a native of Warren county, and a daughter of Benjamin Eaton, a farmer by occupation, and to them were born five children, but only the father of our subject reached years of maturity. The grandfather was a deacon in and prominent member of the Baptist Church, and in politics first supported the Whig ticket and later joined the Republican party.

Le Roy Gleason was born November 16, 1829, in Bolton, N. Y., but at an early age accompanied his parents on their removal to Pennsylvania. As they were in limited circumstances

his opportunities for obtaining an education were meagre, and he only attended school about six months altogether while living in Tioga county, being hardly able to write his name at the age of nineteen years. When only eight he was able to handle the axe in helping his father cut cordwood for charcoal burning, and he continued to assist his father in that way and in improving the farm until sixteen, when he obtained a position in the coal mines at Blossburg, where he received \$4 per week for the first year, and \$7 per week for the following two years, as he did a man's work. When nineteen, Mr. Gleason began lumbering in the camps on Pine creek, where he was employed during the winter months in cutting timber and logging, while the summers were spent in a sawmill from 1852 until 1870. He took contracts for cutting timber on Pine creek, and in this way managed to save some money, with which he embarked in the tanning business at Canton, Penn., in partnership with his brother-in-law, William Irvin, the business being conducted under the firm name of Gleason & Irvin for seventeen years and success crowning all their efforts. In 1881 they established the first tannery at North Bend, which is the largest plant of the kind in Clinton county, being erected at a cost of \$80,000. In 1887 Mr. Gleason purchased his partner's interest, and admitted his sons to membership in the firm, since which time business has been carried on under the style of L. R. Gleason & Sons. Besides this tannery they have one at Driftwood, Cameron Co., Penn., and another at Medix Run, Elk county, and in all branches of the business furnish employment to hundreds of men, thus materially benefiting the entire community. The father looks after the business at Canton, while his sons have charge of the branch establishments. He is a very progressive, industrious and energetic man, whose success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, and he certainly deserves great credit for the honorable position he has succeeded in attaining in the business world. He is not only a self-made man, but also a self-educated one. As his school privileges were very limited he has devoted much time to reading and study since reaching manhood, and is especially proficient in botany, geology and other sciences. In 1889 L. R. Gleason & Sons, in connection with Howard & Perley, lumber manufacturers of Williamsport, built a standard gauge railroad from North Bend to Potter county, which now connects with the Black Forest road for the purpose of getting out their bark, and Howard & Perley's logs. Since then the road has been chartered with F. A. Blackwell, general manager; William Howard,

president; Allen W. Perley, treasurer; and I. W. Gleason, secretary. The main line of the road is twenty-one miles long, which has numerous branches, and it is well equipped with three large locomotives, and with its own lumber and bark and passenger coaches. The road is called the North Bend & Kettle Creek railroad.

In 1852, in Union township, Tioga county, LeRoy Gleason was united in marriage with Miss Martha Irvin, a native of Lehigh county, Penn., and a daughter of Benjamin Irvin, a charcoal manufacturer, of Scotch-Irish descent. Eight children were born to this union, as follows: (1) William and (2) Celia both died when young. (3) Frank also died young. (4) Irwin W. is the next of the family. (5) John, who was educated in the Canton public schools, is now engaged in business with his father at Driftwood. He married Hattie Rury, and has two children—Martha and Franklin. (6) LeRoy W., educated in the public schools of Canton and the Elmira Business College, is also a partner in the tanning business, and is superintendent of the plant at Medix Run, Elk county. He married Bessie Muthersbaugh, a native of Lewistown, Penn., and they have three children—Celie, Ruth and Jennie. (7) Charles attended the same schools as his brother LeRoy, and, as a partner in the tanning business, is located at Driftwood, superintendent of the plant there. He married Minnie Rury. (8) James completed his education at the Military Academy at Bordentown, N. J., and is now with our subject at North Bend, as he, too, is a partner in the business. He married Lucy Walton, of North Bend. The mother of these children died in 1880, and the following year, at Canton, the father married Elizabeth Mitchell, widow of Byron Clark, and a daughter of Thomas Mitchell, of that place. They have an adopted daughter, Mabel, and the family make their home in Canton. After voting for Fremont in 1856, LeRoy Gleason continued to support the Republican party until after the election of President Hayes, since which time he has been an ardent Prohibitionist, as he is a strong temperance man. He is an active and prominent member of the Baptist Church, in which he has served as deacon and Sunday-school teacher and superintendent. Socially he affiliates with the Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order at Canton. He has reared a family of which he may be justly proud, has given his sons all an excellent start in life, and they are now wide-awake, enterprising business men. Temperate in his habits, honorable in all business relations, his influence is ever found on the side of right and order.

Irvin W. Gleason, whose name introduces

this sketch, pursued his studies in the public schools of Canton, Penn., and in the Business College at Elmira. At an early age he began working in the tan yard of his father, soon became thoroughly familiar with every department of the business, and remained in the tannery at Canton until 1881, when he transferred to North Bend, continuing to work for his father and uncle until 1887, since which time he has been a partner in the business. He has also served as general superintendent, has made many improvements in the plant, and furnishes employment to about one hundred men. On June 1, 1887, at North Bend, he married Miss Josephine Haynes, a native of that place, and a daughter of John H. and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Haynes, the former a lumber manufacturer of North Bend. Mrs. Gleason attended the public schools of her birthplace and also the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, where she graduated in 1885, and the following year graduated at Darlington Seminary, Philadelphia. She then engaged in teaching for three terms in North Bend and in Potter county, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. Gleason has been born a daughter, Elizabeth. The family occupy a pleasant home in North Bend, where they are surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He is a prominent Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree, and belongs to the Blue Lodge of Renovo, the Chapter of Lock Haven, the Commandery of Philadelphia, and the Consistory of Bloomsburg. His political support is ever given the men and measures of the Democratic party. His business methods have been above question, and in all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him.

PPETER FABEL, who in his lifetime was a highly respected citizen of Castanea, Clinton county, was born April 14, 1838, on the banks of the River Rhine. He possesses the energy and determination which mark the people of Germany, and by the exercise of his powers he has steadily progressed, and has not only won a handsome competence, but has commanded universal respect by his straightforward business methods.

John W. Fabel, his father, also a native of Germany, was a cooper and brewer by trade, and, after selling all his property in the Fatherland, brought his family to America in 1855, landing in New York after a long and tedious voyage. Lock Haven, Penn., was his destination, and here he found work at the cooper's trade. Being an excellent mechanic, he com-

manded good wages, and, as he lived economically, he prospered, and in his adopted city built an elegant residence, much better than he ever expected to own. His last years were spent in retirement from active labor, enjoying a comfortable competence which he so richly deserved. His political support was given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Lutherans.

In his native land John W. Fabel had married Margaret Weigen, who bore him eleven children, two of whom died before the immigration of the family to the New World. The others are as follows: Charles and Martin, now deceased; Christian, a resident of Lock Haven; Philip, Michael and John, all deceased; Peter, of this sketch; Barbara, widow of George Scheid, of Lock Haven, and Margaret, deceased. The mother died of a cancer in 1857, and the father passed away in 1886, both being interred in the cemetery at Lock Haven.

Peter Fabel was educated in his native land, and, when not in school, worked in his father's cooper shop, where he soon mastered the trade, at which he was employed in Lock Haven after coming with the family to this country at the age of seventeen years. Considering Castanea a good location, he in 1865 removed here, and for several years followed agricultural pursuits, having purchased a small farm, on which he built a good residence and made many other valuable improvements. For thirteen years he also engaged in the dairy business, selling the milk in Lock Haven, but at the time of his death, July 31, 1897, he was practically living retired at his comfortable home in Castanea after many years of arduous labor. He owns three dwellings on Church street, in Lock Haven, and his property was all acquired through his own unaided efforts.

In 1865, at Lock Haven, Mr. Fabel was married to Miss Elizabeth Marks, also a native of the Fatherland, and a daughter of Peter Marks, who after coming to the United States became a farmer of Clinton county, Penn. She died in 1876, leaving four daughters: Annie, wife of Charles Kindley, of Altoona, Penn.; Ida, wife of Peter Poorman; Clara, wife of John Simmons; and Emma, wife of George Hemburger. For his second wife Mr. Fabel chose Sybella Sousley, a native of Berks county, Penn., who died in 1892, and in October of the following year, at Columbia, Penn., he married Mrs. Rosa Hetrick, *née* Ball, who was born in Baltimore, Md., a daughter of John Ball. She first wedded George Hetrick, by whom she had five children, but all

died in infancy; and after the death of her husband she married T. W. Stover.

On the Democratic ticket, Mr. Fabel was elected to several official positions of honor and trust, serving for eighteen years as tax collector in Castanea township, several years an auditor, overseer of the poor for some time, and also supervisor of his township, and it is needless to say that the duties of the offices were always faithfully performed. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was justly regarded as one of the most valued and useful citizens of Castanea.

HUGH McLEOD. Since 1870 Mr. McLeod has been identified with the business interests of Lock Haven and of Clinton county. He is now the genial and accommodating landlord of the "Custer House," a large and well-regulated hotel centrally located near the court house, Lock Haven, where he bids a hearty welcome to his many patrons.

Norman McLeod and Martha (McKenzie) McLeod, his parents, were both born in Scotland, whence, in early life they came to Nova Scotia and there resided through life. The father was a tailor by trade, and followed that as an occupation for a period, but his life was given the most of the time to agricultural pursuits. They were plain, hard-working farming people, kind-hearted and well-disposed, such as gained and held the respect of the community in which they lived. Their children are: Margaret, Anna, Sarah, Mary, Christie, Jane, Martha, Belle, Kenneth, Hugh (our subject), Roderick, John and Angus.

Hugh McLeod was born in 1849 in Nova Scotia, was reared on a farm, and had only limited school advantages, attending the subscription schools of the neighborhood. After passing fifteen years on the farm he went to sea, and for five years was a sea-faring man. In 1870 he came to Lock Haven, and for ten years was employed in the woods cutting and shaping timber, the first work he performed being for Patrick Flynn. In 1880 he became engaged in the hotel business on Bellefonte avenue, at Lock Haven, for five years remained at that point, and then (January 1, 1885) moved to his present location. Mr. McLeod is well adapted to this line of business, and is making a success of it. He is obliging and accommodating, understands human nature thoroughly, and not only anticipates the wants and desires of his guests, but amply supplies them.

In 1879, Mr. McLeod was married to Ella Walsh, who was born in 1859, in New Bruns-

wick. She is of the Roman Catholic faith, while Mr. McLeod was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the K. of G. E. He has been identified with the public affairs of Lock Haven more or less, and has at different times represented his ward in the city council, six years.

REV. M. W. FAIR (deceased) was one whose life record remained untarnished by shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. Upright and honorable, of broad humanitarian principles, devoting his life to others, he so lived as to win the respect and love of all. He was born in Manchester, Carroll Co., Md., August 9, 1837, and in his youth was an exceptionally good boy, always obedient to his mother and faithful to her teachings. He attended the public schools, also pursued his studies in an academy at Manchester, after which he became a student in Gettysburg College, and later was graduated in the theological department of Susquehanna University, at Selin's Grove, Pennsylvania.

Having determined to devote his life to the ministry, and thus prepared for his chosen calling, Mr. Fair accepted the pastorate of the Church in Funkstown, Washington Co., Md., after which he went to Woodsboro', Frederick county, that State. Failing health at length compelled him to retire from the ministry, and in the fall of 1873 he removed to York, Penn., where he continued his residence until called to the home beyond, June 20, 1876, his remains being interred at Manchester, Md. Rev. D. J. Hauer, D. D., who is now living in Hanover, York Co., Penn., at the advanced age of ninety-three years, was instrumental in influencing him to enter the ministry. He had known Mr. Fair from early boyhood, had baptized him and received him into the Church, and had ever been his friend and counsellor, and as the end drew near it was Mr. Fair's request that this venerable man should take charge of the funeral services.

On May 28, 1868, Rev. Fair was married to Miss Sarah A. Furst, who was born August 3, 1841, in Lamar township, Clinton Co., Penn., a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wilt) Furst, the former born in Northumberland county, Penn., April 29, 1793, the latter in Perry county, February 12, 1805. The grandparents, George and Agnes (Snyder) Furst, came to Nittany Valley in the year 1797, and located in the midst of the timber land, where the grandfather developed a farm, which is still in the possession of the family.

SAMUEL FURST, the father of Mrs. Fair,

when fourteen years of age, walked twenty miles to Rebersburg, crossing two mountains, to attend catechetical lectures by Rev. Ilgen, preparatory to entering the Lutheran Church. He was married in Lamar township, Clinton county, to Mary Wilt, a daughter of Michael and Gertrude (Zellers) Wilt. A brief record of their family is as follows: Franklin B. is a farmer of Lamar township. Louisa died in 1894. Rebecca A. became the wife of Joseph Hayes, and died in 1892. William W. is an agriculturist of Lamar township. Samuel E., who, after attending the Aaronsburg Academy, entered the sophomore class in Pennsylvania College in 1860, was graduated in 1863, and in 1867 was admitted to the Clinton County Bar, after which he practiced for ten years; in 1878 he entered the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and was licensed to preach the same year, after which he ably filled the pulpits in Bellefonte, New Berlin and Schellburg, Penn.; about August 1, 1894, he went to Salona to visit his invalid sister, and while there died, on the 14th of August. Mrs. Fair is next in the order of birth. M. Luther is a minister of the Lutheran Church at Tallman, N. Y. M. Katharine lives in Salona.

Samuel Furst (father of Mrs. Sarah A. Fair) was a Republican in his political views, and in religious belief he was a Lutheran, who for sixty-five years was a member of the Church at Salona. He contributed liberally to its support, did all in his power for its advancement. He was also an ardent temperance worker, never using either tobacco or liquor in any form. He was a man of but medium size, yet possessed of great powers of endurance. At one time he took grain to Harrisburg (on "an ark," on the Susquehanna river), and returned on foot to his home (a distance of 125 miles). On another occasion, after attending court at Bellefonte, then the county seat (about twenty-five miles from his home), he walked back to Nittany Valley. He was very neat and clean in person, was also cool and calm in demeanor, and was a man of scholarly tastes, being very fond of books, and having a broad knowledge of literature. His father had four sons, to each of whom he gave a farm, provided that the sons would pay half of its value to their sisters, for there were also four daughters in the family. Samuel Furst built upon his land an elegant brick residence, the brick used in its construction being burned upon his farm. He delighted to surround his family with the comforts of life, and secured to them every advantage possible. A great lover of nature, he was fond of spending much time in the woods, and could name all the varieties of birds and trees.



SAMUEL FURST



His wife was particularly fond of poetry, a taste she cultivated by extensive reading; she also possessed a very fine soprano voice, which still retained its sweetness when she had reached the age of eighty years. His well-spent life and kindly nature won to Samuel Furst the regard of all who knew him, and at his death, which occurred November 7, 1872, he was deeply mourned. His wife passed away March 27, 1885, and was laid by his side in Cedar Hall cemetery. "The memory of the just is blessed."

THOMAS CHRISTIE, an old-time agriculturist and lumberman of large experience, is now numbered among the elderly residents of Dunnstown, Woodward township, Clinton county, by whose people he is held in that reverence and respect tacitly accorded those whose lives have been distinguished by integrity and usefulness.

Mr. Christie was born July 29, 1813, in Blackville, New Brunswick, Canada, a son of Wesley Christie, whose birth occurred on the banks of the St. Johns river, in the same province, in 1792, and who was of English descent. In that country the father engaged in lumbering until twenty-six years of age, when he removed with his family to Somerset county, Maine, where in connection with that occupation he also worked in a sawmill, followed farming and piloting rafts of lumber on the rivers. He died in the State of Maine, February 25, 1874, at a ripe old age, honored and respected by all who knew him. Politically he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, while, religiously, he was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, to which his wife also belonged. She bore the maiden name of Sarah Weaver, was a native of Canada and of Pennsylvania-German descent, and gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Christie while residing in New Brunswick. She also departed this life in Maine. Our subject is the oldest of their seven children, the others being as follows: Abigail was the wife of Charles Dyer, both deceased; George W. is a resident of Maine; Sarah was the wife of Israel Dyer, both now deceased; Wesley is deceased; Mary A. is in the West; and Barbara is the wife of Henry Folley.

When only five years old Thomas Christie was taken by his parents to Maine, where he attended the township schools during the winter months, while the summer season was devoted to work in the woods or on the farm, his wages going toward the support of the family. At the age of twenty he left home, having purchased

his time from his father for \$70, and obtained a position in a sawmill, where he received \$16 per month for night work. He continued to work in the woods during the winter, hewing and cutting timber and teaming with oxen until thirty-six years of age, when he left Maine and came to Dunnstown, Clinton Co., Penn., where he helped to erect the West branch boom in 1852, was appointed by the court as scaler of logs for the West Branch Boom Company, which position he filled until 1859. He owned and operated a farm in Dunstable township, Clinton county, for some time. Since 1889, however, he has lived retired at his pleasant home in Dunnstown, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, while his son-in-law, John N. Bitner, conducts the old home farm.

In Harmony, Somerset county, Maine, in 1837, Mr. Christie was married to Miss Statira Nutt, who was born in Lincoln county, that State, in April, 1813, a daughter of William and Lucy (Avery) Nutt, the former of Irish and the latter of English descent. By occupation her father was a shoemaker. To Mr. and Mrs. Christie have been born the following children: (1) Laura V., born in Maine, was married in 1859 to John N. Bitner, a native of Clinton county, Penn., and they have eight children—Jennie, wife of J. A. Leitzel; Mary S., wife of Andrew Nonenmacher; Nancy and Thomas, deceased; Abigail, wife of Morton Brown; Albert W., deceased; Ivie E., and Edward. (2) Thomas M., of Jersey City, N. J., married Miss C. Herr, and has four children—Winfield G., a pen artist, employed in New York City; Eugenia married William McCloskey; Charles, and Thomas, Jr. (3) Perley M., an ice dealer, of Lock Haven, Penn., married Sarah Varner. (4) William Wesley, of Lock Haven, married Mary Beshler, and has one child, a daughter, who married Edward Drawken and they have four children: (5) Samuel is connected with the Eastman Business College, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His children are Mable, Frederick, and Harry. (6) Abigail, and (7) Perley, both died in childhood, and, last (8), Marvin, deceased.

Mr. Christie cast his first Presidential vote for the Whig candidate in 1846, and is now an ardent Republican, having voted for William McKinley at the last election, in 1896. He is an earnest and faithful member of Christ's Church, has taken an active part in its work, and has served as teacher and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He and his faithful wife have enjoyed sixty years of happy married life, and their record has been an honorable one, their years have been fruitful with deeds of usefulness and kindness.

with malice toward none and friendliness toward all who have come under their influence, and they have gained the respect and honor of the whole community.

Our subject thus refers to the journey from the Province to St. Albans, in Maine, and to other reminiscences:

"We left the southwest branch of Mirimichi (my father, mother and three children—the youngest, George W.). The only conveyance was a birch canoe, thence up the river some thirty miles to Boycetown; thence twenty miles through the woods to a branch of the St. Johns river, called the Nashwalk, down that in the canoe to the St. Johns, nearly opposite Frederickton, up the river to the mouth of Eel river to a certain point; thence another carry across into a lake, one of the head waters of the St. Croix river, across that, thence another carry into Baskahegan lake, the head water of a branch called Baskahegan, down that into Matawamkeag, on down into the Penobscot, sixty miles to Orono, where the birch canoe was left. We then hired a man by the name of George Reed to take us to Bangor, eight miles, in a wagon; then on horseback through woods in a bushed road most of the way, thirty miles to St. Albans, mother carrying George W. in her arms.

"My first lessons were learned in a vacated log house in summers and in barns two summers, and in winters in private houses, never having a school house until I was eighteen years of age and helped to make the brick to build one, the first brick house in the township.

"In the fall of 1827 a laughable incident occurred, which I long since have remembered, and which I will now take pleasure in relating. We were living in the west part of a house for that season while my father built one; he had bought a piece of ground containing 100 acres adjoining the one which we then occupied. My father, with another man, his son and myself, were sitting on a log in front of the house, we heard dogs barking in the direction of a field of corn just out of sight from the house, soon the dogs came in sight, driving a large coon, every few yards having a fight. They drove the coon passed where we sat, the door of the house being open, a ladder standing inside, the coon went up the ladder and the dogs after him and across the room where the old lady and some children were still reposing on their pillows. There was a fight, and in it some loose boards were upset; down went coon and dogs on the old lady and children; such music was not often heard, and I have not heard the like since. When the door was opened out came Mr. Coon and dogs, and the old gen-

tleman took the poker-stick and made short life of Mr. Coon. So ended the laughable story of coon and dogs."

B M. FIELD, who for more than a third of a century has been a most active and enterprising business man of Lock Haven, Clinton county, and during that period an extensive coal-dealer, is a native of the State of New Jersey, born in June, 1823.

John and Margaret (Paulsen) Field, his parents, were natives of New Jersey. John Field came to Pennsylvania and located in Lycoming county. He was by occupation a contractor and builder of internal improvements and was engaged in work on a number of railroads and canals built in his time in that section of the State. He was a man of considerable energy and push, and somewhat reserved in manner; was quiet and made no display. Field station and post office were named after this family.

B. M. Field, in his boyhood, had the advantages of the Williamsport schools, in which he obtained a fair English education. After leaving school he became engaged in railroading for a time, and then was a foreman and contractor for many years, and built the railroad running from Sunbury through to Erie, Penn. In 1867 he began dealing in coal, and has continued in that business from that time to the present. He has been an enterprising and progressive citizen, and figured in various lines in the development of Clinton county and Lock Haven. He was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Lock Haven, which was a prosperous institution for many years, but which owing to some bad loans made was closed in 1893. Mr. Field was instrumental in organizing the Lock Haven Trust Company, which is in a flourishing condition, and is one of the substantial concerns of the place. He is a stockholder in this bank. He has been a prominent promoter of many enterprises in the city of his adoption, which has added to its wealth and beauty. He was a good acquisition, and has proved to be always interested in everything pertaining to the borough's advancement. He is not a member of any Church, but is liberal to all. In politics he is a Democrat, opposed to all monopolies. He was one of the organizers of the Lock Haven Power & Steam Co., and is at this time connected with it. Our subject has never married, and for twenty-two years he has boarded, with "Uncle" Peter Meitzler, a genial and accommodating landlord of Lock Haven.

JOHAN N. GETZ, JR., of Lock Haven, Clinton county, where he has for twenty odd years been a dealer in agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, etc., enjoying the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen, and of his patrons from far and near, is a native of Dunstable township, Clinton county, born August 15, 1847.

Jacob Getz, his father, and Catherine (Deise) Getz, his mother, are highly-esteemed farmers residing in the county in ease and comfort, and passing the evening of their lives surrounded by their children. The father is now in his seventy-eighth year, and the mother in her seventy-sixth. Both are natives of Pennsylvania, where their long lives have been passed. Jacob Getz has been engaged in agricultural pursuits chiefly, and has done much toward the development of the section in which he has resided. Having managed his own business affairs successfully, he was a fit man to look after the affairs of the county, in which he has been somewhat prominent, and the people elected him to the office of county commissioner, and re-elected him on two occasions, giving him a service of three terms. He served in this important position very acceptably, exercising good judgment. Five of the eight children of this couple are yet living, namely: John N. (our subject), Mary E. (Mrs. Henry C. Ohl), George A., Sarah C. and Charles D. Those deceased are: Margaret and Annie (both of whom died in infancy), and Henrietta (who grew to womanhood, and died in 1896).

John N. Getz, Jr., was reared on a farm, and had only the school privileges given to the general farmers' sons, that of neighborhood district schools. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he became engaged in school teaching, having by diligent study prepared himself for the profession. This vocation he followed most successfully for seven years, and gained the reputation of being a competent instructor and a good disciplinarian. During this period he gained a good knowledge of human nature, which served him well in after business life. On leaving the schoolroom he was employed as a lumber accountant in the lumber business for two years, then embarked in his present business at Lock Haven. This business he has most carefully given his attention and efforts to until he has become one of the substantial men of the place, and the business one of the leading ones of its kind in this locality. He handles the Conklin wagon, the Cortland spring wagons, fine top buggies, road wagons, Oliver plows, spring harrows, Hench cultivators, Osborne harvesters, Tiger hay-rakes, Superior drills,

steel land-rollers, corn-planters, corn-shellors, feed-cutters, pumps, phosphate, etc.

On November 27, 1895, Mr. Getz was married to Alice M. Dunkle, a daughter of Ira Dunkle, of Ames, N. Y.; she was born May 26, 1858, at Frey's Bush, N. Y. The parents are members of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Getz is a Democrat.

DAMIEN LCHAT. Courteous, obliging, genial, and socially inclined is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, requisites for a popular landlord, which he is, being the proprietor of the "Clearfield House" at Lock Haven, Clinton county, and the dispenser of an open hospitality at that hostelry.

George and Catherine (Bron) Lchat, his parents, were born and reared in Switzerland, the father born September 18, 1805, at Montsevelier, Canton de Berne, and the mother born April 9, 1819, at Montsevelier, Canton de Berne. They came to America in 1852, located at Louisville, Stark Co., Ohio, and in 1860 settled in Frenchville, Clearfield county, Penn., where the father died February 18, 1872. By occupation he was a laborer—a plain man of good hard sense, kindly-disposed and charitable to all. His good wife, though now nearing the eightieth mile-stone on the journey of life, is well-preserved, and bids fair to be with her children some years yet. She makes her home with and is tenderly cared for by our subject. Her children now living are: Leonard, Mary, Frank, Emelie, and Damien (our subject).

Damien Lchat was born March 6, 1847, in Switzerland. His parents were poor and he had no educational privileges, not having attended school at all. At the early age of nine years he began working out, doing chores, milking, etc., for which the first year he received his board and clothes, and for the second year, one dollar per month and he clothed himself. During the year he saved nine dollars of the twelve received. On coming to Pennsylvania, in 1860, he began working in the woods getting out timber; this continued to be his occupation until thirty-five years old, and, in 1881, he went into the hotel business at Lock Haven. This business he has followed ever since, and he has prospered in it. Beginning life poor and without any knowledge whatever of books, unaided, he has risen to an independence pecuniarily, and become a well-informed man. He is an example of what one can accomplish when he sets out in life with a fixed purpose and determination to succeed. The "Clearfield House" is a neat and substantial one,

and guests stopping there will never go away hungry.

On April 26, 1881, Mr. Lachat was married to Louise Tourdain, a native of Alsace, France, born August 29, 1862, and five children have come to them: George, Mary, Anna, Freddie, and Charles. The parents are identified with the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Lachat votes the Democratic ticket and is a strong advocate of free silver.

FERDINAND C. LUCAS. The popular proprietor and operator of the Castanea Brewery, Clinton county, with residence at Lock Haven, in a very fine home erected in 1896, and owned by him, was born February 9, 1862, in Germany.

Christian and Hannah (Galverman) Lucas, his parents, were also natives of Germany, where they resided until coming to America in 1870, locating in Allegheny county, Penn., where they have ever since resided. Christian Lucas was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co. as watchman for some twenty-five years, which remarkably long term of service for the same company is, of itself, evidence of his faithfulness to duty and of his employers' confidence in him. He and his wife are now living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of their early toil. They are the parents of six children, four of whom are living, namely: Ferdinand C., William C., Henry H. and Charles J., all residents of Natrona, Allegheny county, excepting our subject.

Ferdinand C. Lucas received his education in the schools of Natrona, Penn., and at the age of seventeen went to Steubenville, Ohio, where he learned the bakery trade, and followed it some three years. He then went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he worked for a time at the brewing business. In the fall of 1883 he came to Lock Haven, and in partnership with George W. Luther took charge of the old Fabel brewery at Castanea. The business was conducted by this firm for eighteen months, when Mr. Lucas purchased his partner's interest, and has ever since carried on the business himself. In 1888 he razed the old brewery building, and erected the present large and commodious structure. The brewery has a capacity of 10,000 barrels per annum, employment being given to several hands, and its product is principally sold in Lock Haven, thereby keeping all the money used in connection with the operation of the plant at home.

On May 24, 1885, our subject was united in marriage with Louisa Wellinger, who was born

February 29, 1864, in Pittsburg, a daughter of John G. Wellinger, of that city, and two sons and one daughter have been born to this union, namely: Ferdinand C., Jr., John G. and Claire M. The parents are members of the German Lutheran Church, and their children have all been baptized in that faith. Socially Mr. Lucas is a member of the K. of P., the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the B. P. O. E. In politics he is a Democrat, and is opposed to all monopolies. He has never sought public office. Beginning life without anything, he early became self-supporting and self-reliant, and has gradually forged to the front until he is well-to-do pecuniarily, and has attained a position in the community that commands the respect of his fellow citizens.

MICHAEL D. ROCKEY. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of this honored and venerable gentleman, since his mind bears impress of the historical annals of this section of the State from the early pioneer days, and from the fact that he is one of the honored and highly respected citizens of Logan township, Sugar Valley, Clinton county.

Mr. Rockey was born March 22, 1815, in Gregg township, George's Valley, Centre Co., Penn., and on the paternal side is of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, David Rockey, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to this country he located in Delaware county, where he followed farming throughout the greater part of his life, but he spent his last days near Pleasant Gap, in Centre county, where his death occurred. He was buried near Bellefonte. His political support was given the Democracy.

Barnet Rockey, our subject's father, was a native of Delaware county, where he was reared, educated, and learned the tanner's trade. In early life he moved to George's Valley, near Pen Creek, Centre county, where he worked as a laborer until the spring of 1818, when he moved with his family to Brush Valley, near Spring Bank, where he built a house and barn, cleared land and farmed until, in the spring of 1826, he moved to Sugar Valley on a farm in the Morgan Survey, and in the fall of 1832 he bought a tract of woodland, and in the spring of 1833 moved upon it. This he cleared and improved, building thereon a house and barn. He farmed this land until the time of his death—January 26, 1847. He was recognized as one of the most industrious, honest and highly respected citizens of the community. His remains were interred in the Tylerville cemetery. In politics he was a



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Democrat, and in his Church relations was connected with the Evangelical Association, to which his wife also belonged.

In Delaware county, Barnet Rockey had married Margaret Danton, who was born near Baltimore, Md., in 1776, and died in Rock Grove, Ill., in 1877, at the extreme old age of one hundred and one. They were the parents of nine children: Abram and Jacob (deceased); Elizabeth, wife of William Burnet (both deceased); Michael D., of this review; John, a resident of Illinois; Susanna, wife of John Myers, of Illinois, where both died; Henry (deceased); David, of Rock Grove, Illinois; and William, of Nora, Illinois.

Although our subject is a well-informed man, he is almost wholly self-educated, as the subscription schools which he attended in Brush and Sugar Valleys were much inferior to the schools of the present day. Until twenty-two years of age he remained under the parental roof, helping his father to clear the land, and later he worked as a farm hand in Sugar Valley for about thirty years. In 1850 he returned to the old homestead, which he operated until 1869, and then removed to his present home, having previously erected his residence, and leaving his only son in charge of the farm. In 1881 he retired from active farm labor, and is now enjoying a well-earned rest. He built the first house in Tylersville, in 1842, and also bought a farm there, which is now occupied by his son-in-law, Dr. Hubler.

In Logan township, Clinton county, Mr. Rockey was married to Miss Amelia Kleckner, who was born in Loyalton, Penn., October 3, 1818, a daughter of Abram and Emma (Gill) Kleckner, the former of English descent and a cooper by occupation. Seven children graced this union: Mary C., at home; William B., who married Clarissa Rishel, and has three sons; Elizabeth J., who died in childhood; Sarah A., wife of Dr. Hubler, of Tylersville; Frances H., wife of W. H. Rishel; Esther A., who died when young; and Martha J., at home. The son still continues to operate the old homestead farm, and is a Democrat in politics. The mother departed this life March 4, 1894, and was buried at Tylersville. On October 11, 1896, Mr. Rockey was again married, this time to Magdalena Hubler, a native of Penn's Valley, Centre county, a daughter of Jacob Hubler and widow of John Funk.

Our subject has always been an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and in 1848 was elected justice of the peace in Logan township, which office he most efficiently

filled for a quarter of a century, during which time he inarried over sixty couples, and out of the 1,500 cases tried before him none were ever taken before the higher courts, so impartial and just were his decisions. For four years he also served as notary public, has been overseer of the poor, constable five years, and in fact filled every township office with the exception of supervisor, which he declined. As a member of the Evangelical Association, he has been a leader in Church and Sunday-school work, and for some time served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. No man in his community enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people in a greater degree than Michael D. Rockey.

Wilson H. Rishel, our subject's son-in-law, was born in Logan township, October 3, 1853, and is a grandson of Daniel Rishel, who spent his entire life in Miles township Centre county, and followed the occupation of farming. He married a Miss Poorman, by whom he had eleven children: Jacob P.; Catharine, wife of J. Shull; Ann, wife of Jacob Sliner; Susan, wife of Peter Heckman; Daniel; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Shull; Michael; Peter; Christina, wife of David Shaffer; Mary, wife of Samuel Foust; and Henry. Both parents died in Centre county, the father at the age of eighty-three.

Jacob P. Rishel, father of Wilson H., was born in 1817, in Miles township, Centre county, where he was reared and educated. On coming to Sugar Valley, Clinton county, he located on the Spangler farm of ninety acres in Logan township, where he followed farming and lumbering until 1874, when he laid aside business cares and built a residence on another part of his farm. There he spent his remaining days, dying September 14, 1896, but his wife is still living at that place, and enjoys excellent health for one of her years. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Lutheran, and he served as elder in the Church and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He also filled the offices of overseer of the poor, and school director, and was widely and favorably known. He was married in Miles township, Centre county, in 1847, to Miss Mary Bressler, who was born October 21, 1821, a daughter of Michael and Ann (Spangler) Bressler, and to them were born six children: Clarissa, wife of William Rockey, son of our subject; Joan, wife of Lewis Jackson, of Lock Haven; Wilson H.; Mary E., wife of Calvin H. Creps; Dervin D., a lumberman; and one who died in infancy.

Wilson H. Rishel was educated in the public schools of Logan township, Clinton county, and has spent his entire life on his father's farm, tak-

ing charge of the same on the latter's retirement in 1873, and since operating it with good success. He purchased the place in 1896, and has made many good improvements thereon. In 1873 he was married to Miss Frances H. Rockey, and they have become the parents of six children: Hattie V., wife of Henry A. Karchner, by whom she has two children, Harold C. and Helen C.; James C.; William A.; Harry C.; Harvey J.; and Roy R., who died in childhood. The family is connected with the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Rishel has served as deacon, Sunday-school teacher and superintendent, while his wife has also served as teacher. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, and, socially, he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has in his possession his grandfather's clock, now over 120 years old, which has been handed down to the eldest son in the Rishel family, and is a much-prized heirloom.

THOMAS EDWARD ROACH, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Renovo, was born in Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., in 1865, a son of William and Bridget (Kane) Roach, both of whom were natives of Ireland, whence they came to America in early life, afterward spending the greater part of their days in Clinton county. The father was engaged in lumbering, railroad contracting and canal building. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, devoting his attention principally to his business interests, and by his well-spent life commanding the respect of those with whom he came in contact. He died in 1894, and his wife passed away in 1896. They had a family of six sons: James P., a general merchant of Renovo, Penn.; Dr. Thomas E.; John F., who is a professional ball player and resides in Peoria, Ill.; William H., a druggist in Driftwood, Penn.; Michael S., a professional ball player living in Hartford, Conn.; and Charles P., a druggist living at North Bend, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Roach, whose name opens this review, acquired his early education in the public schools of Driftwood, Penn., and at the age of sixteen was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegraph operator at Emporium, Penn., where he remained until reaching the age of twenty-one, when he took up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. S. S. Smith, of Emporium, Penn. He subsequently entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago, Ill., the medical department of the University of Illinois, and was graduated in that institution in March, 1890. He at once began

the practice of his profession in Renovo, Penn., where he has since continued, meeting with marked success in his undertakings. He is well versed in the science of medicine and surgery, and in the application of their principles to the alleviation of human suffering, has given evidence of his superior ability in his chosen calling.

In his political views Dr. Roach is a Democrat, and in religious belief is a Catholic. He is a gentleman of sterling worth, and has many warm friends.

ANDREW NOWLAND, an industrious and thrifty farmer and stock-raiser residing in Gallagher township, Clinton county, was born in the Irish settlement in that township, March 29, 1859.

His grandfather, Andrew Nowland, Sr., was a native of County Wexford, Ireland, and a farmer by occupation. Before leaving the Emerald Isle, he married a Miss Redmond, by whom he had six children: John, the father of our subject; Mary, wife of Jacob Shoemaker; Ann, wife of Peter Connaway; Julia, widow of Owen Malone; Ellen, wife of Michael Morrison, both of whom died in Bellefonte; and one son, who died in infancy. The father and family landed in Canada, where he remained for a time, then moved to New York, thence went to Elmira, thence to Sandy Hill, where he kept a grocery store for a number of years. From Sandy Hill he moved to Gallagher township, Clinton Co., Penn., where he acquired a good farm, and on his retirement he occasionally made a trip to Harrisburg to see the governor—Andrew G. Curtin. Mr. Nowland was educated in a college at Dublin for the priesthood. He spoke three languages fluently. His education was completed in England. On returning home he met Miss Redmond, fell in love with her, gave up the idea of becoming a priest, married her, and they lived most happily together until separated by death.

It is narrated by our subject that Andrew Nowland, Sr., with wife and four children set sail from the Emerald Isle March 20, 1830, in an old man-of-war styled "Totingham," commanded by Capt. Spencer, the first mate being a Mr. Doyle (a first cousin to the grandmother of the subject of this sketch). While crossing the ocean the vessel sprang a leak, and the captain forsook her, taking to a lifeboat. Doyle, however, stood by the vessel and saved her and the passengers. On the landing of the ship in the harbor the captain was discharged, and the mate (Doyle) was promoted to the captaincy of the vessel. Capt. Doyle made one more trip with

the "Totingham," when the old ship was abandoned and set afloat. The captain then had a boat of his own built, called the "Mary," at the masthead of which was a woman five feet in height.

On coming to Clinton county Andrew Nowland, Sr., purchased some 400 acres of timber land. He cleared about seventy-five acres and successfully engaged in farming and lumbering. A few years before his death he retired at the home of his daughter (Mrs. Morrison) in Bellefonte, where he died in 1870, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery there. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church, was a Democrat in politics, and for a number of years served as justice of the peace in Gallagher township.

John Nowland was also born in Ireland, where he received only a limited education. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the New World, and with his father engaged in lumbering and farming until twenty-four years of age, when he bought 300 acres from James Wilson, of Jersey Shore, Penn., 200 of which he cleared and transformed into a fine farm after several years of active and arduous labor. He made all of the improvements upon his land, including a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings. He also bought 1,800 acres of timberland in the same township, erected thereon a sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he shipped in rafts down the Susquehanna river to Marietta and Columbia. He continued the improvement and cultivation of his property until life's labors ended in 1892, and he was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery of Lock Haven. Politically, he was a strong Democrat, and most creditably filled the offices of tax collector, assessor and overseer of the poor in Gallagher township. His wife departed this life in 1870. Both were consistent members of the Catholic Church, to which their children also belong, and no couple in Gallagher township were more highly respected or were more deserving the high regard in which they were held.

Mrs. John Nowland bore the maiden name of Ellen Lovett, and was born in Ireland, a daughter of John Lovett, who became a farmer of Gallagher township, Clinton Co., Penn., where she gave her hand in marriage to the father of our subject. Nine children blessed their union, namely: (1) James R. remained at home with his father until after he became twenty-one years of age. He then started out in life for himself, carrying on a lumber business until his marriage, in 1884, to Sadie Conway, daughter of Peter and Ann Conway, of Gallagher township, Clinton county. James R. then purchased of his father

160 acres of land in Gallagher township—the homestead of the grandfather, Andrew Nowland. He became a prosperous and influential citizen, and at his death, which occurred April 6, 1889, he left many friends, who held him in the highest esteem. He most acceptably filled several local offices, among them tax collector, judge of elections and jurymen. He left surviving him a widow and one child—James Edward, a promising boy. (2) Hannah is the wife of Matthew Harber, a justice of the peace of Gallagher township. (3) Annie is the deceased wife of Taylor Krider. (4) Ellen is the wife of Jacob Sands, of Gallagher township. (5) Andrew is the subject of this sketch. (6) John J. is supervisor of that township, married Jennie Packard and has one child, Emily. (7) Mary is the wife of John Lovett. (8) George married Jennie Conklin, and lives in Castanea, Clinton county. (9) Joseph married Frances Muhenen, and resides in Gallagher township.

The public schools of Gallagher township afforded our subject his educational privileges, and at an early age he began working on the homestead with his father at lumbering. After he had attained his majority he spent three years in the lumber woods, principally in Clinton county, in the employ of others, and then returned to Gallagher township. Since 1890 he has had charge of the old home farm, which he has successfully operated, and he also devotes considerable attention to stock-raising with most gratifying results. He has 175 acres placed under a high state of cultivation, and he also owns a tract of 400 acres of timber land.

In November, 1896, Mr. Nowland was married in Lock Haven to Miss Jennie Shoemaker, a native of Woodward township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Peter J. Shoemaker. Like his parents, Mr. Nowland is a member of the Catholic Church, and his political support is unswervingly given to the Democratic party. He is sober, industrious and progressive, and all who know him entertain for him the highest respect.

Mr. Nowland's land is underlaid with the finest fire-clay and coal, and the minerals have been analyzed. There are sixteen feet of fire clay and a quantity of coal on the lands; also other minerals have been found which resemble silver and lead.

M H. MOTHERSBAUGH, M. D., who since 1879 has engaged in the practice of medicine in Beech Creek, was born in Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Penn., in 1841, a son of Daniel and Eleanor (Riem) Mothersbaugh, who spent their

entire lives in this State, the father devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits. He was descended from German ancestry, and his wife was of Scotch lineage. He took quite an active part in local and Church affairs, and died in 1861. His wife, surviving him for several years, died in 1872. Their children are: Daniel, Eleanor, Mrs. Susan Lanker, Mrs. Mary Rhinesmith, H. H., L. R., M. C., Mrs. Priscilla Glenn and Amanda.

The Doctor was reared on his father's farm, and acquired an education in the common schools and academy, and at the State Agricultural College, in Centre county. He read medicine under the direction of Dr. Fisher, of Boalsburg, Centre county, and was graduated from the Pennsylvania University at Philadelphia, with the class of 1879. Immediately afterward he came to Beech Creek, where he has since followed his profession with marked success.

Dr. Mothersbaugh was married, in 1875, to Miss Susan C. Hartswick, of Boalsburg, and two children graced this union: Mary and Robert. The parents are leading and influential members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the Doctor is now serving as trustee. He gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office. He keeps abreast with all the improvements of the profession by his membership in the Clinton County Medical Society, the Medical Society of the West Branch, and the State Medical Association. He is well versed in his calling, and his ability to successfully apply the principles of medicine to the alleviation of human suffering has gained him an enviable place among those who devote their lives to the noble work. His manner is pleasant and kindly, and his sterling worth has won for him the esteem of a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM O'DWYER, one of the self-made men of Renovo, whose early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, commenced life without other capital than his strong hands and resolute will, and in his undertakings prospered, but he has now laid aside all business cares.

Born January 1, 1839, in County Clare, Ireland, Mr. O'Dwyer is a son of Michael and Margaret (Kelly) O'Dwyer, also natives of Ireland, who in 1865 emigrated to America and located in Renovo, Penn., where they spent their remaining days. In less than a year after his arrival, the father, whose hearing was impaired, was walking along the Pennsylvania railroad track when a tree came sliding down from the mountain top upon him and broke one of his legs, and other-

wise injured him so that he died eleven days later. His wife long survived him, passing away in April, 1886. She left three children: William; Michael D., a merchant of Renovo; and Catherine, wife of Daniel Hayes.

The opportunities afforded our subject for obtaining an education were very limited, and on starting out in life for himself he worked as a common laborer in his native land until 1862, when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Renovo. For a time he worked on bridges, in mills, or at anything which he could find to do, including railroading, but in 1869 he embarked in the coal business in Renovo, which he successfully followed for twenty years. In 1872 he also started a store, and was actively engaged in both lines of business until 1889, when he retired to private life. He met with excellent success in his operations, and he was of an industrious, economical nature, and has never yet had occasion to regret his emigration to America, for here he has secured a good home and a comfortable competence which enable him to spend his declining days in peace and quiet.

On February 25, 1879, Mr. O'Dwyer was joined in wedlock to Miss Susanna McNamara, also a native of County Clare, Ireland, and a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Birmingham) McNamara. The mother spent her entire life in Ireland, dying there December 22, 1872, but the father later came to America, where his death occurred November 24, 1890. In their family were six children, five of whom are now living: Mary, wife of C. Mulvihill; Nora, wife of Patrick Henry Duffy; Susanna, wife of our subject; Anna, wife of C. McIlhenny, a resident of Philadelphia; James, of Renovo; and Bridget, of Chicago. Mrs. Nora Duffy died March 17, 1897. Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer, but only five are now living. In order of birth they were as follows: Alice Frances, Charlotte Ann, Leo Lisnori, Margaret Mary and Agnes Theresa. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. O'Dwyer is an ardent Democrat. He has the respect and esteem of all who know him, and has made many friends in his adopted country.

FRANK HARVEY, of Renovo, Clinton county, is the possessor of a handsome property which now enables him to spend his years in the pleasureable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his life is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence for

himself and family. He was left an orphan at an early age, and without capital started out to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in the path to prosperity. His youthful dreams have been realized, and in their happy fulfillment he sees the fitting reward of his earnest toil.

Mr. Harvey was born in 1842, in Ireland, a son of Richard and Mary (McNeelus) Harvey, also natives of that country, where the mother died six weeks after the birth of our subject. In 1849 the father immigrated to the United States and took up his residence in Allegany county, Md., where he continued to make his home until he, too, was called to his final rest in 1856. Only two sons are now living: James, still a resident of Maryland; and Frank, of this review.

To a limited extent Frank Harvey attended the public schools of Maryland, but the terms were short and the teachers very incompetent. After his father's death he became a driver in the mines, and, subsequently, engaged in rail-roading until after the outbreak of the Civil war, being in the employ of the Broadtop Railroad Company. The superintendent of the road, J. J. Lawrence, organized a company in 1862, which Mr. Harvey joined, it becoming Company F, 125th P. V. I., under Col. Jacob Higgins. For nine months our subject was in active service, and on the expiration of his term he, with the other employees of the road which formed the company, were re-instated, as was also the superintendent. In 1864, when Mr. Lawrence was transferred to the Sunbury & Erie, now the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, he took with him, among other employees, Mr. Harvey, who served as engineer on that road until December 31, 1869, when he retired from the business. He has since been one of the important factors in the upbuilding and development of Renovo, being prominently connected with a number of its leading enterprises. He erected the "Exchange Hotel," one of the most commodious hostleries in the place, and also built the water works.

In 1867 Mr. Harvey was united in marriage with Miss Susan, daughter of Dr. Thomas Kane, a native of Ireland, and to them were born seven children, of whom six are still living: Mary, now the wife of A. P. Hassett, of Johnsonburg, Penn.; John F., who married M. A. Burgess, and also resides in Johnsonburg; Nellie; Thomas E., a railroad fireman; Frank, who is clerking in a store in Johnsonburg; and Charles Pattison, who is attending the Renovo High School.

Mr. Harvey and his family are all communi-cants of the Catholic Church, and in politics he has always been identified with the Democratic

party. He has made a careful study of political matters, and has done much to promote his party's interests and insure its success. His fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him twice to serve as Burgess of Renovo, and in 1885 he was appointed by President Cleveland to fill an unexpired term as post-master, and was later re-appointed for a full term, creditably serving in that position until 1890. As a contractor he has been interested in railroad work, such as laying tracks, building bridges, grading etc. Being a successful man of business, his ability to advise what is best for the general welfare should be and is greater than that of an individual whose scope is more limited. He has made good use of his opportunities throughout life, and is still vigorous and well preserved, with a remarkable faculty for the conduct and dispatch of business.

WILLIAM SCOTT HARRIS. Of the younger men of Lock Haven, who have come to the front in the business circle of that enterprising city, Mr. Harris is deserving of mention.

Jacob G. Harris, his father, is now a retired merchant of Lock Haven, a man held in high esteem by a wide circle of business acquaintances with whom from boyhood he has had business dealings, and by the many friends of the family. Jacob G. Harris was born March 18, 1831, in Williamsport, Penn., and when but a boy came to his present place of residence. He was married in 1858, to Phoebe A., daughter of Edward Shultz, a native of Pennsylvania, born February 2, 1839, at Lebanon, and of their children, two only are living, namely: William Scott and Elizabeth; one—Sarah S. Harris—is deceased.

William Scott Harris was born October 5, 1861, and received his primary education at a private school. Later he attended the public schools of Lock Haven. At the age of seventeen he dropped out of school and began his business career as a clerk in the dry-goods store of his father. He remained so occupied until 1893; however, in 1883, he, in connection with his store duties became interested in the Lock Haven Gas Company, and since 1887, when the Electric Light Company was organized by the Gas Company and the two consolidated, he has been identified with it. Since 1893 he has given all of his time to the interests of the Gas, Electric & Power Company, of which for the past three years he has been the efficient manager. He is a capable business man, and has most suc-

cessfully conducted the affairs of the company as well as his outside business ventures. Socially he is identified with the B. P. O. E., and is Past Exalted Ruler of the B. P. O. E., No. 182, at Lock Haven. In politics he is a Republican, and active and influential in party affairs. He is now serving as president of the school board.

JOHN R. THOMPSON. To a student of biography there is nothing more interesting than to examine the life-history of a self-made man, and to detect the elements of character which have enabled him to pass on the highway of life many companions of his youth who at the outset of their careers were more advantageously equipped or endowed. The subject of this review has through his own exertions attained an honorable position, and marked prestige among the representative business men of Clinton county.

James T. Thompson, his father, one of the well-known and highly-respected citizens of Salona, was born April 30, 1826, on the old homestead near Mackeyville, in Lamar township, Clinton county, a son of Moses and Hannah (Betts) Thompson. Among his first teachers was James Rogers, but his opportunities for obtaining a good education were limited as his services were required on the home farm until seventeen years of age. He then began learning the miller's trade in Mackeyville under David Reesman, and during his three-years' apprenticeship received no compensation for his services except his board. After mastering the trade, he again attended school for a short time in Mackeyville, and subsequently successfully engaged in teaching for over five terms.

On April 24, 1856, in Lewisburg, Penn., James T. Thompson was married to Miss Hannah M. Lemon, who was born December 18, 1832, in New Berlin, Penn., a daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Thompson) Lemon, in whose family were seven children: George, Ellen, Thompson, Sarah J., Lydia, Hannah M., and Mary. The father, who was a chair maker and furniture manufacturer, died in Williamsport, Penn., at a ripe old age, as did also his wife, and the remains of both were interred there. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were the following children: Eliza Ellen, born April 18, 1858, is now Mrs. Edward Burrell, of Lock Haven; John R. is next in order of birth; Mary Belle, born May 23, 1861, is the wife of A. M. Reigel, of Salona; Thomas L., born March 14, 1864, is a butcher of Lock Haven;

Samuel W., born August 18, 1866, died February 7, 1871; Harry A., born October 3, 1871, died in infancy; and Anna G., born August 18, 1872, is the wife of Dr. T. C. Conser, of Sunbury, Penn. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was called to her final rest February 7, 1890, and was buried at Cedar Hill.

After his marriage James T. Thompson located in Mackeyville, where he engaged in merchandising in partnership with his brother, Robinson, until 1858, when he sold out and removed to Salona. For two years he was then connected with his brother, Solomon, in the tanning business, but soon after the outbreak of the Civil war he embarked in the butchering business at Salona, which he successfully carried on for a quarter of a century, gradually retiring after our subject became interested in the enterprise until he is now practically living retired. Until 1889 he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but in that year joined the ranks of the Prohibition party, as he is a great enemy of the liquor traffic. For many years he has been a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is now living in Salona, surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who appreciate his sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

John R. Thompson was born June 9, 1859, at Salona, and in its public schools began his literary education under the direction of Daniel H. Hastings, the present governor of Pennsylvania. He regularly attended school until eighteen years of age, thus acquiring a good practical education, and it is his opinion that the government of the schools at that day was much better than at the present time. For one year he taught school in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, receiving \$24 per month.

In the spring of 1880 Mr. Thompson began working as a carriage-painter for W. J. Eddy & D. B. Krape, of Salona, at fifty cents per day, but at the end of two months his wages were increased to \$1.50. The burning of the factory caused him to go to Howard, Penn., where for two years he worked at his trade for G. M. Quiggle. After his marriage he visited Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, and for a few months was employed in Quincy, Ill., after which he returned to Salona, and has since engaged in the wholesale butcher business, buying cattle, which he slaughters and dresses ready for market and then sells. Since 1886 he has successfully engaged in this undertaking, and he also does an extensive business as a shipper and seller of live stock. In the spring of 1890 he located upon his present farm

in Lamar township, Clinton county, known as a part of the Nestlerode farm, which at one time was owned by James Thompson, a brother of our subject's great-grandfather. It comprises some of the finest land to be found in Nittany Valley, and has been improved by him until it is now one of the most attractive and desirable places in the township. His elegant modern residence at Salona was erected in 1894, and the barns and other outbuildings have been remodeled. Besides his place, he owns property in Lock Haven, a number of houses in Salona, a half interest in several valuable timber tracts in Union county, and adjoining his home farm he purchased a tract of land, a portion of which he has laid off and sold into town lots, which have been improved with good houses. Since 1892 he has successfully engaged in the raising of tobacco in connection with his farming.

In January, 1886, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Lottie S. Hyatt, of Lamar township, Clinton county, who was born in Bradford county, Penn., September 18, 1859, a daughter of Eli and Emma F. (Herr) Hyatt, the former a native of Otsego county, N. Y., and the latter of Salona, Penn. In early life her father was a farmer and insurance agent, and later engaged in lumbering and in the manufacture of axes. He died in Salona, where his wife, who was born March 15, 1835, is still living. In their family were six children, namely: George T., also a resident of Salona; H. Clinton, a shoe dealer of Lewisburg, Penn.; Hattie R., who married Elmer Jakway, and died in East Smithfield, Penn.; Lottie S., wife of our subject; Anna, now Mrs. Thomas H. Harris, of Tremont, Ill.; and Jennie, of Salona. The father of these children was a Democrat in politics, served as justice of the peace while living in Salona, and was a faithful member of the Disciple Church. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Randolph H., September 11, 1886; Clinton T., February 27, 1888; Helen C., April 4, 1890; and Emma L., March 4, 1897.

Since casting his first vote for James A. Garfield, Mr. Thompson has been unwavering in his support of the Republican party, but he has always refused to accept office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. Fraternally, he is a member of Olympic Council Royal Arcanum, No. 932, at Lock Haven. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common

sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man, and have been the important factors in his wonderful success. In advancing his own interests he has also materially promoted the prosperity of his community by giving employment to a number of men, especially in the dull seasons. Thus as a public-spirited, progressive citizen he justly deserves the success that he has achieved, and is entitled to the respect and confidence that is everywhere accorded him.

JOHAN P. ANTHONY, a prominent citizen of Lock Haven, Clinton county, is now serving his second term as alderman from the First ward of that city, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he has twice overcome a large Republican majority in his ward without sacrificing his staunch Democratic principles. His influence is by no means confined to municipal affairs, however, as he has taken an active part in county politics, and at one time held the office of county auditor.

The Anthony family originated in France, and Philip Anthony, our subject's father, was born in that country, and came to this country in early manhood as one of the "Ole Bull" settlers. He was for many years a leading merchant-tailor of Lock Haven, and is now living in that city at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married Miss Philbena Baseharp, and of their two living sons our subject is the elder. The younger, L. H. Anthony, is engaged in business as a merchant-tailor at Lock Haven.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1852, at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Penn., but was reared in Lock Haven, receiving his education in the elementary branches in the public schools, as one of the first pupils of Dr. A. N. Robb. Later he pursued higher lines of study at the Central State Normal School in the same city, and at the Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin, where he spent two years. In 1880 he took charge of the First Ward School in Lock Haven, and held the position until 1891, his ability as a teacher winning wide recognition. In 1891 his name was presented as a reform candidate for alderman, and, having the confidence of the best people of all parties, he was elected. So well did he discharge the duties of the post that he was re-elected in 1896 for another term. He is a firm opponent of monopolies of all kinds, and has been an ardent supporter of the Democratic party since he was old enough to have opinions of his own.

In 1877 he was married to Miss Snyder, a

daughter of John Snyder, a resident of the east end of Nittany Valley. Our subject is a member of various orders, including the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the P. O. S. of A., and the I. O. O. F., in which he is a Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch of the Encampment.

WILLIAM H. ORNER, a prosperous and influential farmer of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, was born there November 16, 1847, his birth occurring on the farm which has now been in the family for over eighty years.

His grandfather, John Orner, a native of Northampton county, Penn., was the first of the family to come to Clinton county, and located first in Nittany Valley. He bought a small tract of land in Bald Eagle township, of which only a few acres had been cleared. A stonemason by trade, he worked at that occupation during the busy season, while his family engaged in the further development and cultivation of the farm. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Paul, died upon that place, and now sleep in Brown cemetery, Bald Eagle township.

Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, who married Jonathan Daughenbaugh, and died in Eagleville, Centre Co., Penn.; Susan, who married John Bitner, and died in Beech Creek, Clinton county; Mary, who wedded Andrew Smith, and died in Beech Creek; Yanne, who married William Berry, and died in Bald Eagle township; John, who died in Jefferson county, Penn.; Archibald A., who was a mason by trade, and died in Bald Eagle township, August 11, 1873, being an invalid for twenty years before his death; Levi, who died in Iowa; Margaret, who married Henry Myers, and died in Bald Eagle township; and Jacob, the father of our subject.

Jacob Orner, the youngest of the family, was born June 14, 1824, on the old home farm in Bald Eagle township, received only a meager education, and was the only one of the sons that did not learn a trade. On attaining to man's estate he married Elizabeth Kessinger, who was born October 1, 1822, in Middletown, Penn., the daughter of Adam Kessinger, and they began housekeeping on the Orner homestead, where they remained for four years. The father then rented the John Harleyman farm in Bald Eagle township for five years, and then removed to the farm now owned and occupied by our subject, purchasing the same of Eli B. Forester. In 1853 he built a log house, which is still standing, and in the spring of 1855 located upon the place, making it his home until 1878, when he removed to another farm in the same township, where his

death occurred in 1885. His wife was called to her final rest in 1888, and both were buried in Allen cemetery, Bald Eagle township. They were faithful members of the Christian Church, in which he served as elder for many years, and in politics he was a staunch Democrat. He stood five feet, eleven inches in his stocking feet, weighed from 190 to 196 pounds, was hearty and robust, being seldom ill. Although he started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, he succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence, and also gained the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact.

Jacob and Elizabeth (Kessinger) Orner had a family of nine children: Mary P., born December 30, 1845, is the wife of Samuel Achuff, of Lock Haven, Penn.; William H., our subject, is next in order of birth; Margaret E., born April 13, 1850, is now Mrs. Robert Lannen, of Lock Haven; Elizabeth M., born April 2, 1852, is the wife of Henry Chambers, of Mill Hall, Clinton county; Sarah A., born August 2, 1854, is the wife of William Reeder, of Lock Haven; George B., born November 1, 1856, is a resident of Bald Eagle township; Emily C., born August 28, 1859, makes her home in Lock Haven; Charles E., born May 10, 1862, is a farmer of Bald Eagle township; and Bertha I., born December 7, 1864, is the wife of Green B. Shearer, of Cameron county, Pennsylvania.

In the Plunkett's Run school, under the direction of I. S. Marshall, William H. Orner began his literary education, and afterward only attended for four months during the winter season, when work upon the farm was practically over. The schools were of the most primitive character, and our subject learned to write with a quill pen. He continued to assist in the labors of the home farm during the summer, and at the age of eighteen began working as an employe in the lumber woods, but four years later embarked in business on his own account as a lumberman. From that time until he had attained the age of twenty-eight he saved \$1,600, often spending as much as ten months out of the year in the lumber camps. While engaged in log-driving he experienced all the dangers and privations of such a life, but met with excellent success in his labors.

At the age of twenty-eight, Mr. Orner was married to Miss Lydia J. Bitner, a native of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, a daughter of Abraham Bitner, and in that township they made their home for two years, while he engaged in lumbering. From his father he then rented his present farm for four years, and purchased the same in 1882 (having the aid, in so doing, of a portion of Mrs. Orner's legacy, which

she received from her parents), since which time he has devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory. He has 100 acres of fertile and productive land, on which he erected an elegant residence in 1895, it being a model of convenience and one of the best homes in Bald Eagle township. In connection with general farming he raises thoroughbred Chester-White hogs, and all the stock upon his place is of a good grade. Skillful and systematic in his work, his success has been worthily achieved, and he is to-day ranked among the substantial, progressive and reliable business men of his township.

To our subject and his wife were born seven children: Alma, Stella, Olive, Lawrence T., Etta and Bessie (twins), and Raymond P., all of whom are still living with the exception of Bessie. The parents hold membership in the Church of Christ, and in social circles occupy an enviable position, their true worth and many excellencies of character being duly appreciated. At State and National elections, Mr. Orner always supports the Democratic party, but at local elections where no issue is involved he votes for the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the position. For six years he served as auditor of his township and declined a re-election.

J J. WENTZEL, Esq., a well-known merchant-tailor of Renovo, was born in 1850, in Northumberland county, Penn., a son of Elias and Rachel (Geise) Wentzel, also natives of Pennsylvania, where they have spent their entire lives. Throughout his active business career the father engaged in agricultural pursuits, but for the past ten years has lived in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He has now reached the age of seventy-seven, while his wife is seventy-five, and they make their home in Snyder county, where they are surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their sterling worth. They have eight children, as follows: Louisa, wife of Jonathan Spangler; J. J., of this sketch; Kate, wife of Andrew Deal, of Elkhart, Ind.; Mary, also a resident of Elkhart; Sarah, wife of William Witmer; Rachel, wife of Dr. Krebs, of Northumberland county; David, a resident of Nebraska; and George N., who lives on the old homestead farm in Snyder county.

When a child of eight years, J. J. Wentzel accompanied his parents on their removal to Snyder county, where he was reared upon a farm, and in the public schools of that county he obtained his elementary education. Later he at-

tended the Freeburg Academy for a year and a half, and one winter taught school in Snyder county, another winter in Dauphin county, and one year had charge of the high school in Gratztown, Pennsylvania.

At the age of twenty, Mr. Wentzel left the parental roof, and for five years engaged in merchandising. Later he followed merchant-tailoring, and was also agent for sewing-machines and organs at Selins Grove, whence he removed to Shamokin, where he also engaged in merchant tailoring for nine years. Since 1886 he has been a resident of Renovo, and is one of the leading tailors of the place as well as one of its representative and highly respected citizens.

Mr. Wentzel was married, in 1873, to Miss Mary L., daughter of Samuel Faust, of Selins Grove, and to them were born four children: Samuel F., Katie R. (Mrs. Chauncey D. Saltzman), Mary Lidia (deceased); and Guy E. The parents are sincere and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Wentzel is now serving as steward. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and has ever been an active worker in the interests of his party. He served as assistant postmaster while a resident of Salem, Snyder county, and was postmaster at Dry Valley Cross Roads, Union Co., Penn., which office he established. He discharged the duties of the office in a prompt and efficient manner. In November, 1890, he was appointed justice of the peace, by the Governor, for Renovo, and held that office for a year and a half. In 1896 he was elected to the same position, which he is now filling with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the community, his decisions being always fair and impartial.

HENRY J. EMORY was born August 8, 1840, in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, where he now follows farming and tobacco raising.

From the North of Ireland came the first American ancestors of the family. Henry Emery, who spelled the name with an e, was born in Buffalo Valley (now a part of Union county), June 23, 1789, of Scotch-Irish descent, and when a young man removed to Linden, Lycoming county, where he purchased a tract of land and followed farming until within a few years of his death. Some time before he died he bought a home on the public road near Linden, where he lived retired, departing this life November 20, 1872. He was an industrious, energetic man, upright in his dealing, well-known and respected by all. His political adherence was transferred from the Whig to the Republican party, and he

and his family were leading Methodists, their home being the place of entertainment for all ministers of that denomination.

Henry Emory was married January 1, 1812, to Sarah Horn, who was born October 26, 1793. They became parents of ten children: Jacob F. was born October 22, 1812; Elizabeth, born December 28, 1813, died February 12, 1892; Nancy, born October 2, 1815, married Marshall Hughes, who died in Wisconsin December 10, 1877, and her death occurred in that State August 13, 1885; Margaret, born September 29, 1817, became the wife of William Marshall, and died near Linden, Penn.; Mary, born August 18, 1819, married Abram Williamson, of Wisconsin; Catharine, born July 26, 1822, is the widow of Robert Martin, of Lycoming county, Penn.; John B., a saddler, born August 4, 1827, died in Kansas, January 6, 1895; Henry, born March 3, 1829, resides on the old homestead; Sarah, born May 14, 1832, died August 27, 1856; Rachel A., born May 17, 1835, married Thomas Smith, of Linden, and died in May, 1897. The mother of this family, who was a consistent Methodist, died November 1, 1856.

Jacob F. Emory, a native of Linden, received a common-school education, and remained on his father's farm until 1840, when he located on the Samuel Thomas farm of 100 acres in Clinton county. He made excellent improvements there, remodeled the dwelling, built a good barn, and was extensively engaged in stock raising, always keeping on hand very fine horses. He spent fifty years of his life as a respected farmer and citizen of Pine Creek township, and died September 23, 1890. In politics he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican, and held all the township offices except that of justice of the peace. He was industrious, temperate, honorable in all things, and daily made a study of his Bible.

On October 17, 1839, at Linden Springs, Penn., Mr. (Jacob F.) Emory was married to Rebecca Martin, who was born May 5, 1817, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah Allen Martin, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish descent. Her death occurred September 6, 1880. Both Mr. and Mrs. Emory were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their family numbered nine children: Henry J. is our subject; Sarah E., born June 23, 1842, was married June 9, 1870, to Hugh F. Allen, of Lock Haven; Mary E., born April 7, 1844, became the wife of Anthony C. Pepperman, of Lock Haven, February 26, 1863; Martin A., born June 1, 1846, died June 10, 1870; Rebecca J., born February 9, 1850, is the wife of James Shaw, of Pine Creek township,

Clinton county; George Winfield, born July 19, 1852, wedded Mary Bunnell, of Pine Creek township, by whom he has five children; Clara A., born April 30, 1855, is the wife of Jacob Bunnell; and Margaret E., born March 2, 1848, is the wife of Joseph J. McGuire, of Wayne township, Clinton county.

Henry J. Emory started out in life for himself empty-handed, and to-day he is classed among the substantial farmers and most enterprising citizens of Pine Creek township. His advantages were very meagre but he made the most of his opportunities, and determined purpose has enabled him to reach the goal of prosperity. He attended the public schools of Pine Creek township and spent the first twenty years of his life on the homestead. In 1867, in connection with his father, he purchased 119 acres of the old Harris farm in Pine Creek township, which he operated for five years, making excellent improvements thereon. He afterward purchased the Garman homestead. He had little capital when he started out in life, but by rafting on the river he managed to save \$1,000 with which he made the first payment on the farm March 12, 1872. His economy and industry soon enabled him to clear the place of all indebtedness, and he now has ninety-two acres of rich land, largely planted to tobacco. In this industry he has been very successful. He built three tobacco sheds 75 x 24 feet, and two sheds 50 x 25, and his capable management of his interests has bought to him good financial returns. He also owns two dwellings in Jersey Shore, and a good farm in Porter township, Lycoming county.

On July 2, 1867, in the home where they now reside, by Rev. Winton, a Lutheran minister, Mr. Emory was married to Miss Hannah Louise Garman, who was born August 14, 1841, a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Groff) Garman. Her father was born in Dauphin county, Penn., August 4, 1807, and on coming to central Pennsylvania purchased the old Lay farm of 200 acres in Pine Creek township, Clinton county. Here, in 1840, he built one of the first brick houses in the township, at a cost of \$4,000. He also built barns and made other substantial improvements, and continued active farming until 1872, when he retired to private life. In 1874 he removed to Jersey Shore, where his death occurred in 1896, his remains being interred in the Jersey Shore cemetery. He was married in Lancaster county to Hannah Groff, a native of that county, and a daughter of Isaac Groff. She died at the old homestead in 1872. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garman were active members of the Lutheran Church, in which he served as elder.

He was a worker in the temperance cause, a student of the Bible, and an honorable, upright man, whose influence was ever on the side of the good. For a number of years he served as justice of the peace of Pine Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Garman had children: David, a retired merchant of Jersey Shore, married Maria Knepley, and has one child, William; Jacob, who married Sarah Good, and had one child; Mamie, died in Chester county, Penn., at the age of forty; Rebecca resides in Jersey Shore; Mrs. Emory is the next of the family; Mary C. died in infancy; and Henry, a jeweler of Coatsville, Chester county, married Jennie Scott, and has one child, Edgar.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Emory have two children: (1) Carrie V., born April 17, 1868, who was educated in the public schools, and was married September 19, 1888, to Harvey J. Betts, a farmer of Porter township, Lycoming county, by whom she has two children—Grace E., born September 21, 1889; and Charles H., born June 21, 1896. (2) Charles A., born January 16, 1871, attended the schools of Pine Creek township and the high school of Jersey Shore, and is now engaged in tobacco raising on the home farm. He was married, in February, 1897, to Barrie H., a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Kline) Earon, of Pine Creek township. Mr. Emory is an elder in the Lutheran Church, a teacher in the Sunday-school, and a man whose upright life and fidelity to principle commends him to the confidence and regard of all. Temperate, industrious, true to every trust, his circle of friends is very extensive, and his example is most worthy of emulation.

ORRIN HARVEY ROSSER, M. D. In comparison of the relative value to mankind of the various professions and pursuits, it is widely recognized that none is so important as the medical profession. From the cradle to the grave human destiny is largely in the hands of the physician. One of the ablest representatives of this noble calling in Clinton county is Dr. Rosser, of Renovo.

The Doctor is a native of the county, his birth having occurred in Lock Haven, March 6, 1866, and he is a son of William H. and Henrietta Catherine (Reither) Rosser, who are now residents of Mill Hall. The mother is a native of Germany, but the father was born in Tioga county, Penn., in 1840, though his father was a native of Wales. When only seven years old William H. Rosser was brought to Clinton county, where he has since made his home. For

many years he followed carriage making and blacksmithing, but is now living practically retired. In answer to his country's call for aid during the dark days of the Rebellion, he enlisted in Company C, 52d P. V. I., but at the end of a year was honorably discharged on account of lung trouble. He is one of the most highly respected and honored citizens of Mill Hall, where he is now acceptably serving his fifth term as justice of the peace. The Doctor has two brothers, George McClellan and Jesse B., of Mill Hall.

Our subject attended the common schools until thirteen years of age, and in 1882 entered the Normal, at Lock Haven, where he was graduated in June of the following year. During the next two years he was engaged in the axe business for his father, but spent his leisure hours in studying medicine with Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, of Lock Haven. In September, 1887, he matriculated at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, and graduated from that institution April 10, 1890. He at once opened an office in Vanderbilt, Fayette Co., Penn., but in May, 1891, came to Renovo, where he soon built up a large and lucrative practice, which he to-day enjoys. He is a progressive member of the profession, who keeps abreast of the latest discoveries and theories by his perusals of medical journals. His skill and ability are attested by the liberal patronage he enjoys, and which ranks him as one of the leading physicians of the county.

On April 17, 1890, Dr. Rosser was united in marriage with Miss Nettie E. Welsh, a daughter of Nathan Welsh, of Lock Haven. Politically, the Doctor is identified with the Democratic party, and, fraternally, is a member of the Renovo Lodge No. 595, I. O. O. F., and Dexter Encampment No. 163. He is an honored member of the Clinton County Medical Society, and also of the Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and, in social as well as professional circles, he stands deservedly high.

CHARLES H. KLINEFELTER, now serving as justice of the peace in Chapman township, Clinton county, is a prominent general merchant of North Bend, Clinton county. Comparatively few men can attain to the highest offices in civil or military life, but commerce offers a broad and almost limitless field in which one can exercise his powers unrestrained, and gain a leadership as the head of a chosen calling. In the life of our subject we learn that the qualifications necessary for success are a high ambition and a resolute, honorable purpose to reach the exalted standard that has been set up. From

the age of twelve years he has been dependent upon his own resources.

Mr. Klinefelter was born March 18, 1862, in Madisonburg, Centre Co., Penn., and is a grandson of Peter Klinefelter, Sr., who was born in York county, Penn., of German descent, and there followed farming until coming, when a young man, to central Pennsylvania. He purchased a farm of 125 acres near Madisonburg, in Centre county, on which he made many useful and valuable improvements, and successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising. He died at Madisonburg in 1872, and was buried there. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, was a Democrat in politics, and was widely and favorably known. He married and had several children.

Peter Klinefelter, our subject's father, was a native of Madisonburg, and acquired a fair education in both German and English, such as the public schools of the day afforded. He made farming his principal occupation, and spent his entire life upon his father's place, where he died in 1874, being laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery at Madisonburg. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and on the Democratic ticket, which he always supported by his ballot, he was elected to several township offices of honor and trust in Miles township, Centre county. In Rebersburg, that county, he married Elvina Smull, a native of that place, and a daughter of Henry Smull, a farmer, who was of German descent. Five children blessed this union: One who died in infancy; Jane, wife of John Stiver, of Flemington, Clinton county; Luther, who died at the age of thirty; Tyrus, a resident of Nippenose Valley, Lycoming Co., Penn.; and Charles H. After the death of her first husband, the mother married William Bierley, of Rebersburg, where they are still living.

In the public schools of Centre county the subject of this sketch received his primary education, which was supplemented by a course in select schools in Rebersburg and in the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His father dying when he was twelve years of age, he came to Clinton county to live with an uncle, T. J. Smull, a merchant of Mackeyville, with whom he remained for three years, clerking in the store and attending school. He then returned to Rebersburg, where he pursued his studies in a private school, as previously stated, and lived there for several years. At the age of eighteen he taught his first school in Woodward, Centre county, and successfully followed that profession for four terms in Nippenose Valley, in Rebersburg, and in Dodge City, Kansas.

For a year and a half Mr. Klinefelter clerked in the store of L. Putt, in Renovo, Penn., and in 1884 went to Newton, Kans., where he was similarly employed for the same length of time. In that State he pre-empted 160 acres of land, which he still retains, and during the great boom of that section he successfully engaged in the real-estate and loan business until 1889. Returning to his native State, Mr. Klinefelter located in Clearfield county, where he engaged in clerking, and also became manager of a coal company's store, remaining there until 1894, when he came to North Bend and bought the Webster property. Here he has since successfully engaged in general merchandising, and is numbered among its wide-awake and enterprising business men. For three years he also conducted a store at Gleasonton, but sold out in the spring of 1897.

In 1889, in Lock Haven, Mr. Klinefelter was married to Miss Stella Webster, a native of Wayne county, Penn., and a daughter of H. M. Webster, a real-estate broker, who was of English descent. On the Republican ticket, Mr. Klinefelter was elected justice of the peace of Chapman township, in 1894, and is now acceptably serving in that office, having married one couple and tried many cases, none of which have been appealed to the higher courts, so fair and impartial is he in his decisions. Socially, he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and, religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. Two daughters have been born to them: Erma and Mildred.

SAMUEL EISENHOWER. Among the representative and enterprising farmers of Green township, Clinton county, there is perhaps none that is looked upon with more respect than Mr. Eisenhower, who was born March 17, 1848, in the same township. Henry Eisenhower, his grandfather, was a native of Lebanon county, Penn., a farmer and weaver by occupation, and a Democrat in politics. He was three times married, and spent his last days in Indiana.

Daniel Eisenhower, father of our subject, was born on January 27, 1813, in Lebanon county, near the city of Lebanon, and attended the subscription schools of the locality. At the age of eighteen he learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked in his native county until 1835, when he came to central Pennsylvania and took up his residence in White Deer, Lycoming county, where for thirteen years he worked at his trade and also at other employments. For a short time after coming to Sugar Valley, in 1848, he

continued to follow tailoring, and then purchased 100 acres of land, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies until 1888, when he sold out, and is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest, though he is not entirely idle, being too energetic for that. For many years he has been a consistent and faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and is an earnest advocate of the Republican party.

In 1836, at White Deer, Daniel Eisenhower was united in marriage with Miss Leah Lutz, a native of Lebanon county, Penn., and a daughter of William Lutz, a farmer of that county. Nine children were born to them: William, who died while in the army; Henry, a resident of West Point, Clinton county; John, also of Clinton county; Samuel, of this sketch; Cornelius, of Reedsville, Mifflin county; Margaret, wife of William Miller, of Illinois; Sarah, widow of Edward Shafer; and two who died in childhood. The wife and mother was called to the world beyond in 1884, and was buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery. Four years later the father was again married, in Green township, his second union being with Barbara A. Citherman, who was born December 31, 1828, in Union county, Penn., and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Eisenhower was the widow of Andrew Cornman. Her father was David Citherman, a farmer of Union county.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools, conducted in an old log school house at Pleasant Hill, and taught by Mr. Watson and afterward by Mr. Bitner, for only three months during the winter until thirteen years of age, when his school days were over. He has ever been a close student, however, and by reading and observation has become a well-informed man, well posted on all topics of general interest.

At the age of thirteen Mr. Eisenhower left home and was employed by the farmers of Lamar township, Clinton county, for four years, receiving about \$12 per month. In 1865, as a chopper, he began cutting logs in the woods of Elk county, Penn., where he was employed for three years, and then returned to Green township, Clinton county, and began business for himself in manufacturing lumber, railroad ties, etc., with Andrew Jamison as a partner. In 1876 he went to Nebraska, where he only remained a short time, and on his return purchased his present farm of 125 acres of valuable land from John Herman. Here he has since made his home, and has improved the place with a fine residence, good barns and other outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. In connection with general farming, he

makes a specialty of the raising of potatoes, and is looked upon as one of the most skillful and methodical agriculturists of the locality.

In 1870, in Green township, Mr. Eisenhower was married to Miss Rebecca Herman, who was born in Lykens Valley, Dauphin county, Penn., a daughter of Josiah and Matilda (Dappendorf) Herman, of Green township, Clinton county. She has indeed proved a faithful helpmeet to her husband, is an excellent housekeeper and cook, and is a most estimable lady. The following children have been born to them: Albert, who was educated in the public schools and the Central State Normal, and is now successfully engaged in teaching in the West; Harvey, who also pursued his studies in the schools of Green township and the Central State Normal at Lock Haven, after which he taught for three terms in Green township, and is now taking a musical course in the college at Valparaiso, Ind.; Noah, Leah, William, Josiah, Sarah and Jennie P., all at home, and two who died in infancy. Fully realizing the advantages of a good education, Mr. Eisenhower is providing his children with the best possible opportunities along that line. He has done much to promote the cause of education in his district, while serving as school director and president of the board, and he has also efficiently filled the office of overseer of the poor in Green township. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as elder for six years, and also as deacon and trustee, and Sunday-school superintendent and teacher. All enterprises calculated to promote the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community receive his hearty support.

JAMES R. THRONE, a representative farmer and tobacco grower of Wayne township, Clinton county, was born October 10, 1847, near Youngsdale, in that township, and is a worthy member of one of the highly-respected families of the county.

John M. Throne, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and when a young man emigrated to this country, first locating in Berks county, Penn., where he followed milling for some time. He then removed to Centre Mills, Centre county, where he followed the same pursuit for a number of years, and was subsequently engaged in the milling business in New Lisbon, Ohio, where his death occurred. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat. He was married in Berks county, Penn., and became the father of the following children: Jesse, John, Samuel,

David, Michael, and Mary (Polly), wife of David H. Snook, of Centre Mills, Centre county. The sons all removed to Ohio with the exception of Michael, the father of our subject.

In the common schools Michael Throne learned to read and write both English and German, and became especially proficient in the latter language. When a young man he removed with his parents from Berks county to Centre county, and, being a miller by trade, he operated the Centre Mills for several years. He then removed to the Caldwell Mills, of which he also had charge for a number of years, and from there came to Sugar Valley, where he operated the Logan Mills. After several years spent there he came to Wayne township, where he erected the first gristmill in this section of Clinton county, and when his plant was destroyed by fire, he rebuilt in 1837, at a cost of \$5,000, erecting the present mill at Youngsdale, which he operated until 1853. He then gave up milling and purchased a farm of 154 acres, on which he made many improvements and continued to make his home until his death, in February, 1893. At Centre Mills, Centre county, he married Hannah Gauby, who was born near Reading, in Berks county, and they became the parents of five children: John, a merchant of Harrisburg, Penn.; James R., of this sketch; Jane, wife of John McKange; Samuel, who died at the age of twenty years; and Sarah, who died at the age of eighteen years. The mother passed away in 1888, and both she and her husband were buried in Union cemetery. They had the esteem and confidence of the entire community, and were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, active in both Church and Sunday-school work. In politics Mr. Throne was a Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth James R. attended the public schools of Wayne township, and was reared on the home farm, where he spent his entire life. He took charge of the place in 1881, and has since successfully operated it. In the June flood of 1889 his residence, barn, orchard and other improvements were all destroyed at a loss of \$3,500, but with characteristic energy he began to replace these, building a house at a cost of \$1,500, and erecting barns, tobacco sheds and other outbuildings. He also re-planted the orchard. Since 1865 he has been interested in the tobacco industry, and also devotes considerable time to stock-raising, both of which have proved quite profitable. He owns and operates 100 acres of land, and at one time engaged in piloting on the Susquehanna, running arks and rafts between Lock Haven and Marietta and Columbia.

In 1869, in Clearfield county, Penn., Mr. Throne was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Catharine A. Dice, a native of Wayne township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Benjamin Dice, a late farmer of that township. They have five children, as follows: (1) Norman F., born September 29, 1871, began his education in the schools of Wayne township, and later attended the Northwestern Ohio State Normal School. He is now gauger for the Crescent Oil Company, and is a Democrat in politics. On January 15, 1894, he was married in Camden, N. J., to Alice E. Waters, a native of Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., and a daughter of J. H. and Mary M. (Blake) Waters. They now have two children—Robert F., born in January, 1895; and Thelma, born June 21, 1896. (2) William S., born April 28, 1873, was educated in Wayne township, and is a telegraph operator residing at home. He also supports the Democratic party. He was married September 15, 1897, at Lock Haven, Penn., to Mary E. Bierley, of Wayne township, Clinton county, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bierly: (3) Gertrude M., born November 2, 1876, (4) Edward C., born December 13, 1878, and (5) John M., born March 16, 1886, are all at home with their parents.

As a Democrat, Mr. Throne has taken quite an active interest in politics, and has served as school director several years, assessor, judge of election, and overseer of the poor. During the Civil war it was his desire to join the Union army, but his parents opposed it, and he has ever proved a loyal and patriotic citizen. Fraternally he is a member of the Mystic Chain, and Grange, and, religiously, belongs to the Evangelical Church. In all the relations of life he has proved a straightforward, honorable man, and has the respect of all who know him.

OSCAR F. FELMLEE, the proprietor of one of the best livery stands in this section, at whose stables in Lock Haven, Clinton county, may be found the safest horses and up-to-date vehicles of all kinds, is a native of the neighboring county of Centre, born April 8, 1859.

David and Christina (Heinbach) Felmlee were born in Pennsylvania, and in this State passed their lives. For many years he was occupied in farming and as a contractor. His death occurred in 1871, and his wife passed away in 1895. They were industrious and good people. Their children were: John, a resident of Iowa; Mary, the widow of John Feese;

George H., a resident of Renovo; and Oscar F., our subject.

Oscar F. Felmlee received but a limited education. He attended the common schools of this locality, but his father dying when he was only twelve years of age, he had to early depend upon himself. The spirit of self-reliance that adverse circumstances in life develops, and while it robs the boy of his boyhood, it makes the man of him, and brings him success in life that would otherwise have been a failure. From that tender age our subject has been self-supporting. The family moved to Clinton county sometime in the sixties, and since 1870 Oscar F. has resided at Lock Haven. For eighteen years continuously he was in the employ of Furst, Rieke & Co., lumbermen, which is evidence of his fidelity to the duties he had to perform and of the company's estimation of his services. In 1890 he embarked in business for himself, establishing his present livery stable, which is proving to be a successful undertaking. His stables, as before shadowed in the preceding reference to the business, are commodious and well-equipped in all that goes to complete a first-class livery business. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is past grand of his lodge; he is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of Lock Haven Business Men's Club. In politics he is a Republican.

On September 29, 1881, Mr. Felmlee was married to Crissa A. Long, a daughter of J. H. Long, of Lock Haven. To the union have come two children: Beryl and Gertrude. The parents of these are members of the Lutheran Church. The mother was born April 27, 1862, in Clinton county, and is a daughter of J. W. Long and Margaret Eyer.

FREDERICK MUTHLER, one of the most industrious, wide-awake and progressive farmers of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, was born in Lockport, Penn., November 6, 1855, a son of Joseph and Catharine (Lehr) Muthler. During his boyhood and youth he attended the schools of Lock Haven to a limited extent, but his privileges along that line were meager. At the age of ten years he began acting as a driver for his father, who owned and operated canal boats for some years, and he also became familiar with agricultural pursuits upon the home farm in Beech Creek township, which he now occupies. For some time he aided in the work of the farm during the summer months, while the winter seasons were spent in the lumber woods.

On March 23, 1882, Frederick Muthler was married to Miss Susan Earon, who was born July 11, 1856, in Beech Creek township, a daughter of John and Eve Catharine (Myers) Earon. She obtained her education at the Bitner school in her native township. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children: Charles W., Anna C., Adam D., Lucy E., who died when only two weeks old, and Naaman Joseph, born September 14, 1897. The parents began their married life in a rented house, and the husband for a year and a half worked on his father's farm. He then purchased a farm from George Pottorf in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, where he lived for five years and a half, and in March, 1889, removed to the old homestead of his father. He also owns what is known as the John Bitner heirs farm, and has 130 acres of arable land besides 200 acres covered with timber. He is a sturdy farmer, unostentatious and honest, and is a man of good business ability and sound judgment. Being industrious and energetic, he has prospered in his undertakings, and has already secured a comfortable competence, and undoubtedly greater success awaits him in the future. Fraternally he affiliates with the Grange. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party; and in their religious views both he and his wife are members of Laurel Run Church, in which Mr. Muthler is serving as trustee and steward. He has efficiently filled the office of school director, and is a supporter of all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of the community.

ELMER E. DOUTY, one of the prominent and influential citizens of Sugar Valley, where throughout his business career he has successfully followed lumbering and farming, was born November 3, 1863, in Green township, Clinton county.

Mr. Douty belongs to a family of French origin, which is noted for its industry and patriotism. His grandfather, George C. Douty, was a native of Columbia county, Penn., where he followed farming and married a Miss Kurtz. With his wife and small family he came to Sugar Valley, then a part of Centre county, and purchased a tract of land, on which he and his two brothers built a sawmill, which they operated for a number of years. He became one of the most successful lumbermen of the locality, and gave the greater part of his attention to that business, but was interested to some extent in agriculture, owning and operating a small farm. After ac-

quiring a comfortable competence he retired from active business, and spent his last days in a pleasant home at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, Penn., surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, which he had secured through his own toil in previous years. While a resident of Sugar Valley he served as justice of the peace for a number of years, being appointed by the governor of the State, and satisfactorily settled many a dispute. Being a well-informed man, of sound judgment, he often acted the part of a lawyer for his friends, and his advice was sought on various subjects. His estimable wife died in Lycoming county, Penn. Both were members of the Evangelical Association, and were highly respected and esteemed. In their family were nine children: Adam, Elizabeth, Reuben, Rebecca, Ellis, Jennie, Hattie, Hiram and Agnes.

Reuben Douty, our subject's father, was born in Columbia county, Penn., August 2, 18—, and received a very good English education. Like his father, he made lumbering his lifework, and although he continued to make his home from childhood in Sugar Valley, he carried on operations in Clinton, Centre and other counties, where the forests were still untouched by the axe. In his undertakings he met with a well-deserved success, becoming one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community. His business calling him into various sections of the State, he became widely known, and easily won the confidence and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. He built a pleasant home in Carroll, Clinton county, where he spent his last days, and where his widow still resides. His death was quite unexpected, he passing away when asleep. He was a consistent member of the Evangelical Church, was a strong Republican in politics, and under the Baker law was the first of his party elected judge of elections in Green township.

In that township he was married to Sabina Smith, a daughter of John Smith, a carpenter of Green township, and she is still quite hale and hearty for one of her years. They became the parents of fourteen children, who in order of birth are as follows: Thomas, a lumber manufacturer of Green township; Rebecca, wife of Robert Lynch; Laura, deceased wife of William Lupold; Albert, a teacher of Mifflinburg, Union Co., Penn.; William, a merchant and lumber manufacturer; Elmer E., of this sketch; George, who died in childhood; Frank, of Forestville, Union county; Ambrose, a lumberman of Carroll, Green township, Clinton county; Lester, a sawmiller of Eastville, in the same township;

Charles, a lumberman of Green township; and Sidney, Harry and Edwin, all sawyers living in Green township.

The opportunities afforded our subject for obtaining an education were such as the public schools of Green township were able to give. At the early age of thirteen he began working in the mill with his father, and after attaining his majority continued in the lumber business, being for a part of the time a partner of his father and also of his brothers, William and Thomas. He resided principally in Green township, but was engaged in the manufacture of lumber both in Clinton and Centre counties, following that business exclusively until 1894, when he purchased the Henry Reninger farm of 145 acres in Green township, and now devotes a part of his time to agricultural pursuits with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory. He has greatly improved his place by the erection of a fine residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, the aggregate cost of which was about \$4,000, and he now has one of the most desirable and beautiful country places in Sugar Valley.

In 1884 Mr. Douty was married to Miss Johanna Troutner, a native of Sugar Valley, a daughter of George and Regina (Brown) Troutner, well-known agriculturists. Her mother is an aunt of John Brown, a merchant of Loganton. Eight children grace this union, namely: Reuben C., Elsie R., George T., Mary S., Harry L., Laura E., Lester R. and Russell E. The parents are both earnest and consistent members of the United Evangelical Church, and in the social circles of the community occupy an enviable position. The father of these takes an active interest in the success of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot, but he is no politician in the sense of office-seeking, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He is a man of progressive ideas, is well-posted on the current events and topics of the day, and keeps fully abreast with the times in every particular. In manner he is genial and pleasant, and his sterling qualities command the respect and confidence of all, and have secured for him the high regard of a large circle of friends.

JOHAN MUTHLER, one of the active, prominent and most enterprising citizens of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, was born September 29, 1857, in Lock Haven.

Joseph Muthler, his father, was born July 2, 1827, in Baden, Germany, and when a young man came alone to the United States, landing at

New York without a penny. He traveled on foot to Philadelphia, and his meals consisted of frozen turnips found along the road, while he was obliged to sleep in corn shocks covered with snow. He found employment near Lebanon, Penn., whence he later removed to Lock Haven. After his marriage he worked as a hewer for different firms, and acquired an enviable reputation on account of his skill in that line. He was also at times employed at the carpenter's trade, and, possessing the economical traits characteristic of the German people, he managed to save some of his wages. Having a horse given him, he purchased a boat for \$10 and began boating on the canal, making one or two trips in that way. He then sold the boat and bought a better one, and also purchased four mules, continuing boating until removing to his farm in Beech Creek township, Clinton county. During early life he often worked for only fifty cents per day and boarded himself, and at one time he worked for a whole week for a razor, with which to shave himself. For one year after his marriage he made his home in Lockport, from there went to Lock Haven, and in the spring of 1870 purchased a farm in Beech Creek township of the Bitner heirs, continuing his residence there until the spring of 1889, when he returned to Lock Haven to spend his remaining years in retirement. By excellent management, good business ability and industrious habits, he accumulated considerable property, owning two good farms and 400 acres of timberland besides his home in Lock Haven.

On April 3, 1853, Joseph Muthler was married to Catharine Lehr, who was born June 17, 1826, in Germany, where her parents, Conrad and Sophina (Harbach) Lehr, spent their entire lives. By trade the father was a cooper. In his family were seven children—one son and seven daughters—namely: Hannah, Lizzie, Margaret (now the widow of Joseph Bacher, of York, Penn.), Elizabeth (who married a Mr. Heckenstaller, and died in Sugar Valley, Penn.), Mary (widow of Jacob Widman, of Lock Haven), Catharine, and Philip (a farmer of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, where his death occurred). In 1852 Mrs. Muthler left Bremen in company with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Speese, a widow lady with two children, and a cousin, Christian Lehr. After a voyage of six weeks they landed at Baltimore, whence Mrs. Muthler went to Pittsburg, Penn., and eight weeks later to Centre county, where her brother Philip was living. At the time of her marriage she was living as a domestic with a Mr. Liggett near Eagleville. She is still living in Lock Haven, enjoying the comfortable competence left by her husband, but he

passed to his final reward September 25, 1894. In his younger days he was robust and strong, and performed much hard labor. Although he was a stalwart Democrat in politics he cared nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office, always declining to become a candidate. In religious belief he was a Catholic.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Mary, wife of John Lehr, living near Fostoria, Kans.; Frederick, a farmer of Beech Creek township, Clinton county; Elizabeth, wife of Adam Aaron, of the same township; Catharine, wife of John D. R. Beaver, of Lock Haven; and Joseph W., who died at the age of nineteen years.

John Muthler received only a limited common-school education, beginning his studies in the schools of Lock Haven. At the early age of six years he commenced driving on the towpath for his father, who then owned a canal boat, and during boyhood he made several trips to Baltimore and Philadelphia. He was about twelve years of age when his parents removed to the farm, where he assisted in the arduous task of clearing and developing new land. On attaining his majority he started out in life for himself, at first being in the employ of Wallace Gakle at Mill Run, and he was later engaged at various occupations in different localities. In the spring of 1879 he went to Kansas, where he spent eight months.

On February 19, 1885, Mr. Muthler was married to Miss Victoria H. Peters, who was born March 27, 1859, in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, and is the daughter of Casper and Phœbe (Eckert) Peters, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Lycoming county, Penn. Her father was first a laborer and boss on railroad construction, later engaged in lumbering, and afterward became a farmer. He and his wife are still living in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, surrounded by many friends who esteem them highly for their sterling worth. In their family were ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom eight reached adult age. Mrs. Muthler was provided with a fair common-school education, is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a most estimable lady. By her marriage to our subject she became the mother of five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Joseph C., November 23, 1885; Annie I. C., November 4, 1887; George A., September 17, 1889; Elizabeth P., September 17, 1891; and Grace M., May 4, 1894.

For four years after his marriage, Mr. Muthler lived upon his father-in-law's place in Beech Creek township, but in March, 1889, removed to

his present farm in Bald Eagle township, which was once owned by his father. Besides his fine farm of 153 acres he has 200 acres of timberland, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings as he is a thorough and systematic agriculturist of progressive ideas and industrious habits. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange, and, politically, is identified with the Democratic party. He seems to have inherited the thrift that always attended his father's efforts, as well as those sterling principles of honesty and fairness that caused his parents to be so highly respected.

J MEYER WILLIAMS, one of the most intelligent, enterprising and industrious farmers of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, was born on the farm where he still continues to reside, June 16, 1858, a son of John and Mary (Meyer) Williams.

The father was a native of Wales, born August 22, 1813, and was a son of William and Elizabeth (Lewis) Williams, whose other children were as follows: Mary A., who wedded a Mr. Davis, and for several years lived in Minersville, Penn., where she died; Mrs. Morgan, who died in Schuylkill county, Penn.; Ellen, who married Alexander Easton, and died in the West; Charlotte, who married Henry Handley, and died in Iowa; and James, who in early life followed mining and later engaged in farming in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, where his death occurred. The father of our subject was the first of the family to come to the New World, and in 1838 the grandfather with the other members crossed the Atlantic, taking up their residence in Beech Creek township, Clinton county, where he purchased a tract of wooded land and developed a small farm, on which he erected a log cabin. He endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life in order to secure for his family a comfortable home. He departed this life when over seventy years of age, and his remains were interred in the cemetery on the hill near Lock Haven, where his wife, who survived him for some time, was also laid to rest at the time of her death. In religious belief they were Methodists.

In his native land John Williams, the father of our subject, was employed as a miner, and often for a whole week he would never see the light of day, beginning work before sunrise and never stopping until after dark. His father being a poor laboring man, he was early thrown upon his own resources, and his school privileges were necessarily limited. In 1838, after a long voyage, he reached this country and first located

in Pottsville, Penn., where he engaged in mining, but in later years came to Beech Creek township, Clinton county, where his father had located, and here he also worked in the ore mines for some time. In December, 1850, in Beech Creek township, John Williams married Mrs. Mary Poorman, widow of David Poorman, and the eldest child of Valentine and Elizabeth (Hoy) Meyer, the other children being as follows: Samuel, born September 16, 1816, died in California; Catharine, born July 9, 1818, married Samuel Kiester, of Clintondale; William, born April 30, 1820, died in Clintondale; Elizabeth, born February 9, 1822, died unmarried at the age of twenty-three; John, born February 26, 1824, was a member of an Iowa regiment during the Civil war, and is still a resident of Jasper county, that State; Susan, born February 19, 1826, married William Moore, and at the time of her death, which occurred in Mifflinburg, was the wife of Jacob Maurer; and Joseph, born October 17, 1827, died in Newton, Iowa, in 1858. Valentine Meyer, the father of Mrs. Williams, was born March 4, 1793, in Schuylkill county, Penn., but, when a boy, accompanied his father, Henry Meyer, on his removal to Union county, where he was reared. He was a wagonmaker by trade, but devoted his later years to farming. He died in 1858, and was buried in Bethel cemetery, Porter township, Clinton county, while his wife, who was born in September, 1793, died November 4, 1827, and was buried in Snyderstown, Centre Co., Penn. They were both earnest and consistent members of the Reformed Church, and in politics he was first a Democrat, but being an anti-slavery man he joined the Republican party on its organization.

The birth of Mrs. Williams, the mother of our subject, occurred in Limestone township, Union Co., Penn., February 2, 1815, and she was four years old when brought by her parents to Porter township, Clinton county, where she was reared and first married. By that union she had four children: Daniel, who was drowned while bathing in Spirit Lake, Iowa; Catharine, wife of Isaac Loveland, of Porter township; Matilda, who married Reuben Wetzel, and died in Missouri; and Elizabeth J., who wedded James Treaster, and died in Nebraska. In 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Poorman removed to Venango county, Penn., where he died March 12, 1843, after which she returned to Clinton county, making her home in Porter township, until after giving her hand in marriage to Mr. Williams. From there they removed to the present farm of our subject, in Bald Eagle township, in the spring of 1851. By her second marriage,

Mrs. Williams became the mother of six children: Emma, now the wife of John E. Williams, of Newberry, Lycoming Co., Penn.; Mary, a school teacher, who makes her home with her mother in Lamar; Martha, wife of Theodore S. Faus, of Spring Mills, Penn.; Ella, who is engaged in teaching in Renovo, Penn.; J. Meyer, of this review; and Minnie, now Mrs. William Nancarrow, of Pittsburg, Penn. For the past fifteen years Mrs. Williams has made her home in Lamar, is a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and is highly respected by all who know her. On January 1, 1893, she broke one of her lower limbs, but with that exception is still well-preserved.

During his boyhood J. Meyer Williams attended the Laurel Run school, John Salmon and Mary Van Dusen being among his first teachers, but he supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course in the Central State Normal School, where he was a student in the fall of 1880 and the following winter. Reared on a farm, he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and since old enough has successfully operated the home farm, renting it after his marriage until the spring of 1891, when he purchased it. He has 144 acres of rich and valuable land, and in connection with general farming is engaged in fruit growing. He thoroughly understands that branch of his business, having devoted much time to reading and study on the subject.

On January 26, 1882, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Belle B. Winters, a native of Bald Eagle township, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bruner) Winters. After attending the common schools for some time, she pursued her studies in the Central State Normal School, and also in a select school at Lock Haven, and later successfully engaged in teaching for seven terms. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have six children: Ray R., Helen F., Ralph E., Ruby A., W. Scott and Edwin.

On attaining his majority Mr. Williams espoused the principles of the Republican party, but since 1894 has given his support to the Prohibition party, as he is strictly temperate in all his habits, never using intoxicants or tobacco in any form. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as steward, and both have been teachers in the Sabbath-school. He keeps well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and being a man of the strictest integrity, honorable and upright in all things, he has the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

DANIEL EYER, an agriculturist residing in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, presents in his life a splendid example of industry, close application to business, and perseverance. He commenced life at the foot of the ladder, but blessed with a prudent and sensible wife as a helpmeet, not too proud to labor, he is now able to take life easily and comfortably, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his early labor.

Mr. Eyer was born in Dry Valley, Union Co., Penn., January 3, 1821, but during his childhood his parents located near Muncy, Penn. They were John and Elizabeth (Wise) Eyer, the former a farmer by occupation. After residing for some time near Muncy, he disposed of his property there and took up his residence near Jersey Shore, where his wife died in June, 1838, and was there laid to rest. The father spent his last days with a son in Nittany Valley, dying there at the ripe old age of eighty-two, and his remains were interred in Brown cemetery. Our subject is the youngest in their family of eight children, the others being as follows: Jacob, who died at his home below New Buffalo, Penn.; Elizabeth, who married Peter Risser, and died in Lycoming county; John, who was buried in Brown cemetery, Clinton county; Samuel, who died on Sugar Valley Mountain; William, who died in Lock Haven, and was buried on Sugar Valley Mountain; Kate, wife of John Bechtel, of Dane county, Wis.; and Abraham, who died in Williams county, Ohio.

In a primitive log school house near Muncy, Penn., Daniel Eyer began his literary education, but his advantages in that direction were very limited. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he worked as a farm hand for a few years previous to his marriage. At the age of twenty-eight he wedded Miss Julia Owsn, who was born in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, October 10, 1823, and when a girl accompanied her parents, Robert and Margaret (Korns) Owsn, on their removal to Clearfield county, Penn., where she was reared. Four children graced this union, namely: David H., a resident of Jersey Shore, Penn.; William H., a farmer of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county; Samuel H., married, who died in 1894, and was buried at Jersey Shore; and Maria H., who died in infancy.

By making posts and fence rails, Mr. Eyer had managed to save a small sum of money previous to his marriage, and he began his domestic life in a rented house in Beech Creek township, Clinton county. Later he purchased ten acres of land in Bald Eagle township, where he now lives, but had to go heavily in debt even for that small amount. For several years he con-

tinued to extensively engage in the manufacture of posts and fence rails, in this way paying a small amount on his farm each year, and when his financial resources increased, he extended its boundaries until he now has a valuable place of one hundred acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under excellent cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. In his financial operations he has met with a well-deserved success. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Know-Nothing, and is now a thorough Republican, believing that within that party lie the principles which are the safest guides for our national government. He has served as overseer of the poor and supervisor in his township, and deserves to be numbered among the honored and prominent citizens of his community.

EDWIN S. MOBLEY resides in Beech Creek, and the commercial activity of the town is largely promoted through his efforts. He is a member of the firm of Mobley & Hall, general merchants, and is a wide-awake, progressive business man.

Born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1861, Mr. Mobley is a son of Salethiel and Emily (Quigley) Mobley. The father was born in Ohio, and spent forty-eight years of his life there. Throughout his business career he has carried on merchandising, and his well-directed efforts brought him fair success. In 1865 he removed to Beech Creek, where he has since made his home, and is now nearing the eightieth milestone on life's journey. In public affairs he has taken quite a prominent and commendable part. His wife passed away in 1893.

Edwin S. Mobley acquired his early education in Beech Creek, and supplemented it by study in the schools of Lock Haven. On laying aside his text books he turned his attention to merchandising. The first money he earned was eleven dollars, which he invested in a small stock of confectionery, and with the profit derived from its sale he purchased his father's stock of tobacco. Thus little by little he increased his capital until he was enabled to buy a half interest in his father's store, and still later he became sole proprietor. In 1889 he associated with him Mr. Hall, his present partner, and the firm ranks among the leading and progressive firms of the town. They carry a full and complete stock of general merchandise, and their well-appointed store and courteous treatment of their patrons and their honorable dealing have secured to them a liberal and well-merited patronage.

In 1885 Mr. Mobley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Hall, a daughter of Samuel Hall, deceased, an old and respected citizen of Beech Creek. They now have a son and daughter, Roy Hall and Stella May. Mr. and Mrs. Mobley are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as class-leader and assistant superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican with Prohibition proclivities. In business he is honorable, in public affairs faithful to his duties of citizenship, and in social relations is pleasant and cordial.

JOHAN F. ROCKEY, a retired lumberman and farmer of Green township, Clinton county, belongs to a family noted for its patriotism and loyalty, five sons having aided their country in her successful effort to preserve the Union, and among the number was our subject, who did his duty nobly and unflinchingly on the field of battle or in the camp. He was born in Sugar Valley, Logan township, Clinton county, February 18, 1839, and is a grandson of Bernard Rockey, who was of Scotch-Irish descent.

Abraham Rockey, our subject's father, was a native of Potter Bank, Centre Co., Penn., and received a fairly good common-school education in English, and was also able to speak German. With his parents he removed to Logan township, Clinton county, where he engaged in farming until 1841, when he located upon the farm in Green township where our subject now resides. Purchasing 400 acres of timberland, he erected a sawmill thereon, and for a quarter of a century engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He also placed some of his land under cultivation and improved the same with a substantial log house and barn. He was a hard-working, energetic man of good business ability, and as a lumberman met with excellent success. He possessed the confidence of his business associates, as well as the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His death occurred on his farm in 1865, and his remains were interred in the Green township cemetery. The Democratic party found in him an ardent supporter, but he was no politician in the sense of office seeking.

During early manhood Abram Rockey was married in Logan township, Clinton county, to Miss Lyddy Wolmeldorf, a native of that township, and a daughter of Frederick Wolmeldorf. Thirteen children were born to them: Paul, now

a resident of Freeport, Ill.; Jacob, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Rebecca, widow of Lewis L. Berry, of Jewell City, Kans.; Jeremiah, a carpenter by trade, who was a soldier in the Civil war; John F., of this sketch; Thomas, who was also one of the brave "boys in blue," and is now a resident of Charleston, W. Va.; Lewis, a Union soldier, now living in Jewell county, Kans.; William, of Williamsport, Penn., Abram D., a Union soldier residing in Minnesota; Mary, wife of William Runegar, of Jewell county, Kans.; Harriet, wife of William Huler, of Salem county, Ill.; James, who was killed by a falling tree; and Hannah, married. After the father's death the mother married Frederick Staver, of Sugar Valley, and she departed this life in Wisconsin.

In an old log school house in Green township, supplied with slab seats and a huge fire-place at one end, John F. Rockey pursued his studies, his first teacher being Samuel Bower, and although his school training was rather limited he has become a well-informed man by subsequent reading and observation. In early boyhood he began work in his father's sawmill, where he remained until eighteen years of age, and then served a two-years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade under Michael Karsteter, after which he again followed milling until 1863. In that year he responded to his country's call for troops, enlisting at Williamsport in Company D, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and during his eleven-months' service participated in the battle of Stone Creek and in several other engagements. He was also present at the surrender of Gen. Lee, and took part in the grand review in Washington, District of Columbia.

When the war was over and his services were no longer needed, Mr. Rockey was honorably discharged and returned home. His father having died while he was in the service, he and his mother operated the sawmill for three years, and then our subject removed to Crawford township, Clinton county, where he lived until 1876, in which year he returned to the old homestead and again took up lumbering and farming. Since 1894, however, he has lived retired, while his son operates the farm, which comprises seventy-eight acres of valuable land. He was always a very active and progressive business man, and accumulated a competence which now enables him to spend his declining years in ease and retirement, surrounded by loving kindred and many warm friends.

In Limestone township, Lycoming Co., Penn., Mr. Rockey was united in marriage with Miss

Ellen Shaw, who was born in Crawford township, Clinton county, a daughter of Daniel Shaw, and eight children blessed their union: James, who married Susan Hoover, and operates the old homestead; David, a lumberman of Cambria county, Penn.; Lyddie, who died in childhood; Maggie, wife of Nathan Phleger, of Limestone township, Lycoming county; Lottie, Mary and John, who died in childhood; and Eva, at home. Fraternally, Mr. Rockey is a member of George W. Moyer Post No. 379, G. A. R., of Loganton, and politically he affiliates with the Democracy. Although he has never been an office seeker he has been called upon to serve as tax collector and assessor in his township, the duties of which positions he most faithfully discharged.

CHRIStIAN LEHR, of Clintondale, Clinton county, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county, and no better example of a self-made man can be found in the Nittany Valley.

Mr. Lehr was born December 21, 1825, in Germany, a son of John and Catherine (Lape) Lehr, both of whom passed their entire lives in the Fatherland. He received an education in the schools of his native place, and at an early age began to work at farming, saving his scanty earnings in order to secure the money to pay for his passage to America, the "land of promise." In 1852 he embarked on a sailing vessel, and after a voyage of thirty-two days landed at Baltimore, Md., from which point he made his way to Pittsburg. He could not speak a word of English, and when he had paid for his first night's lodging he was practically out of money and did not know where to find a shelter for the next night. He applied for work at a tannery in Allegheny, where he was at first refused, but when the owner was informed of his destitute condition he was employed for four dollars per month, at grinding bark. With this and some extra work, Mr. Lehr managed to exist, and by the closest economy saved a little money. A few months after his arrival at Pittsburg, a cousin, Catherine Lehr, from Germany, joined him, and he decided to accompany her to the home of her brother at Beech Creek, Clinton county. He spent about two years in that vicinity as a farm laborer, and then went to Lock Haven where he was employed for a time as hostler at the "Montour House," and later worked in a brick yard. On leaving Lock Haven he went to Chicago, and there he met and married his first wife, Miss Amelia Gronet, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when she was a child.

Soon after this event the young couple came to Lock Haven, and Mr. Lehr found himself with but one cent in his pocket. This he threw into the canal lock, determining to "begin over entirely," as he says. He secured employment in a brick yard belonging to a Mr. Protzman, and afterward found work in a sawmill where he remained twelve years, being able while there to save quite a sum of money. For some time he was employed in cleaning out the canal, under the direction of Lewis Walters, and for sixteen years he was toll keeper at the Lock Haven bridge, his record for efficient service in that capacity being unequaled by that of any other keeper, as his long term of employment indicates. In 1885 he removed to Clintondale, having purchased from Allison White the property upon which he has since made his home. He has greatly improved the place, making one of the pleasantest residences in the Nittany Valley, and he is now enjoying in well-earned leisure the reward of former toil. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he has made many friends, while no man can accuse him of an unworthy act in any business deal. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has neither sought nor held office.

During his residence in Lock Haven his first wife died, leaving one daughter, Lizzie, who married Samuel Reed, of Lock Haven, and is now deceased. Mr. Lehr formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Angeline Lowry, who was born June 22, 1834, in Union county, Penn., a daughter of Jacob and Malissa (Mohr) Lowry, and was reared in the Nittany Valley, her parents having removed to that locality when she was but a child. One daughter has blessed this marriage, Miss Lillie, who is still at home, and is prominent in the social life of the place. In religious faith Mr. Lehr is a Lutheran, and for six years he was a deacon in the German Lutheran Church at Lock Haven. At one time he was a member of the I. O. O. F., but he now lives too far away to attend lodge.

JACOB GOTTSCHALL, a representative farmer and prominent citizen of Gallagher township, Clinton county, was born January 21, 1831, near Williamsport, Lycoming county, Penn., and on the paternal side is of German descent. His grandfather, John Gottschall, a native of Berks county, Penn., followed the occupation of lumbering, using the old whip-saw of those days in the manufacture of sawed lumber. The greater part of his life was passed in his native county, but he died in Lycoming county in 1839 while visiting some of his family.

He was a Lutheran in religious belief, a Democrat in politics, and an honored and valued citizen of his community. During the Revolutionary war he aided the colonies in their struggle for independence. In Berks county he married a Miss Fouse, and to them were born twelve children.

One of that number was John Gottschall, father of our subject, who was also a native of Berks county, and was educated in German, but could not read or write English. Until he attained his majority he followed lumbering with his father, and then spent a short time in New York State, after which he located near Williamsport, Lycoming county, Penn., where he engaged in lumbering until 1841. Coming to Gallagher township, Clinton county, he bought 150 acres of timber land, which he cleared, cultivated and greatly improved, and continued to make his home until called to his final rest in July, 1862, his remains being interred in the Caldwell cemetery. He was a kind husband and father, and a true friend. With the Lutheran Church he held membership, and gave his political support to the Democratic party.

John Gottschall was twice married, his first wife being Miss Kate Sherman, who was born at Muncy Creek, Lycoming county, died in 1849, and was buried in Caldwell cemetery. The following children constituted their family: John, now a resident of North Carolina; three who died in infancy; Thomas, of Lock Haven, Penn.; Solomon, a wagon manufacturer of Williamsport; Abram, who lives in the West; Jacob; Mrs. Catharine Baker, a widow lady; Samuel, of Tyrone, Penn.; Rebecca, wife of Frederick Piper; and two others who died in infancy. Mr. Gottschall's second marriage was with Christina Hartzock, widow of Joseph Fritz, and the mother of Henry Fritz, of Gallagher township, Clinton county.

As there were no schools in Gallagher township during the boyhood of our subject, his education has all been acquired outside of books. At the early age of seven years he began to handle the axe in the woods, and worked for his father both at lumbering and farming in Gallagher township until he had attained his majority in 1852, when he bought a tract of 125 acres of land still covered with a heavy growth of timber. In the midst of the wilderness he began life for himself, and as he cut down the trees upon his place he manufactured them into shingles by hand, making 1,400,000 for John Ram, of Chatham Run. When he located upon his farm the country roundabout was all wild, and the nearest gristmill and store were twelve miles

distant, while no roads led to his place, and he had to carry his grain to mill. For almost a half century he has now resided there, and in that time a wonderful transformation has taken place; where once were unbroken forests, fields of grain now greet the eye, a fine orchard has been set out, and a good residence, barns and outbuildings have been erected, making it a most desirable farm. Although he never kept books of any kind, he had an excellent memory, and while extensively engaged in the lumber business and the manufacture of shingles, employing a number of men, he could give his expenditures and receipts of the year to a cent. At one time he was in partnership with John Blush, a well-known shingle manufacturer and lumberman.

On October 2, 1852, in Gallagher township, Mr. Gottschall married Miss Sarah Fritz, who was born in Lock Haven, a daughter of Joseph Fritz, and a stepdaughter of our subject's father: Their children were as follows: Martha B., born May 21, 1856, is the wife of Wesley Phillips, a farmer of Gallagher township; Mary A., born July 17, 1858, is the wife of Albert Green, also an agriculturist of Gallagher township; Ambrose, born November 6, 1860, a farmer, is married to Ellen Connaway, of Gallagher township, by whom he has three children: George, born July 20, 1864, also a farmer, married Emma Edwards, and has one son, Samuel; Robert, born October 26, 1866, wedded Mary Manier, and operates the home farm; Jennie, born May 4, 1869, is the wife of Hiram Myers, and has three children; and Rosie, born March 13, 1877, is at home. Mrs. Gottschall, who was a devoted wife and loving mother, died October 26, 1892. The family belong to the Baptist Church, and are widely and favorably known.

In 1852 Mr. Gottschall cast his first vote for Van Buren, the Democratic candidate for President, later became a Whig, and now supports the Republican party, casting his last Presidential ballot for Major McKinley in 1896. Although he had no education to assist him in his life work, he has made the most of his opportunities, and has not only acquired a comfortable competence, but has also gained the good will and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

JESSE LAUBACH. Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, who occupies a more enviable position in agricultural circles than Mr. Laubach, not alone on account of the success that he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever

followed. He was born January 24, 1831, in North Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Penn., where he continued to make his home until the spring of 1848.

Christian and Elizabeth (Dech) Laubach, parents of our subject, were born, reared and married in Northampton county, Penn. Jacob Dech, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Germany, and on coming to this country located on a wooded farm near Bath, Penn. Members of his family still reside in Northampton county, and are numbered among its wealthy and prominent citizens. The paternal grandparents of our subject also came from the Fatherland, and many bearing the name of Laubach are leading professional and business men of Lehigh county. In the county of his nativity Christian Laubach owned a good farm, which he traded on a larger tract in Lehigh county, where he afterward removed. His last years, however, were spent with his son Edward in Crawford township, Clinton county, where he died when almost ninety years of age, while his wife reached the age of ninety-three, and their remains were interred in Limestone township, Lycoming Co., Penn. For over sixty years they had traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, and they had the respect of all who knew them. The father was a man of undoubted integrity and blameless life, and was a very successful farmer. He was a devout member of the German Reformed Church, to which he was a liberal contributor, while his wife was a Lutheran in religious belief. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican.

To Christian and Elizabeth Laubach were born the following children: Elias, in his day a successful farmer, who died in Northampton county at the age of seventy years; Julia, who married Rudolph Kemmerer, and died in Summit county, Ohio; Abraham, who was always an invalid, and died at the old home in Lehigh county; Eliza, who married Thomas Seighfried, and died at the age of forty years in Lehigh county; Mary, who wedded Conrad Lerch, and died in Crawford township, Clinton county; Joshua, who is now a stock dealer of Lehigh county; Charles, a farmer of Lycoming county; Edwin, a retired miller of Lehigh county; Stephen, a farmer of Lycoming county; Jesse, of this sketch; Edward, a resident of Crawford township, Clinton county; and James, a farmer of Lehigh county.

Jesse Laubach received a fair German education in the country schools near his boyhood home, but could not speak English until he reached the age of sixteen. He was naturally bright and learned readily, while his memory was

remarkable, though his advantages were poor. He was anxious to learn the English language, but it was spoken but little in his locality; through his own efforts, however, he mastered that tongue, and by reading and observation has become a well-informed man. On leaving home, Mr. Laubach went to Mauch Chunk, Penn., where for two months he clerked in a store for \$6 per month and his board. His brother Stephen, who had visited Clinton county, was at that time in Mauch Chunk with a mule and cart, and persuaded our subject to accompany him on his return to Clinton county, where their brother Charles was also living. On his arrival he remained with the latter brother for a few weeks, and on March 22, 1848, began working for Samuel L. Allison, of Lamar township, as a farm hand, for \$9 per month, receiving his wages only for the six months when the farm work was heaviest, while during the other six months he worked for his board. As he was industrious and proved very valuable to his employer, his wages were raised \$1 per month each year for three years, and as an inducement to have our subject remain with him, Mr. Allison offered him the farm on shares. He conducted the place in that way for three years, and wishing to give his attention to other business he refused a better offer from his employer.

With the money that he had saved, Mr. Laubach began dealing in horses, cattle and sheep, which business called him to every section of the State, and in his new undertaking he met with excellent success. Later he became a huckster and butcher, with his market in Lock Haven, and he also speculated in anything honorable whereby money could be made. In 1862, in partnership with Jacob Bower, he opened a general store in Lock Haven, but six months later Mr. Bower sold his interest to Samuel Adams, and for many years business was carried on under the firm name of Laubach & Adams. Finally selling out to John E. Furst and George H. Barner, Mr. Laubach embarked in the real-estate business in the same place, and in that enterprise also prospered, until, unfortunately, in a business venture with unscrupulous men, he, in 1876, practically lost everything. Going to Flemington, he engaged in general merchandising and the coal business for a year and a half, and at the end of that time again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, with the hopes of retrieving his lost fortune. After operating rented land for several years he was able to purchase, in 1885, his present farm in Bald Eagle township, from the A. C. Noyes estate, and two years later took up his residence thereon, devoting his energies to

its cultivation and improvement until 1894, when he rented the place and removed to his present home, where he is now living practically retired.

In March, 1855, Mr. Laubach married Miss Catharine L. Allison, a native of Porter township, Clinton county, and a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Troutman) Allison. Six children blessed this union: Etta E., who married Howard McClintock, and died at the home of our subject; Ida A., wife of Enoch Bartholomew, of Ridgway, Penn.; Ella C., wife of James H. Huff, of Bald Eagle township; Nina A., wife of William Riter, of the same township; Emery G., a farmer of Bald Eagle township; and Allison J., a prosperous merchant of Ridgway.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Laubach a staunch supporter, and he has been called upon to serve as school director, auditor, supervisor and in other township offices, which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. One of the leading and influential men of his community, he takes an active interest in all public improvements, and gives his support to every enterprise calculated to advance the general welfare. At the age of sixteen he joined the German Reformed Church, but while a resident of Lock Haven he became a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and since coming to Bald Eagle township has held membership in the Presbyterian Church, with which he is officially connected. He affiliates with the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and at one time belonged to the Odd Fellows Society. He is a most progressive, enterprising farmer, thoroughly up to date in all his methods, and is now government correspondent of the agricultural reports in his locality. Besides his valuable farm of 200 acres, he now owns two residences. In business transactions his word has ever been considered as good as his bond, and in all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him. He has traveled extensively over many of the States of the Union, and wherever he goes he wins friends, and has, moreover, the happy faculty of being able to retain them.

GEORGE M. RAUP is an energetic and thorough-going business man, now engaged in general merchandising in Lamar, Clinton county. A son of George and Martha (Marks) Raup, he was born October 13, 1832, in Columbia county, Penn., where he was reared upon a farm, attending school only about two months throughout his entire boyhood.

In his native county Mr. Raup married Miss

Sarah Roadarmel, and to them were born the following children: Christopher C., Thomas J. and W. S., all farmers of Northumberland county, Penn.; W. K., who is engaged in business with his father; U. S. Grant, a resident of Mt. Carmel, Penn.; Martha, who is married; and Ida and Rosa M., both at home. In Columbia county, Mr. Raup conducted a sawmill until 1871, when he removed to Ralpho township, Northumberland county, where he engaged in lumbering, and later followed the same pursuit in Nittany Valley, Clinton and Centre counties, meeting with a fair degree of success. On September 23, 1895, he bought his present mercantile business from the assignee of R. Loveland Axe Company (limited) at Lamar, where, in partnership with his son, W. K., he has since successfully engaged in business under the firm style of G. M. Raup & Son. They have greatly enlarged the stock of goods, and are now conducting one of the best stores in Nittany Valley.

In June, 1863, Mr. Raup enlisted in the Emergency Service, and was engaged in active duty for one month. In the following year he joined Company H, 48th P. V. I., under Capt. Alfred Thompson, and saw much hard fighting. Although he was severely wounded at the battle of Petersburg, he would not go to the hospital, and was never off duty, being in all engagements of his regiment until the close of the war. After ten months of arduous and faithful service he was honorably discharged. He also took part in the grand review at Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. Raup's sterling integrity and general urbanity of manner have won for him a large number of friends in Nittany Valley, and his business energy and earnestness a numerous and increasing patronage. In his new venture in the mercantile line he is fast achieving a merited success, and has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. Although his business interests are now in Lamar, his family continues to reside in Ralpho township, Northumberland county. The Republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter, but he has never cared for official positions.

O H. WEST. Few men have passed through as many trying vicissitudes as marked the early life of the subject of this sketch, now a wealthy and influential resident of Salona, Clinton county. Beginning his business career as a mere boy, without education, capital or friends, his Yankee shrewdness has served him well, and he has succeeded in many an enterprise of which

others disapproved as too venturesome. One factor in his success which cannot be too often or too strongly brought to the attention of the ambitious young man of to-day is his "reliability," a quality that has enabled him to gain and keep the confidence of capitalists who have been glad to furnish the funds for the business operations which his keen intellect designed and his untiring energy carried to a successful conclusion.

Mr. West was born March 25, 1833, in Hartford, Conn., and his parents, Lyman and Jerusha (Backus) West, were also natives of that city. Lyman West learned the blacksmith's trade in his youth, and followed it for some years in Connecticut; but in 1837 he removed with his family to Tioga Center, N. Y., and after continuing the same business for a time he bought 150 acres of timber land in that county, which was then sparsely settled. He built a log house in the woods, and lived in primitive style while clearing his land and bringing it under cultivation, and his wife, who was an expert weaver, made the flax from their fields and the wool from their flocks of sheep into cloth. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and he and his wife were both members of the Methodist Church. He died at the age of forty-seven, and she survived him many years, passing away in her seventy-ninth year, their remains being interred at Tioga Center, N. Y. They had six children: Louisa, widow of Richard German, of Louisiana; O. H., our subject; Sarah A. and Mary A. (twins), and Joseph, a cooper, residing in Chemung county, N. Y. Sarah A. married Cyrus Deeby, and they lived in the city of Auburn, N. Y., but she died of cancer, at her daughter's in Michigan in the fall of 1896. Mary A. married Orange Munson, and died in New York State from cancer, about 1882. Harriet (Mrs. Edwin Bradley) lived at Elmira, N. Y., where she died of cancer in 1895.

As Mr. West was only four years old when his parents settled in Tioga county, N. Y., his earliest remembrances are of the surroundings incidental to pioneer life. Being the eldest boy he was obliged to work hard at home, and obtained only an occasional chance to attend school, probably spending there altogether less than a year. His father's discipline seemed to him too severe, and at the age of fifteen he ran away from home, his possessions at the time consisting of two pairs of tow pants (worn and patched), two linen shirts (also patched), a ten-cent straw hat, and twenty-five cents in cash. He started out bare-footed, with his few belongings tied in a handkerchief, and walked twenty-five miles to Elmira, N. Y., before getting anything to eat. On arriving

there he invested ten cents in a plate of beans, and then went on his way toward Tioga county, Penn. A farmer on the Tioga river gave him employment at ten dollars per month, and after spending some time at that work Mr. West secured a situation in a sawmill. From "jacking logs" he was set to other tasks, and finally learned every branch of the lumber business. For some years his winters were spent in the woods, while in summers he found other employment, three seasons being passed on the Erie, Oswego and Chemung canals, and during one summer he worked as a fireman on a steamboat on Seneca lake, N. Y. He was often employed in driving logs and rafting square timber to market, and in this work he was noted for being the first to start out in the spring, his rafts being usually sent down the river at a stage that others considered dangerous. In time he won the attention and confidence of capitalists, who employed him to manage their interests, and no matter how great the responsibility he was never found wanting. As time passed he engaged in the lumber business on his own account, and in 1869 and 1870 he built two mills in Clearfield county, one of them costing \$5,000. In 1887 he disposed of his lumber interests including his sawmills and 1,000 acres of land in Clearfield county, and the following year he removed to Salona, hoping to find there relief from the asthma. Even when ill he could not refrain from business entirely, and soon after going to the pleasant little mountain town he invested in a business block and opened a store. The people prophesied that he would at last "get his eye-teeth cut," but he succeeded, and a few years later he sold out his business to George W. Kerr & Son. In the meantime he had purchased a business block and a dwelling house there, in addition to which he owns considerable land in that vicinity. At times he has had large tracks of mountain land, much of which he has sold at an advance, and he now has a fine farm of 120 acres in Girard township, Clearfield county. Besides these holdings he has money at interest, his investments being managed with characteristic ability and foresight. A present he is a stockholder in the Salona creamery. Although his transactions have been large, covering thousands of dollars, he has always kept his own books, and was his own manager. His education is, of course, self-acquired, and the extent and thoroughness of his knowledge of men and affairs does credit to his powers of observation.

In manner Mr. West is quite unostentatious, but he is a man of much force of character, as may be inferred from his career, and at all times

and under all circumstances he does his own thinking. Notwithstanding the hardships of his early life, he is robust for one of his age, and bids fair to enjoy for many years the rewards of his past efforts. Politically he is a staunch Republican, his devotion to his party being quite free from selfish considerations, as he has no aspirations for office.

In 1857 he was married at Nelson, Tioga Co., Penn., to Miss Jane A. Stephens, who was born at Beecher's Island, Penn., a daughter of James and Eliza Stephens. She died in March, 1885, leaving two children: Louisa, wife of Allen Murray, who now has charge of our subject's farm in Clearfield county; and Ella, wife of William Seaman, of Sand Lake, Mich. Mr. West has no sons of his own, but he took into his home some years ago two little boys, Oscar W. and Lewis Knapp, brothers, whom he has reared and started in business as if they were his children. They have done credit to his training, and are now prosperous young business men of Salona.

GEORGE W. GARMAN, justice of the peace of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, represents one of the old families of the State. His grandfather, George Garman, was born either in Lancaster county or in Dauphin, and followed farming and distilling in the latter county where he spent the greater part of his life. He was married there, and had a family of ten children: Henry, Michael, Martin, Daniel, George, Samuel, Jonathan, Catharine, Lyddie and John. The grandfather was a Democrat, and he and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. Both he and his wife died in Dauphin county, and were buried in Shoops cemetery.

John F. Garman, father of our subject, was born in Dauphin county, and attended its subscription schools, both English and German, speaking and writing the latter language as well as the former. He spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm and in the distillery, and when a young man studied medicine; but on account of his health he never practiced his profession. Following farming in Dauphin county until 1840, he then removed to Clinton county, purchasing land in Pine Creek township, which he transformed into a fine farm. He erected a house at a cost of \$5,000, built good barns and placed his one hundred acres of land under high cultivation. He spent seven years on that place, during which time he taught school in the winter season. On selling that property he returned to Dauphin county, locating in Middle Paxton town-

ship, where he operated a rented farm for two years, after which he removed to the A. B. Hamilton farm, near Harrisburg, and cultivated that land until his death in 1854. He and his family were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and in political faith he was a stalwart Democrat. His life was honorable, and he was known as a good husband and father, a faithful friend and a loyal citizen.

In 1840, John F. Garman was married in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, to Elizabeth C. Fertig, a native of that township, and a daughter of Adam Fertig, a farmer, who was of German descent. Her death occurred in her native township, August 19, 1888. She was a faithful mother and a devoted helpmeet to her husband. Her family numbered nine children: George W.; John, a blacksmith of Kane county, Ill.; Elias, of New Columbia, Penn.; Rebecca E., wife of J. Bogner, of Dauphin county; Harry M., who was burned to death while camping on Jack mountain; Annie M., wife of Eli Stout, of Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county; Daniel, deceased when a young man; Mary C., wife of Jacob A. Kline, of Pine Creek township, Clinton county; and one that died in infancy.

George W. Garman was born in Pine Creek township, September 9, 1841, and when six years old removed with his parents to Dauphin county, where he attended the public schools in the winter months, while through the remainder of the year he assisted in the labors of the farm. When a lad of twelve years, while helping to thresh grain he had his right arm caught in the machinery, and the injury necessitated amputation, the operation being performed by Dr. Weilsling, of Harrisburg. A year later his father died, leaving a large family to be provided for, and as our subject was the eldest of the family the burden of responsibility fell upon him. He learned to use his left hand to write, and soon afterward obtained a teacher's certificate. He taught school in Dauphin county between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years, and then through the instrumentality of his uncle, Henry Garman, who was a school director in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, he obtained the position of teacher in the Garman school. Later he returned to Dauphin county, where he engaged in teaching until 1861, when he again came to Clinton county, and served as teacher in the Garman school until 1867, successfully following that profession for seventeen years. He then turned his attention to farming on the old Kissel place, and the following year was elected constable of the township. He has also served as justice of the peace for the

past twenty-one years, and so fair have been his decisions that he has never had a case appealed to a higher court. He is a man of talent and scholarly attainments, and what he has accomplished in life is most creditable to his ability and ambition. He made excellent improvements upon his farm, and is now the owner of a valuable property.

Mr. Garman was married in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, in September, 1867, to Ellen B. Kissel, who was born in Oakland, Lycoming county, June 2, 1833. Her father, Andrew Kissel, was born in Cumberland county in 1772, a son of John Kissel, and one of a family of nine children. His father was of German descent, was a farmer by occupation and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Andrew Kissel was educated in the German tongue, and with his parents removed to Lycoming county, where he followed farming. He afterward purchased one hundred acres of land in Pine Creek township, Clinton county, which he greatly improved and later sold. He then bought eighty-nine acres in the same township, which he operated for a number of years. His last days, however, were spent in retirement, and he died in 1868. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bowers, and was a daughter of Christopher and Madeline (Stetzell) Bowers, both of German descent. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kissel: Henry, deceased; Sarah, deceased wife of Jacob Kline; G. Shriver, deceased; Christopher, a farmer of Pine Creek township; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Jane E., deceased wife of Daniel Kline; and Mrs. Garman. The father of this family was first a Whig and afterward a Republican in political belief, and in religious faith he was a Lutheran. He died at the advanced age of over ninety years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Garman were born four children: John A., born August 17, 1868, died at the age of seven years; Joseph K., born May 12, 1872, died in infancy; Elias C., born October 12, 1874, died in infancy; and Daniel K., born July 3, 1876, now assists in the operation of the home farm. Mr. Garman is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of Chatham Run Council, of which he was secretary and president. He served as supervisor of his township for eighteen years, and discharged his duties with marked fidelity and ability. He has steadily worked his way upward in the face of difficulties that would have utterly discouraged many men, and has achieved a success that reflects great credit upon his ability. He has won the highest esteem of friends and neighbors, and all who know him entertain for him warm regard.

EDWARD GUMMO. Prominent among the prosperous and progressive farmers of Clinton county may be named the subject of this biographical notice, whose homestead is pleasantly located in Bald Eagle township, and who, by enterprise and energy in the direction of his chosen industry, has given to his work a significance and beauty of which few deem it capable. He was born February 12, 1844, on his present farm, a son of Richard and Agnes (Nancarrow) Gummo, and in an old log school house which stood some distance from his home he began his education, Louisa Montgomery and Ellen Rogers being among his first teachers.

Mr. Gummo was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys in a pioneer settlement, as the development of this section was much behind the others of the county. He aided in the arduous task of clearing at least one-half of his farm, and when a young man he also worked in the lumber woods at different times. After attaining his majority he assumed the management of the home farm, receiving one-half the products, and, later, two-thirds until becoming sole owner. The place comprises 110 acres highly cultivated and improved with excellent buildings, and the well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance of the place plainly indicate the supervisor to be a thorough and skillful farmer as well as a business man of excellent ability. In connection with his property he owns four lots in the village of Flemington, and is justly numbered among the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community.

Mr. Gummo was married February 12, 1890, to Miss Annie M. Packer, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Tyler) Packer, and they have an interesting daughter, Mary Agnes. The parents are both sincere and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Laurel Run. Mr. Gummo was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the house of worship, and has served as treasurer and trustee since the organization of the Church. In his political views he coincides with the Republican party, but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. As a citizen he meets every requirement, and manifests a commendable interest in everything calculated to promote the public welfare. In manner he is pleasant, genial and approachable, and all who know him esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

ALLEXANDER K. HAMILTON, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, was born

there July 11, 1835, a son of Alexander and Ann (Morrison) Hamilton. He belongs to a patriotic and distinguished family that was early founded in the West Branch Valley. His great-grandfather, Capt. Alexander Hamilton, moved from Juniata Valley to what is now Pine Creek township, Clinton county, early in the year 1772, and marked out for himself a tract of land one mile square, which he bought of the Indians with a few presents. He was killed by the Redmen in the fall of 1781, a short distance above Northumberland on the North branch.

Robert Hamilton, the grandfather of our subject, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, purchased of the heirs the east half of the tract above mentioned, and in 1789 built the dwelling which is yet standing on the river bank, on the public road leading from Jersey Shore to Lock Haven, and is one of the landmarks of the township. He married Anna Jackson, whose father had come to this section from Orange county, N. Y., and in 1790 they began housekeeping at that home, where they spent the remainder of their days, the grandfather dying June 2, 1845, at the age of eighty-two, and his wife April 16, 1862, at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

The father of our subject was also a native of Pine Creek township, and in its subscription schools obtained his education. As a boy he worked on his father's farm, but afterward learned the printer's trade, and in 1837 became editor of *The Watchman*, published at Bellefonte, Centre county, Penn., with which he was connected for several years. Later he was similarly employed in Harrisburg, Penn., and was afterward editor of a paper in Jersey Shore. For a number of years he was also engaged in piloting rafts from Lock Haven to Marietta. He purchased a tract of timber land in Wayne township, Clinton county, at the foot of Bald Eagle Mountain, the lumber and bark from which he sold, and after clearing 170 acres, placed it under a high state of cultivation. For many years he was one of the most popular and successful teachers of Pine Creek township, having charge of the Duncan and McGuire schools, and having among his pupils some of the most prominent citizens of this community at the present day. While gathering bark upon his farm he contracted a cold, which resulted in his death in 1850, when our subject was fifteen years old. He was a Whig in politics, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of Pine Creek township. At Big Meddons, Tioga Co., Penn., he had married Ann Morrison, by whom he had eight children: Robert, who died at the age of twelve years; John, who married Dolly Arm-

strong, and lives in Iowa; Alexander K., of this sketch; Jackson, a resident of Pine Creek township; Anna Amanda; Nancy Jane Hayes, deceased; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; and Mary P., who is employed as a saleslady in Lock Haven. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Hamilton made her home with her children until she, too, was called to her final rest in 1871, being laid by his side in the old Pine Creek cemetery of Pine Creek township. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and had many friends throughout the community.

Mr. Hamilton, whose name opens this sketch, attended the schools in Pine Creek township taught by his father, and upon the home farm was reared to habits of industry. A few years after his father's death, he accompanied the family on their removal from Wayne to Pine Creek township, where he worked on the Ridge farm until July, 1861, when he enlisted at Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., in Company A, 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. Ulman and Col. Simmons, of Harrisburg. After being mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, the regiment was assigned to the Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and with that command Mr. Hamilton participated in the following battles: Gainesville, June 6, 1862; the seven-days' fight at Mechanicsville; Gaines Hill, June 27, 1862, where he was slightly wounded by a ball striking him in the breast; White Oak Swamp, June 30, 1862; Malvern Hill, July 1; second battle of Bull Run, August 29 and 30; Chantilly, Va., August 30; South Mountain, Md., September 14; Antietam, Md., September 16 and 17; and Fredericksburg, Va., December 15, where he was again wounded, by a ball passing through his left foot while trying to rescue a superior officer. The regiment then went into winter quarters, and the following year Mr. Hamilton took part in the battle of Gettysburg, Penn., July 2, 3 and 4, 1863; Williamsport, Md., July 7; Wapping Heights, July 9; Bristow, Va., October 14; Rappahannock Station, Va., November 7; and Hope Church and Mine Run, both in November, 1863. During the bitter cold of that winter he lost his hearing in one ear, while several of his comrades were frozen to death. The next year he took part in the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 6, 7 and 8; Spottsylvania, May 9, 10, 11 and 12; North Ann River, May 23 and 24; and Bethesda Church, Va., May 30. His three-years' term of service having expired, he was mustered out at Harrisburg, June 14, 1864, and returned home.

In Pine Creek township, Mr. Hamilton then engaged in agricultural pursuits upon a small

farm, where he now resides, and in connection with general farming he has successfully engaged in tobacco raising. In 1880 he built a comfortable residence upon his place, and has also a good barn, tobacco sheds and a fine orchard. He also operates the Rogers farm, and is justly regarded as one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of the community. In April, 1879, in Pine Creek township, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Rogers, a native of that township, and a daughter of Mathew Rogers. To them were born five children: Priscilla, born July 14, 1880; one that died in infancy; Bessie, born September 22, 1883; Matthew Stanley Quay, born January 7, 1887; and Robert Bruce, born September 27, 1893.

Politically, Mr. Hamilton is identified with the Republican party, and has served as president of the school board, of which he was a member for six years. The success that he has achieved in life has been due to his own efforts and the assistance of his estimable wife, who has indeed proved a faithful helpmeet to him, and no couple in Pine Creek township merit or receive in a greater degree the respect and esteem of the entire community. Mr. Hamilton is as loyal to his country's interests in days of peace as when following the old flag to victory on Southern battle fields.

JOSEPH H. HAYES, a leading agriculturist of Porter township, Clinton county, occupies a fine homestead near Parvin, the estate having been purchased by his father more than half a century ago. The Hayes family, which is of Scotch-Irish stock, has been identified with central Pennsylvania from an early period, our subject's ancestors being numbered among the first settlers along Beech creek.

James Hayes, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, and in his youth learned the axe-maker's trade with Harvey Mann, of Bellefonte. Later he engaged in the manufacture of axes on his own account in his native township, and for seven years he conducted an axe-factory near Mackeyville. In 1839 he removed to Stephenson county, Ill., and located on a farm four miles northwest of Freeport; the entire journey being made by team. The land was new, and while his time was mainly spent in cultivating it he also found time to make a few axes by hand. After two years he returned to the East by way of the lakes, and settled near Lamar, where he and W. N. Hayes built an axe-factory, the first in the vicinity. This they conducted

for about four years when they sold out to Reuben Loveland. James Hayes then removed to Penn's Valley, Centre county, as he had traded his 320 acres of land in Stephenson county, Ill., for a tannery and a small tract of land near Woodward. He engaged in tanning, and continued about two years, but in 1847 he sold the property and purchased the present homestead, which was then known as the Wilson farm. He was an excellent citizen, always ready to lend his influence to any progressive movement, and for years he was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but he never sought or held office. Beginning life poor, he acquired a comfortable competence through his own efforts. He was a large man, nearly six feet tall and weighing about 350 pounds, and he lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years. His wife, Esther (Heverly), to whom he was married in Centre county, was a native of Lebanon county, Penn., but had been taken to Centre county, when she was about eleven years old, by her father, Christopher Heverly, who settled near Bellefonte. She died at the age of seventy-three, and her remains now rest beside those of her husband in Cedar Hill cemetery. Of their four children, the first, Jane, died in girlhood; William died in April, 1896, at Mackeyville; Joseph H. is the subject of this sketch; Miss Hannah, who is an invalid, owns a share in the homestead and resides there.

Mr. Hayes, our subject, was born December 10, 1835, in Lamar township, Clinton county, a short distance below Mackeyville. In the fall of 1841, after the return of his parents from Illinois, he began to attend school in Howard, Penn., Miss Lilly being his first teacher. Later he attended the Washington school in Porter township, but his opportunities were much inferior to those of the present day in the same localities. He was reared to farm work, not even learning his father's trade of axe-making, and always remained at home without any special arrangements as to wages, the care of the place devolving entirely upon him during his father's later years. In 1874 he married Miss Mary J. Pettit, a native of Centre county, and a daughter of Samuel Pettit. Five children have blessed this union: James F., Jennie B., Samuel, Josephine B., and Esther G., who are all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and are identified with the best social circles of their locality.

The management of his farm, which contains 176 acres, requires much attention, but in a quiet

way Mr. Hayes takes an interest in local affairs, and at one time he served as school director. He was formerly a member of the Grange, but is not now connected with it. While he is by no means a politician, he keeps well informed upon the questions of the day, and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

DENNIS M. MAY, the well-known and popular proprietor of the "Renovo House," Renovo, Clinton county, was born in Erie county, Penn., in 1843, and is a son of Wallace and Matilda (Sloan) May, also natives of the Keystone State. Throughout his active business career the father followed the quiet pursuits of farm life, and now at the age of eighty years is living retired in Erie county, surrounded by the comforts which his past labors have brought. He has the respect and confidence of all who know him, and is justly deserving of the high regard in which he is held. The mother of our subject died in 1856, leaving six children who are yet living, namely: Dennis M., George H., Thomas D., Edward, Mrs. Emma Lurch, and Elizabeth (wife of George Campbell).

The country schools of his native county afforded our subject his educational privileges, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of industry and thrift. On attaining his majority he left the parental roof and came to Renovo, where he clerked in the "Renovo Hotel" for two years, and also served as constable. He devoted his energies principally to the hotel business until January 1, 1885, when he removed to Lock Haven to assume the duties of sheriff, to which office he had been elected the previous November. He most acceptably served in that responsible position for a term of three years, and then took charge of the "Keller House" at Lock Haven, conducting that popular hostelry for two years. On the expiration of his lease he became proprietor of the "Harmonia House" in the same city, but at the end of three years returned to Renovo and has since successfully conducted the "Renovo Hotel," which is one of the leading hotels in the place. He is ever mindful of the interests and comforts of his guests, and his house has therefore become a great favorite with the traveling public. It is convenient and comfortable, and the cuisine is unexceptionable.

In 1870 Mr. May married Miss Malissa, daughter of Robert Bridgens, a worthy citizen of Clinton county, and to them have been born five children: William, Annie D., Sarah Helen, Edward H. and Florence. The mother is a

consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a most estimable lady. Since attaining his majority Mr. May has taken an active and prominent part in political affairs, and is a recognized leader in the local Democracy. His ambition has been to acquit himself of life's duties honorably before all men, to improve his capabilities and opportunities and to become of use in the world; and it is this spirit mainly that has made him one of the most eminent and highly esteemed citizens of Renovo.

MARTIN F. MURPHY. A financial and commercial history of Renovo would be incomplete without a personal mention of Mr. Murphy, whose life is interwoven so closely with its business interests. Like many of the prominent and leading citizens of Clinton county, he comes from across the sea, having been born in Ireland in 1848. His parents, Daniel and Mary (McMahon) Murphy, were born in the same country, whence, early in the '50s, they emigrated to the New World, taking up their residence in Clinton county, where the remainder of their lives was passed.

In the schools of Lock Haven Martin F. Murphy received a good practical education that has well fitted him for the responsible duties of business life, and on leaving the school room at the age of fourteen he began clerking in a mercantile store in Renovo, which place has since been his home, and he has been prominently identified with its business interests. After clerking for some years he opened a store of his own in 1881, as a dealer in clothing and gents' furnishing goods, and has since successfully conducted the same. His large and commodious store building is well stocked with a fine and complete assortment of everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind, and it is conveniently located on the corner of Third street and Erie avenue. He is also a stockholder and director in both the First National Bank and the Renovo Electric Light Company, and as a thrifty, progressive citizen he is always identified with all enterprises calculated to prove of benefit to the town. He has made good use of his opportunities, has prospered from year to year, and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management. He holds membership in the Catholic Church, and on political questions usually coincides with the Democratic party. Political honors have no attraction for him, as he prefers to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests.

VALENTINE SOHMER, the popular landlord of the "Pennsylvania House" at Lock Haven, Clinton county, is a native of Germany, born in 1850. Mathias and Hermolia (Smith) Sohmer, his parents, were also born in the Fatherland, and there passed their entire lives. Mathias was a cooper by trade, and followed that occupation as a means of livelihood. Both parents were industrious, hardworking people, kind neighbors and good citizens. They reared a family of children, who followed in their footsteps and have proven worthy of the name they bear. Six of their children are still living, namely: Brigeter, Mathias, Blondina, Valentine (our subject), Ferdinand and Pauline.

Valentine Sohmer attended the schools of his native place until fourteen years of age, at which time he was thrown on his own resources and became self-supporting. On leaving school he worked on a farm until 1868. He then came to America and located at Lock Haven, where for some ten or more years he worked in a brewery. After the expiration of that time, having saved his earnings, he was enabled to go into business for himself, and began keeping the "Pennsylvania House," a hotel that bears a great reputation throughout the State for the generous hospitality dispensed. The rooms are neat and airy, the beds comfortable and easy, and the table bountifully spread. The "Pennsylvania House" is centrally located, and affords accommodations for seventy-five guests. The landlord is popular among the traveling public, and is one of the best of our German citizens. Like the general German, he has made and saved money, becoming well-to-do.

Our subject has been twice married, first in 1871 to Julia Herman, a German by birth, and seven children were born to them, namely: Emma (Mrs. Kert Shaw), Frank, Anna, Lulu, Helen, Valentine and Viola. The mother of these died in January, 1892, and in March, 1895, Mr. Sohmer was again married, this time to Marguerite Haugh, of Pittsburg, who presides with an air of good cheer at the "Pennsylvania House." In politics Mr. Sohmer is a Democrat; he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

SAMUEL L. AND CHARLES L. RICKER, comprising the firm of Ricker Brothers, proprietors of the Jersey Dairy of Nittany Valley, are among the most thrifty, enterprising and progressive business men of Lamar township, Clinton county. Their father, Jacob Ricker, was born February 14, 1827, in Lehigh county, Penn., whence when a boy he was brought by

his parents to Clinton county. The grandfather, George Ricker, was a cabinet-maker and carpenter by occupation.

Jacob Ricker, the father, started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, but prospered in his undertakings and became quite well-to-do. After his marriage he located on a farm in the east end of Nittany Valley, and later removed to the place now occupied by his sons, for some years continuing to conduct both farms. He was an excellent judge of horses and a very skillful driver, and has owned some fine animals. He is still residing with his sons, and is honored and respected by all who know him. On September 17, 1849, he married Miss Sarah Allison, whose father, Samuel Allison, was a cousin of Senator Allison, of Iowa. She was born July 7, 1830, on the farm where her sons are still living, and died July 7, 1885, her remains being interred in Cedar Hill cemetery. In order of birth her children were as follows: John A., born April 26, 1850, is a sawyer in West Virginia; William J., born September 17, 1851, is a traveling salesman; Samuel L. was born in Nittany Valley, December 25, 1853; George L., born November 13, 1857, is a butcher at Flat Rock, Penn.; H. L., born September 6, 1865, is a butcher at Salona, Clinton county; Arthur L., born July 19, 1869, is also a resident of Salona; and Charles L., born November 13, 1873, completes the family.

Samuel L. Ricker was reared upon his present farm, attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and completed his education in the schools of Salona. In early manhood he left home and went to Lincoln county, Kans., where he bought a tract of prairie land, built a "dugout," and kept bachelor's hall for two years. One season he planted one hundred acres in wheat, but the entire crop was destroyed by drought, and he never harvested a grain. Becoming discouraged, he and a companion started from that State to Pennsylvania in a covered wagon, but on arriving at Atchison, Kans., they secured employment for a short time, which resulted in Mr. Ricker remaining there for some years. While at that place he married Anna Sheats, who was born in the east end of Nittany Valley, Clinton Co., Penn., a daughter of William and Leah (Snyder) Sheats, and they have seven children: Cora, Clyde, Sarah E., S. Guy, Byron, Edna and Glenn.

In Atchison, Kans., Mr. Ricker was employed as a driver of a milk wagon for six months, and then started in the dairy business on his own account. He rented 150 acres of land near that place, prospered in his new enterprise, and made money rapidly; but failing health caused

him to sell out and return to Pennsylvania. For five months after his arrival here he was confined to his bed, and on sufficiently recovering to engage in business he bought a few acres of land near Flat Rock, in Nittany Valley, with the intention of building a store and engaging in merchandising, finally, however, giving up that idea. For a few years he was interested in the butcher business, but after the death of his mother, he returned to the old homestead as his father was left without a housekeeper. Here he has continued to reside, and since 1887 he and his brother Charles L., have engaged in the dairy business. They began operations on a moderate scale, but as they prospered they have added to their business, and now keep on hands from forty to forty-five cows. Their herd includes many thoroughbred Jersey and Holstein cattle, some of the finest in the county. They also own the Miles Hanna farm near Castanea, which they rent, besides the old homestead, and are justly numbered among the wide-awake, straightforward and reliable business men of their community, as well as the leading dairymen of Lock Haven. In politics Samuel L. Ricker is a pronounced Republican; in religious belief his wife is a Lutheran.

AD. PORTER. No more thrifty farmer or better citizen can be found in Nittany Valley than our subject, whose home is in Porter township, Clinton county, and he is descended from honored old Revolutionary stock. He was born April 11, 1852, about one mile southwest of Mackeyville (then Hamburg), in Lamar township, Clinton county, and is a son of James H. and Elizabeth (Reese) Porter. The grandfather, James Porter, Sr., was a son of Samuel Porter, the progenitor of the family in Nittany Valley, who was born in the North of Ireland of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James H. Porter, our subject's father, was born March 22, 1822, on the old Porter homestead near Mackeyville, and in the primitive log school house of that early day he acquired his education, his first teacher being Jane Walters, who afterward became the wife of James Rogers. He was once punished at school by having a pincher placed upon his nose. He remained upon the home farm, aiding in the arduous task of clearing and developing wild land until his marriage in February, 1848, with Miss Elizabeth Reese. She was born near Millheim, in Centre county, Penn., February 22, 1826, a daughter of John and Christina (Heltman) Reese. For the first two years of his married life Mr.

Porter lived in a tenant house upon his father's farm, and then removed to another place in Lamar township, where he spent one year. Subsequently he bought fifty-five acres in that township at \$15 per acre, cleared it and erected good buildings thereon, and later sold the place for \$60.00 per acre. For the past forty years he has lived upon his present farm, which he purchased from A. H. Best, and which was known as the old Thompson homestead. Here he has a most comfortable home, and is practically living retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil. His early life was one of hardship. As a boy one pair of shoes was furnished him each winter, but they often did not last longer than February at the farthest, and he was obliged to go barefooted all through the cold days of spring. His mother spun the flax from which most of the clothes of the family were made. But all this has been changed, and Mr. Porter is now numbered among the wealthy and prosperous farmers of his community, owning two valuable farms, one in Lamar township and the other in Porter township, aggregating 335 acres of rich and arable land. Although he usually supports the Democratic party, he is not strictly partisan, and often votes the Prohibition ticket, as he is a strong temperance man, never using liquors or tobacco in any form. His father being such an inveterate hunter, mostly seen with dogs and guns, he became disgusted with the sport, and has never loaded a gun in his life. He was a charter member of the Grange, and is justly regarded as one of the most valued and honored citizens of Clinton county.

To the parents of our subject were born the following children: Mary, who wedded F. E. Hays, and died in Lamar township; John R., a farmer of that township; Adolphus D., of this review; Margaret F., wife of Lewis W. Dornblaser, of Porter township; Jane, wife of Harry Snyder, of Porter township; and Hays H., who makes his home in Lamar township. During his boyhood and youth Adolphus D. Porter attended the public schools at Mackeyville, and among his first teachers were Belle Conley, John Shoemaker and a Mr. Kelderwood, while later he pursued his studies under the direction of Daniel H. Hastings, the present governor of Pennsylvania. He never attended any higher institution of learning, but is a warm friend of better and more advanced schools. Under the able guidance of his father he became a thorough and skillful farmer, and while never learning any trade, he is able to do carpentering and horseshoeing, as he is a natural mechanic and very skillful with tools of all kinds. At the age of twenty-six he began life for himself,

he and his brother J. R. forming a partnership. They bought stock and tools, and together operated their father's farm for nine years, at the end of which time our subject purchased his brother's interest and rented what was known as the Austin Brungart farm, in the east end of Nittany Valley, until the spring of 1891. He then removed to his present farm of seventy acres, known as the John Watson farm, and to its improvement and cultivation has since devoted his attention, making it one of the most desirable and valuable places in the Valley.

On March 27, 1884, Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Mrs. Sevilla R. Shipe, *nee* Campbell, who was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Penn., October 30, 1854, and is an only daughter. She first married J. H. Shipe, by whom she had one son, born May 13, 1882, and who is now known as Calvin J. Porter. Politically, our subject's sympathies are with the Prohibition party as he is an uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic, but at elections he always endeavors to support the best man regardless of party affiliations. In religious belief he is a Methodist, is a liberal contributor to all Church work, is now serving as trustee, and for a long time was treasurer of his Church. He is also an active and prominent worker in the Sabbath-school, and gives a hearty support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his community. His honesty and integrity are proverbial, and he has the respect and esteem of young and old, rich and poor. He is thoroughly a self-made man, is progressive and energetic, believing in keeping thoroughly abreast with the times, and in this way has achieved a well-merited success in his life work.

CHARLES W. LOVELAND, of Lock Haven, Clinton county, who is now serving his second term as the obliging and painstaking clerk to the board of county commissioners, was born in 1860 at Lamar, and has thus far passed his life in the city.

Reuben Loveland, his father, was born in the State of Connecticut, and some time in the early '40s located at Lamar, where he engaged in the manufacture of axes, conducting an axe factory at that point for years. He was a Christian man and a worker in the Church, always interested in religious matters in the community, and in every movement having for its object the elevation of his fellowmen. He and his estimable wife, who was a Miss Nancy Rossman, were both identified with the M. E. Church, and were

among the best of Lamar's people. He died in 1886, and she on July 2, 1897.

Charles W. Loveland attended the schools of his native town, and was then sent to Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn., where he remained three years. After returning home from college he traveled for a firm, following which he was for three years engaged in mercantile business at Lamar. In 1894 he was appointed clerk to the board of county commissioners, and in 1897 he was reappointed to the same position. He has proven himself a very competent clerical man, accurate and efficient.

In 1884 Mr. Loveland was married to Miss Clara B. Watson, a daughter of John Watson, of Lamar, and to the marriage have come the following four children: Leslie L., Stella, Amy and Miriam. The parents of these were members of the M. E. Church, and are active in its social gatherings. Mr. Loveland is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Lock Haven Club. In politics he is a Republican.

REV. JAMES SAAS. Evidently qualified and fitted for the life and self-denial, responsibility and trust to which the priest is called, is Rev. James Saas, the pastor of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, at Lock Haven, Clinton county.

Father Saas was born in Germany, whence he came to America when quite young. He received his theological and philosophical education at St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was ordained a priest in 1894. He was first assistant priest of St. Anthony's Church, at Lancaster, Penn., remaining in that incumbency a short time, then, in May, 1895, he was sent to his present pastorate at Lock Haven, of which he has ever since had independent charge. St. Agnes Church is in a thriving condition, both financially and spiritually. There is a large and prosperous school in connection with the parish, which is excellently conducted. This Church was organized at Lock Haven, in January, 1873, and the congregation has gradually increased until it now numbers several families. Considerable money has been expended in Church property, buildings, etc., and in improvements. Father Saas is a man of promise, and his life bids to be one of great usefulness.

JOHN N. KEMMERER, one of the most active and enterprising business men of Green township, Clinton county, is the senior partner of the firm of Kemmerer & Brothers,

lumber manufacturers and farmers. He is a native of Sugar Valley, born in the borough of Loganton, February 14, 1866, and is a son of Joseph and Elmira (Lebo) Kemmerer, who were born, reared and married in Lykens Valley, Dauphin county, Penn. The paternal grandparents were Christian and ——— (Fisher) Kemmerer, well-known farming people of Washington township, that county, and the maternal grandfather, Lebo, was also an agriculturist of Dauphin county.

The birth of Joseph Kemmerer occurred in Elizabethtown, and in the schools of his native county he acquired a good English and German education, becoming especially proficient in mathematics. There he began his business career as a farmer, but on first coming to Loganton, Clinton county, he operated a pottery, manufacturing crocks, etc., and continued to follow that occupation for several years. He invented and patented a washing machine, the first of the kind in central Pennsylvania, and after engaging in its manufacture for some time, he embarked in the lumber business, buying a large tract of timber land in Green township, Sugar Valley, where he erected a fine steam sawmill, and operated the same up to the time of his death. He also purchased the Grannely farm of 140 acres, which he improved and cultivated. While taking logs up Sugar Valley Mountain, February 9, 1893, one large log jumped from the slide striking Mr. Kemmerer, and he expired a few seconds later in the arms of our subject. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, and besides his family he left many friends to mourn his death, for he was widely known and highly respected. He began life here in limited circumstances, but by industry, perseverance and good management he succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, was a lifelong Democrat in politics, and served his fellow citizens in the capacity of auditor of his township. His widow, who is a most estimable lady, now makes her home with her children, who are as follows: Sarah, wife of McClennell Brungart, of Green township; Sybella, wife of John Reninger, of Jersey Shore, Penn.; John N.; Frank, who married Clara Miller, and is engaged in business with our subject; James L., a farmer of Green township, who married Alice Wolf, daughter of Eli Wolf, of that township. One child died in infancy.

The education of John N. Kemmerer was such as the public schools of Green township afforded. He began work at lumbering with his father in the mill, where he remained until twenty-two

years of age; then was employed as engineer in the Jameson sawmill for a year and a half, and six months at lumbering in another part of the township. In 1890 he returned home and worked with his father until his death, when in partnership with his brother Frank he took charge of the business, which they have since successfully conducted. Besides making extensive improvements in the mill and machinery, costing upward of one thousand dollars, they have erected a steam sawmill in Logan township at a cost \$1,200, and now carry on a large and profitable business. They own over one thousand acres of timber land in Sugar Valley, besides other small tracts, and the old homestead of 140 acres also belongs to our subject, who is acknowledged to be one of the most reliable, straightforward and progressive men of Clinton county.

Mr. Kemmerer was married in 1893 to Miss Anna V. Moyer, a native of Penn's Valley, Centre county, Penn., a daughter of George and Catharine (Wagner) Moyer, of Green township, Clinton county, and they have two interesting children—Harry L. and Katie E. Politically, Mr. Kemmerer is identified with the Democratic party, but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. Although he is a very quiet, unassuming man, he is genial and well-liked, and has a host of warm friends throughout his native county.

JOSEPH S. SMITH, who is successfully engaged in the wholesale liquor business in Renovo, Clinton county, was born in St. Mary's, Penn., in 1866, but his parents, Joseph and Anna (Krug) Smith, were natives of Germany, whence in their youth they came to the New World, taking up their residence in this State. As a life work the father engaged in the butcher business, but for some years previous to his death, which occurred April 10, 1885, he lived retired. His estimable wife still survives him as does also their three sons—John L., Joseph S. and Sebastian.

In the city of his birth Joseph S. Smith was reared, acquiring his education in its public schools. On starting out in life for himself he first worked in the mines, and was later employed as a clerk and deliverer of goods in a mercantile establishment. In 1892 he began business in Renovo as a wholesale liquor dealer, and has met with excellent success in the undertaking. He carries on business on Erie avenue, and receives a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Smith was married, in 1893, to Miss

Mary E. Sullivan, a daughter of Cornelius Sullivan, of Wellsville, N. Y., and they now have an interesting little daughter, Marie Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both communicants of the Catholic Church, and in his political affiliations he is a Democrat. A progressive and enterprising citizen, he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and supports all objects which he believes calculated to promote the general welfare.

REV. FRANCIS P. MCCARTHY. Though as yet in the enjoyment of a comparatively short pastorate at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Lock Haven, Clinton county, Father McCarthy has by his devout life, while quietly working in his appointed sphere, so endeared himself to his congregation, and gained the esteem and regard of all classes in the community, as to give promise of great usefulness in this field of the vineyard.

Father McCarthy was born in 1863, at Providence, Rhode Island, where the rudiments of his education were received. Subsequently, for two years, he attended the Christian Brothers school in the same city, and completed his college course at Manhattan College, New York, in 1883. After his ordination he was given his first charge—St. Vincent De Paul, New York City—remaining two years. He next was sent to Harrisburg, Penn., where for four years he was the assistant to the priest in charge at the Renovo Church. On May 2, 1895, he came to his present field of labor, and has since had charge of this parish, which is one of the best in Central Pennsylvania.

The Church at Lock Haven was established in 1863, by Rev. Father Gilligin. The charge is provided with a very handsome brick church edifice, and a commodious school building, the former having a seating capacity of 500. The school is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. The congregation is growing, and the parish is in excellent condition both spiritually and financially.

CHARLES F. BICKFORD. The lumbering interests in and about Lock Haven, Clinton county, have been one of the important factors in the growth of that prosperous and flourishing little city. Since the building of the West Branch boom in 1849 millions of feet of sawed logs have annually been secured and there manufactured into lumber and timber, giving employment to hundreds of men. One of the operators here for

a lifetime in this important industry is he whose name introduces this sketch.

Our subject comes of a family of lumbermen who came from a lumber State—Maine. Samuel Bickford, his father, was a conspicuous man in lumber circles in this section for a third of a century, and several of his sons followed in the same line, and either are now, or have been, identified with the business here. A sketch of the father is given in that of James A. Bickford elsewhere. Charles F. Bickford was born in 1854 in Clinton county, and here received the rudiments of his education. Later he attended the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In his childhood he had heard the lumber interests of Maine talked of, while as he was growing up that subject was the topic of conversation at home, and it was but natural that his mind should be directed in that channel. Beginning in boyhood he was for many years employed in the lumber yard as shipping clerk for his father, and step by step he came up in the business, learning every department thoroughly. From 1877 until 1883 he was engaged as bookkeeper and shipping clerk in the planing-mill, and in 1883 he became engaged in the sawmill business, in which he has ever since continued. The mills and business are carried on by our subject and his brother, Frank E., who is a partner. The capacity of this plant is from two million to three million feet per annum. These brothers are capable and energetic business men, and are meeting with the success their efforts deserve. In politics our subject is a Republican. He is a member of the B. P. O. E., of the Royal Arcanum, and of the United Workmen. As a citizen he commands the respect of the community.

On December 23, 1875, Mr. Bickford was married to Virgie T. Ritchie, and they have three children—Clarence, Florence and Mirian. Mrs. Bickford was born in Clinton county, February 3, 1852, and is a daughter of William Ritchie, of Lock Haven. She is a most estimable lady, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY T. HALL, of Lock Haven, Clinton county, who is now serving his second term as district attorney for Clinton county, has a brilliant professional record, and his success reflects the more credit upon him because it was obtained by his own efforts, notwithstanding the trials and discouragements which inevitably accompany limited means in early life.

Mr. Hall was born October 25, 1858, at Mill Hall, Clinton county, a son of James and Julia

(Zellars) Hall. His father, who was a native of Ireland, came to America when but fourteen years old, and spent the greater portion of his life at Mill Hall and vicinity, being engaged for about twenty-five years in the occupation of axe-making. During the Mexican war he served with honor as a private soldier, and in all the relations of life he commanded the respect of his associates. His death occurred in 18—; his wife, who was a native of Clinton county, passed away in 1889. They had four children: John, Henry T. and George W. (twins) and Mary Frances, wife of Ellery S. McNaul, of Lock Haven.

As his parents were in moderate circumstances, our subject was obliged to become a bread winner at an early age, and for some years his educational opportunities were restricted to the winter terms in the Mill Hall schools. However, he made the most of his advantages and prepared himself to teach a country school, the proceeds, together with his savings from his work during summer in a sawmill, enabling him to take a course at the State Normal School in Lock Haven, entering in 1878 and graduating in 1880. His ability and success as a teacher may be seen from the fact that he had charge of the public schools of Flemington one year and those of Mill Hall three years. After graduating from the Normal School he continued to teach for two years, spending his summers, as before, in working in a sawmill. He then entered the office of H. T. Harvey, and began the study of law. After two and one-half years of preparatory reading he went to Winfield, Kans., where he was admitted to the Bar and established himself in practice. Soon, however, he was called home on account of the serious illness of his mother, and he decided to remain, an advantageous partnership being formed with T. C. Hipple. Four years later he was nominated by the Republicans for the office of district attorney, and, notwithstanding the fact that Clinton county usually goes Democratic by about 500 votes, he was elected by a majority of 288. At the end of his term of three years he was nominated unanimously by his party, and was again elected, his majority being 700. No better testimony of popularity could be desired than this endorsement in a community where he has been known since childhood, and his able discharge of the duties of the position fully justifies the confidence of his supporters.

So far, Mr. Hall has not joined the ranks of the happy Benedicts. While he is not a Church member he inclines to the Presbyterian faith, and his sympathies are with every movement that promises to bring a benefit to the community.

SAMUEL MILLAR McCORMICK, of Lock Haven, is a prominent member of the Clinton County Bar, and the story of his successful struggle with adverse circumstances in early life cannot fail to strengthen the purpose and stimulate the energies of any ambitious youth who reads these lines.

The McCormick family is one of the oldest in this section, and it is supposed that its founders came originally from Scotland. William Montgomery McCormick, our subject's father, was born in Clinton county, and for some years of his manhood followed farming there. In 1852 he went to California in search of gold, but he was probably killed by the Indians, as nothing definite was ever learned concerning his fate. His wife, Ann Eliza (Millar), who died in 1889, was born in Pennsylvania, of German descent.

Our subject was born in 1846, in Lamar township, Clinton county, and is now the only surviving member of the family. He secured a public-school education, but being anxious to pursue his studies farther he taught some four or five years in order to obtain the funds to carry him through a course in the State Normal School at Millersville, where he was graduated in 1870. On leaving this institution he resumed the work of teaching, and continued until the fall of 1874, when he entered the office of C. S. McCormick, of Lock Haven, and began the study of law. On January 1, 1877, he was admitted to the Bar, and for more than twenty years has been actively engaged in professional work, making a specialty of cases in the Orphans' Court, and acquiring also a large office business. He cherishes a firm faith in the principles of the Republican party, but is not an aspirant for political honors, although he has served ably as United States revenue collector, and has been prominent in municipal affairs as a member of the city council, having held the position of clerk in that body almost continuously for ten years. In any enterprise which promises to benefit his locality he is to be found among the leaders, and he is especially interested in educational matters. Since May 1, 1879, he has served as a trustee of the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, and during all that period has been secretary of the board.

On March 7, 1877, Mr. McCormick married Miss Henrietta M. Holahan, daughter of Thomas Holahan, a highly respected citizen of Lock Haven, who served two terms as superintendent of schools in Clinton county. Mrs. McCormick died in January, 1895, leaving two sons, Ralph W. and Clay M. Mr. McCormick and his wife united with the Great Island Presbyterian Church

early in their married life, and since 1880 he has held the office of treasurer. For a year past he has also served as elder of the Church. He belongs to Great Island Lodge No. 320, I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand, and to Clinton Encampment No. 27, in which he is past chief patriarch, and has been treasurer since 1883.

FREDERICK W. KELLER is one of the active, enterprising and popular business men of Lock Haven, Clinton county, a native of that city, in which he was born in the year 1866.

Henry Keller, father of our subject, was born in Germany, whence when a young man he came to America, locating in Pine Creek township, Clinton county. Subsequently he moved to Lock Haven, and there learned the shoemaker's trade, which he worked at for a time, and in 1859 established the present business carried on by Frederick W., under the name of Henry Keller's Son. He was thrifty and industrious, and succeeded in accumulating a fair share of this world's goods. He built up a good business, and played well his part as a good, law-abiding citizen of the county seat, in the affairs of which he was always interested, and to which he gave a share of his time and counsel. He was a man somewhat retiring and unassuming, yet affable and easily approached. He read and investigated, had good practical ideas, and he served very creditably in the city council. His death occurred in 1894. His widow, who is a respected resident of the community, was Elizabeth Knights, and was born in Pennsylvania. Their children are: Emma, Anna, Ella, Frederick W. (our subject), and Charles H.

Frederick W. Keller was reared in Lock Haven, and attended the public schools of the city, subsequently taking a business course of study. At the age of sixteen years he began assisting his father in the store, and of him learned the business. In a manner he was reared in the store and to this line of business. He is thoroughly acquainted with it, and the success with which he has met since the death of his father has proven that he is a worthy successor of that father. He is possessed of that tact and manner that are calculated to attract and hold custom. He is ambitious, and has that energy that will win in the course of time. Mr. Keller was reared in the religious faith of the German Lutheran Church.

ROBERT H. IRVINE, general manager and secretary of the Lock Haven Traction Company, is a young man who has won an enviable reputation in his chosen line of effort—

that of civil engineering. While he possesses a thorough knowledge of the practical details of his profession, he has also a rare degree of executive ability as is shown in his successful work in superintending large enterprises.

Mr. Irvine is a native of Lock Haven, born in 1868, the only son of Dr. Joseph S. K. Irvine and his wife, Carrie (Abrams). The father was born in Cumberland county, Penn., and when twenty-five years old settled at Lock Haven, where he became a prominent physician, but he died in 1872, at a comparatively early age. Our subject's mother, who was born in Williamsport, Penn., is still living. When four years of age our subject was taken to Reading, Penn., where he received his education in the public schools. After his graduation he was employed as a civil engineer on the Reading railroad for three years, and then went to South America to assist in a similar capacity in the construction of the first railroad built in the United States of Colombia. Sixteen months were occupied in this work, and on his return home he gave his attention to the construction of electric railways, being employed first on a line at Camden, N. J. Later he removed to Lock Haven to build the road with which he is at present connected, and after its completion he was retained by the company as manager and secretary. The line is five and one-half miles long, and is constantly being extended, so that it bids fair to become one of the leading traction roads in this section.

In 1890 Mr. Irvine was married to Lenore Shenfelder, a daughter of Daniel P. Shenfelder, of Reading, Penn. Socially, Mr. Irvine and his wife are prominent, and the latter is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Irvine belongs to various fraternal societies, including the B. P. O. E., the A. O. U. W., and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is conservative.

JOSEPH PARSONS, who for thirty-five years has been an honored resident of Lock Haven, Clinton county, is one of the most influential and intelligent citizens of that thriving town, and for ten years has represented the Second ward in the city council. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and among the vivid pictures which memory holds for him is the battle of Antietam, where the dead and dying fell on all sides during the long hours of the fight. Mr. Parsons has an interesting personality, has literary gifts, and his high character as a man commands the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Parsons comes of good Colonial stock, his grandfather, Stephen Parsons, having been a

soldier in the Revolutionary war. William Parsons, our subject's father, was a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, and as a contractor did much toward making public improvements of various kinds, including canals, which in his day furnished the best means of transportation. He died in 1833 at Paradise, Lancaster Co., Penn., and his wife, Catherine (Collins), who was also a native of Pennsylvania, passed away some years before.

Squire Parsons, who is now the only survivor of his family, was born at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Penn., and was reared after the old-fashioned plan, receiving but limited schooling. Among his teachers was a man in Harrisburg named Cross, who seemed to think that whipping was an indispensable aid to education; but notwithstanding the disadvantages of his environment our subject became an ardent student, and by his own efforts has gained accurate information on a wide range of topics. He pursued a course of legal study, was admitted to the Bar in early life, and he is also well-read in science, history and literature. In fact, he has wielded the pen to good effect himself, some poetical gems having attracted favorable notice. Extensive travel has added to his practical knowledge of men and affairs, as he has circumnavigated the globe, giving especial attention to the interesting scenes of the Holy Land and to the important cities of the Old World. About 1861 Squire Parsons made his home at Lock Haven. For a number of years he served as justice of the peace, and he has held his present office continuously since 1886. In politics he has always been a Jeffersonian Democrat; but in 1896, believing that his party had deviated from its principles, he voted the Republican ticket.

In 1838 our subject married Miss Ann E. Fribley, of Lycoming county, Penn., who passed from earth in February, 1894. Six children survive: John F., a resident of Emporium, Penn.; William; Mary A., widow of Dr. Canfield; Edward K.; Charles F., and Georgia, widow of a Mr. Dietrich. Socially the family is prominent, and our subject is now the oldest member of the Masonic fraternity in Lock Haven, having joined the F. & A. M. in 1851. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

ELIAS SNYDER, a prominent agriculturist of the Nittany Valley, is the owner of a fine farm near Lock Haven, Clinton county. His residence, which was built in 1887, is without doubt the best farm house in the Valley, and everything about the estate gives evidence of

liberal and progressive management. These signs of material prosperity are of less importance, however, than some which point to the excellent qualities of character that mark a good citizen, or to the elevated home influence that have prepared a family of clever children for useful and honorable places in the world.

Mr. Snyder is of pioneer stock, his great-grandfather having come from Holland at an early day to locate in Pennsylvania. Christopher Snyder, our subject's grandfather, was the first of the name to settle in Clinton county, and the farm in Lamar township where he located in the early part of this century is still in the possession of his descendants. He was already well advanced in years when he removed to the place, and as it was nearly in its primitive condition he made only a beginning toward its improvement, his death occurring a few years after his removal. Of his seven children five—Benjamin, Fannie, Hannah, Rachel, and Sarah—did not live to maturity. Harmon settled in later years in Clarion county, where he died leaving several children. John, our subject's father, was born about 1788, in what is now Snyder county, but was then a part of Union county, and, when his parents left their old home there to settle in Clinton county, he was entering upon manhood. At his father's death he came into possession of the homestead, where he continued to follow farming until 1833. He then rented the place, and removed to the farm now occupied by our subject, where he made many improvements. As old age drew on he retired from active work, and having built another residence upon the farm he passed his last days there. During this period he was nearly blind at times from a cataract, as operations seem to give him only temporary relief. He was of medium height and build, but in his early days was a great worker, acquiring a comfortable competence. As a citizen he was held in high esteem, and he was a devout member of the New Mennonite Church, his religion being illustrated in his daily life. At one time he supported the Democratic party, and later he was a Whig; but he finally became disgusted with politics and politicians, and did not even go to the polls on election day. He died July 4, 1870, in his eighty-fourth year, and was buried in a private cemetery on our subject's farm. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Neff, was a native of Centre county, and a daughter of John Neff, a well-known farmer. She lived to her seventy-fourth year, breathing her last on May 6, 1865. They had eleven children: Elizabeth, who married Christian Sheats, and died in Lamar township, Clinton county; Catherine (Mrs. Knights),

who died in the same township; Nancy, wife of Jacob Long, of Livingston county, N. Y.; Susan, wife of H. M. Bean, of the same county; Leah, widow of William Sheats, of Lamar township, Clinton county; John, who now occupies the original homestead; Lucinda, widow of Levi Zimmerman, of Jewell county, Kans.; Fannie, who married Henry Neff, and died in Lamar township, Clinton county; Hannah, widow of E. A. Hancy, of Oregon; Elias, our subject; and Charlotte, widow of Samuel P. Burrell, of Lock Haven.

Our subject was born March 9, 1834, in a log house which stood about six feet in front of the site of his present residence. As the son of a busy farmer he was trained to habits of industry in his youth, and he well recalls the tedious days spent in threshing and other work which is now done by machinery. For a few months in each winter he was permitted to attend school in a log house near his home, but everything was of the most primitive order, the seats being rough benches arranged around the sides of the room. He learned to write with a quill pen, and often made his own as he was forbidden to use steel pens. His first teacher was William Allison, and as his instructors were changed nearly every term, in accordance with old-fashioned customs, his reminiscences cover a wide range of experience in this respect. In early manhood he went to Lock Haven to engage in the real-estate business with E. A. Hancy, but since 1869 he has been in charge of the homestead, which he rented for a short time. At his father's death, in 1870, it came to him by will, and the later improvements on the place have all been made by him. His beautiful residence has been already mentioned, and in 1893 he rebuilt his barn, which is now a model structure, 46x90 feet, with a wing 27x48.

In all his efforts Mr. Snyder has had the assistance of a good wife, that best of blessings, and like a true man he delights in acknowledging the value of her aid. He was married in November, 1868, in Livingston county, N. Y., to Miss Martha Salinger, who was born July 12, 1845, in Livonia, N. Y., the daughter of Issachar and Catherine (Weaver) Salinger. Her father, who was a wagon maker by trade, died at the age of forty-four, leaving a home to his widow, and with the help of the older children she managed to keep the family together. She lived to her eightieth year, and the remains of both are interred at Livonia. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and were much respected among their associates for their admirable qualities of character. Mrs. Snyder was the youngest of six children. Of the others, Edward is a farmer in

Livingston county, N. Y.; Sarsing, a merchant, died in Wayland, N. Y.; Issachar resides in Livonia, N. Y.; Theresa married Isaac Havens, of Hemlock Lake, N. Y.; Mary, the widow of Austin Woodruff, resides in Livonia, N. Y. Mrs. Snyder attended the common schools near her home until she was fifteen when she entered the seminary at Dansville, N. Y., where she spent four terms. Thus prepared she engaged in teaching in Livingston county, N. Y., beginning at fifteen dollars per month and board. She was successful in the work, and taught nine terms in the same county before Mr. Snyder persuaded her to abandon the calling. They began their housekeeping in the spring of 1869, in the little log house in which our subject was born. Four children have blessed their union: Cora I., who was graduated from the Lock Haven Normal School in 1889, and has taught several terms of school successfully; Marguerite M., also a graduate of the Lock Haven school, and a successful teacher; Charles B., born September 21, 1876, is now a student at State College, Penn.; and Florence E., is still at home. Mr. Snyder's limited opportunities in early life have stimulated him to give his children the best advantages within reach, and he and his wife find their reward for their efforts in seeing them taking a place among the best social and intellectual circles of the locality.

While Mr. Snyder holds a high rank as a business man, and is sufficiently popular to aspire with confidence to political office, he has never taken an especial interest in public affairs. He has served as assessor, judge of election, and tax collector, holding the latter office for some years, and his sympathies are with the Democratic party as a rule, although he often votes for the best man irrespective of party lines. The family is identified with the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Snyder is a member. During his residence in Lock Haven Mr. Snyder joined the Masonic fraternity, but after his removal to the farm he found the distance too great for him to continue the active work of the order, and he withdrew from membership.

ALLEXANDER Y. JONES, proprietor of the "Renovo Hotel," Renovo, Clinton county, was born October 25, 1842, in Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Penn., and is a son of Thomas M. and Ann (Williams) Jones. The father was born in Wales, whence about 1832, when a young man, he came to the United States, and spent the rest of his life in Pennsylvania where his death occurred in 1874. He was an active, enterpris-

ing business man, who engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods and in lumbering throughout his business career, and his straightforward honorable course won for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. His wife, who was a native of Philadelphia, also departed this life in 1874. Four children yet survive them, as follows: Alexander Y., of this review; Mrs. Mathew Griffith, of Kane, Penn.; Mrs. William P. Eckles, of Smithport, Penn.; and Elmer E., a resident of Ohio.

During his boyhood and youth the subject of this sketch attended the common schools, and about the time he should have entered college the tocsin of war sounded, so that he laid aside his text books and responded to the President's call for troops to put down the Rebellion. He joined Company F, 123d P. V. I., and on the expiration of his term of service in that regiment he re-enlisted, this time in the 209th P. V. I., with which he served until hostilities had ceased, being honorably discharged March 25, 1865. At Fort Steadman he received a gunshot wound in the head. On returning to his home in Ebensburg, Mr. Jones accepted the position of bookkeeper for A. A. Barker, and after acceptably filling that position for four years, he engaged in the woolen business for about five years. He then removed to Kane, where he had the management of a mercantile establishment until 1892, when he came to Renovo to take charge of the "Renovo Hotel," one of the largest hostleries between Philadelphia and Erie. His pleasant, genial manner makes him a most popular landlord, and he is meeting with excellent success in his new undertaking.

In 1866 Mr. Jones was married to Permelia J. Kinkead, daughter of Harrison Kinkead, of Ebensburg, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: T. H., Linda, Ray and Eva. The parents and children are connected with the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Jones is now serving as elder. Socially he is a Master Mason, and politically is an ardent Republican. For eight years he served as justice of the peace in Kane, Penn., discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity worthy of all commendation, and other official honors would have been conferred upon him had he not declined. He is emphatically a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy, strict integrity and liberal views, and is thoroughly identified with the growth and prosperity of his adopted city. In days of peace as in days of war, he has been found a brave and loyal citizen, worthy the high regard in which he is uniformly held.



Truly yours,
Benj. K. Focht,

BENJAMIN K. FOCHT. Three terms in the Legislature, each replete with instances of loyalty to his constituents and care for the interests of the entire State, up to the present, comprise the public career of Benjamin K. Focht, the subject of this biography. Mr. Focht is editor and proprietor of the *Saturday News*, of Lewisburg, and he has not only made his mark in journalism, but, through his practical work in the political field, has won a reputation as one of the best organizers in Pennsylvania.

Benjamin K. Focht was born in New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Penn., March 12, 1863. His father was the late Rev. David Henlein Focht, a Lutheran minister, who was known as an author and who was noted for his powers as a pulpit orator. His mother was Susan Brown Focht, daughter of John Brown, one of the original settlers of Lewisburg, Penn., and one who had tracts of land there. On the death of her husband, in 1864, one year after the son Benjamin was born, she returned with her children to her native place. Mr. Focht's ancestry includes many clergymen, and others who were Revolutionary heroes. John George Focht, his great-grandfather, emigrated from Neustadt, Franconia, Germany, in the eighteenth century, and settled in Northampton county, Penn. He served under General Wayne, and took part in the battles of Stony Point, Germantown and Trenton, and he also served under General Sullivan against the Indians of the Six Nations. When Benjamin Focht was old enough to go to school, he was sent to Bucknell Academy, Lewisburg, where he was educated, also receiving a course of instruction at State College and Selinsgrove Institute. At the age of fourteen he entered a printing office as an apprentice, and so rapid was his progress in this line that, at the age of seventeen, he wrote the salutatory for the first issue of the *Lewisburg Local News*.

Mr. Focht had a decided leaning to journalism, both in its practical and theoretical branches, and he became part owner of the *Local News*, and then, after one year, upon becoming sole proprietor, changed its name to the *Saturday News*. The difficulties that beset him in the early part of his journalistic career were many; but by his energy and application to business he surmounted all obstacles, becoming, within the space of a few years, one of the strongest editorial writers in Pennsylvania, and owner of an extensive and valuable newspaper plant. It was but a natural step from the field of journalism into that of politics, and early in his career as a publisher and editor Mr. Focht attracted the attention of the Republican party.

The victories which Mr. Focht won as a journalist marked him as a man of progress before he reached his majority, and it was only a short time before he had attained a prominent position in his community as a leader of thought. As early as 1882 he came into the notice of the Republican organization of his district by upholding its course as opposed to the "Independents," in which cause he exercised all his influence and his able pen. Mr. Focht's first active participation in the affairs of the Republican party occurred in 1889, when he was elected delegate to the State Convention. In 1892 he was chosen and served as a Congressional Conferree; and three times he was elected delegate to the Republican State League Convention. In 1890 Mr. Focht was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Assembly; but the contest was a three-cornered one, and so peculiar were the political conditions which obtained that he met with defeat. Nothing daunted, however, he was again a candidate in 1892. Although bitterly opposed, on account of his leadership in the battle of the previous year, when Judge Bucher, a Democrat, was defeated in the Union-Snyder-Mifflin District by an opponent who, at the time, was not a resident of the district, he won at both the primary and general elections. The fact that Benjamin K. Focht was a man of wonderful resources as a political leader was indicated in the contest which defeated Judge Bucher, and in which H. M. McClure, Mr. Focht's brother-in-law, was victorious. This triumph was a great one, as Judge Bucher was reputed to be one of the most sagacious politicians in central Pennsylvania, and had as his supporters nearly the entire Bar of the District, together with all the Democratic papers and five Republican papers in his District. The fact that he could so well fight a desperate political battle thus gave Mr. Focht a place among the most resourceful and wisest leaders in the State.

In 1894 he was re-elected to the State Assembly, and again in 1896, the last time receiving a majority of 1,265, the largest ever given a Republican candidate for that office in Union county. On March 5, 1898, Mr. Focht, at the Republican primary of Union county, was again nominated for the Assembly.

In 1887 Mr. Focht was married to Florence Edith, daughter of H. G. Wolf, a prominent merchant of Mifflinburg, and president of the Farmers Bank. They have two children, both daughters, Ellen Wolf and Edith Virginia Focht. Mr. Focht has three brothers and one sister: Rev. Dr. J. B., George M., Dr. M. L., and Mrs. H. M. McClure. His interests are centered

in his duties as a legislator and in his capacity as a newspaper editor and proprietor, in both of which he enjoys the confidence of the public.

REV. GEORGE RIPLEY BLISS, D. D., LL. D., was born June 20, 1816, near Sherburne, N. Y. His father, a New England farmer and school teacher, had migrated from Connecticut to that region, and at a later time pushed still farther west in the Empire State. The son, catching the prevailing impulse of that generation, left home early and made his way to the extreme front of civilization, then in Indiana. But after some rough experience of life in the wilderness, he returned to the State of his birth. He was not yet twenty-one years old when, after a brief period of service as a clerk in a country store, he determined to prepare himself for the Christian ministry, and entered the Junior class at Madison (now Colgate) University, at Hamilton, N. Y. He was graduated from the college with honor in 1838, and two years later from the Theological School. For about three years (including his own period of study) he was a tutor in the University; but in 1842 he accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of New Brunswick, N. J., a position which he occupied for some years, and in which his learning, piety and winning personality made a deep impression upon Church and community. In 1849 he was called to the New Jersey chair of Greek and Latin in the Baptist University at Lewisburg, Penn. (now Bucknell University), and here, for twenty-five years, the most active period of his life, he labored as an educator.

During a considerable part of this period he added to the duties of his chair in the university those of pastor of the Lewisburg Baptist Church. No doubt this double activity, aided by his naturally sympathetic temperament, helped to maintain that practical interest and influence in the affairs of men which always characterized him. To the last, notwithstanding his absorption in his work, Dr. Bliss remained a disinterested, but not an uninterested, observer and adviser. He was not only learned in books; he was wise in his dealings with men.

In 1874 he was appointed to the chair of Biblical Exegesis in Crozer Theological Seminary, at Upland, Penn., and ten years later was transferred to that of Biblical Theology. In this position he remained until his death in 1893. His special fitness for this position had been demonstrated by a life largely devoted to the study of Biblical interpretation, and the languages necessary to that study, and by much

scholarly work in translation, both from the Greek and from the Hebrew, and in exposition. To this work much of his time was devoted during his residence in Lewisburg. In 1841, before he was twenty-five years old, he was engaged to "carefully review and critically examine" the Old Testament portion of a version of the Bible being prepared by Rev. David Bernard. This work was published in 1842 by J. B. Lippincott, and is known as the Bernard Bible. A few years later he was selected to translate several books of the Old Testament for the American edition of Lange's great Bible Commentary, published by Charles Scribner. His work on the Old Testament, performed for the American Bible Union, of which the volume on Ruth was published in 1878, reflected the highest credit on his critical acumen and insight. Indeed, the portions of the American Bible Union's version of the Bible which have been published, compare very favorably with the later and more famous "Revised Version," for many of the innovations of which they set the example.

In the three volumes of the International Sunday-School Lessons, entitled "Moses in Israel", "Heroes and Judges", "Israel's Kings and Christ's Apostles", the lessons covering the first six months of 1874, 1875 and 1876, Dr. Bliss was chosen to aid in revising the text of the Old Testament books from Exodus through II. Kings, and the book of the Acts in the New Testament. Much of the work was done alone, but in parts of it he was associated with Dr. Conant, Dr. Hackett and other Biblical scholars of like reputation.

The Commentary on Luke, in the New Testament series, published in 1885 by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, is perhaps the best known of Dr. Bliss' exegetical books, and exhibits unusual scholarly accuracy in translation and interpretation.

It would be difficult to say whether his literary or his educational work was the more distinguished and important. Including three years of service as tutor in Madison University, he spent forty-seven years in teaching, and during that time carried 45 college classes through their entire college or seminary course in his department. Hundreds of his former pupils, now engaged in the work for which he trained them, bear witness to his thoroughness, skill and patience as an instructor and guide. But he never ceased to be himself a student. He had a natural bent towards linguistic acquisitions and philosophical inquiries, which he carried not only into the classic tongues but also into the literature of modern Europe. His knowledge

was large yet precise. His candor was as complete as his views were clear and well considered. It was justly said of him by an associate: "He was not ashamed of a truth because it was old, nor afraid of a truth because it was new."

Dr. Bliss died at his home on Seminary Hill, Upland, on March 27, 1893. He is buried in the cemetery at Lewisburg, almost under the shadow of the University, which for a quarter of a century he served so faithfully and well.

HON. PULASKI F. HYATT, one of the prominent men of the Commonwealth, a resident of Lewisburg, Union county, and who at this writing is United States consul at Santiago de Cuba, is of the seventh generation of the family in America. He is descended from an ancestry that have proven their patriotism in nearly all the wars in which this country has been engaged.

The paternal lineage of Consul Hyatt in America begins with Thomas Hyatt, who located at Cambridge, Mass., now a part of Boston, in 1631, and who held a squire's commission from the crown. The intermediate grandparents located in Connecticut, some of whom took part in the Indian, and the French and Indian wars, there being record that the citizens of Norwalk, Conn., in January, 1676, voted one Capt. Thomas Hyatt a large tract of land for heroic services in "ye Indian warres." Samuel Hyatt, grandfather of Consul Hyatt, served in the Continental army, throughout the war of the Revolution, and was chief of an observation corps, whose duty it was to keep track of and report the movements of the enemy, and his numerous hair-breadth escapes are a family legendary. Soon after the close of the war he removed to Otsego county, New York.

Thomas Hyatt, father of Consul Hyatt, entered the service of his country as a drummer boy in the war of 1812. After returning from the war he married Miss Sabrina Griffith, of Scotch descent, and daughter of a well-known tanner, and the young couple settled on a farm near the old homestead, where, in due course of time, twelve children came to bless their home, the subject of this sketch being the seventh son and eleventh child, whereupon the family declared him a doctor, a title he bore as a child and which he afterward made good by graduating in pharmacy, dentistry and medicine.

Consul Hyatt was born in Otsego county, N. Y., June 4, 1836. His early scholastic opportunities did not extend beyond the academic degree, but being of studious habits he acquired

a liberal education, and taught school four terms, three of which were in Beech Creek, Clinton Co., Penn. At the age of twenty-three he married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Allen, daughter of William Allen, Esq., member of an old and honored family of Williamsport, Penn., the young couple settling in Lock Haven, but their housekeeping honeymoon was cut short, for the war cry of secession was already ringing throughout the land. Although a lifelong Democrat, his ancestral blood would not let him keep quiet when our flag was assailed, and in 1861 he entered the old 11th P. V. I., as a private, although offered a commission by Gov. Curtin. He was at once made hospital steward of the regiment, and after a year's service in the field, was transferred to the regular army and stationed at Carver Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he was soon promoted to be surgeon, and remained as such until six months after the close of the war.

During the war a strong friendship grew up between Dr. Hyatt and Czar Dunning, and the two agreed to enter the drug business together after the war, the Doctor giving his attention to the practice of medicine, and Mr. Dunning to the store, an agreement which was carried out by the subject of this sketch buying a property at Bordentown, N. J., where a successful practice and business was carried on for eighteen years, when the Doctor returned to Pennsylvania and located at Lewisburg, stopping, however, long enough in Philadelphia to take a post-graduate course at Jefferson Medical College.

The Doctor always found time to take upon himself the duties of citizenship as well as those of a physician. While at Bordentown he served fifteen years as president of the Board of Trustees of the public schools, and as secretary of the Bordentown Female College. He declined the nomination as mayor of the city, and also a nomination on the Democratic ticket for member of the State Legislature, when a nomination was equivalent to an election. In 1876, during the disputed Presidential election, Samuel J. Tilden sent him as confidential commissioner to Florida to investigate the returns of the election boards of that State. In Lewisburg he served for several years on the board of ministerial education of Bucknell University, and as deacon in the Baptist Church from almost the time of making that place his home to the present. He is one of the few men who never divorce politics and religion, and could never see why a man should abandon the latter if active in the former. In politics he has always been a Democrat,

although not of the violent type, and for two successive terms he was county chairman of his party. Following this, he was for three successive terms selected Democratic chairman of the Sixth Division of Pennsylvania, including Potter, Tioga, Clinton, Lycoming, Union and Snyder counties, and in 1891 was prominently mentioned throughout the Commonwealth for the Democratic State chairmanship.

While Division chairman, Consul Hyatt early felt the public pulse beating favorably for the nomination of Robert E. Pattison as Governor of the Commonwealth, and he consulted with the late Hon. Charles S. Wolfe concerning the advisability of bringing Mr. Pattison out as a candidate. Mr. Wolfe replied that in a political sense he owed the ex-Governor nothing, but as he believed Mr. Pattison an upright, fearless and able man, peculiarly suited to the times, he would support the ex-Governor if a candidate. Joel Herr, Esq., of Clinton county, a prominent Republican and Granger, and many others of like kind, informed the chairman to the same effect. Armed with this knowledge he wrote Mr. Pattison of the situation in central Pennsylvania, and Mr. Pattison consulted with Hon. William F. Harrity, then postmaster at Philadelphia. Mr. Harrity then informed Chairman Hyatt that if the sentiment elsewhere in the State should crystalize in favor of Mr. Pattison, the ex-Governor would enter the field as a candidate. Circumstances favorable to the accomplishment of this end came thick and fast. It was thought if the Republicans put forth Delamater there would be enough defection from the Republican ranks to elect Mr. Pattison. The Division Chairmen, nine in all, controlled the place and date of the Convention. Excluding the vote of Chairman Hyatt, there was a deadlock as to the arrangements. His vote decided that the Nominative Convention of 1890 should be held after the Republican State Convention, and at Scranton, a Pattison stronghold, instead of Harrisburg, where the Wallace men wanted it. After Mr. Pattison's nomination and election, to secure which Chairman Hyatt worked with tireless energy, no recognition was asked of the Governor for himself, but he did ask the Governor that the services of his Division Secretary, T. Kittera Van Dyke, Esq., and of the Hon. Charles F. Wolfe, be properly recognized. Mr. Van Dyke was made chief clerk in the corporation department in the State administration, and Mr. Wolfe was appointed director-general of the Pennsylvania exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago, although he did not live to assume the duties of his appointment.

Gov. Pattison having declined to stand in the way of ex-President Cleveland's nomination at Chicago, and Mr. Harrity becoming Democratic National Chairman in the meanwhile, both gentlemen were in a position to be heard by Mr. Cleveland after his election, and they made it a personal matter to urge Dr. Hyatt for a foreign appointment. Letters of endorsement were also addressed to Mr. Cleveland by ex-Govs. Curtin and Beaver; Congressmen Wolverton, McAleer, Mutchler, Kribbs, Beltzhoover, Reilly and Hines; Democratic State Chairman James Kerr; President Judges Orvis, McClure, Savage, Peek, Metzger and others. The result was his appointment on June 8, 1893, as United States Consul at Santiago de Cuba, with sub-offices at Daiguiri, Guantanamo, Santa Cruz del Sur and Manzanilla—a jurisdiction in which over \$17,000,000 of American capital are invested, and which ships over 1,000,000,000 pounds of freight monthly to the United States. The commercial side of this appointment, however, was soon dwarfed in importance by the diplomatic duties which arose because of the outbreak in Cuba of the present desolating insurrection, the first official information of which was given our government by Consul Hyatt in his dispatch No. 95, of February 23, 1895, two days before the formal birth of the war. This dispatch, together with others relating to subsequent "Affairs in Cuba," were published in a message from President Cleveland "in response to House resolution of December 28, 1895," making a document of 206 pages, about one-half of which were written by Consul Hyatt, and concerning which ex-Minister Moret, the greatest Spanish authority on international law, said in a speech in the national cortes: "When the work was published for the first time somebody well versed in diplomatic affairs told me that it was an admirable paper, in which were reflected the history of the insurrection and the character it bore at its beginning. After I read it I found that the aforesaid opinion was well grounded, and I am constrained to believe that when you shall hear what I am going to tell you, you will agree with me, at least as far as regards the importance of the revelations it contains."

The frequent arrests and arbitrary trials of American citizens contrary to law within his jurisdiction; assaults of Spanish men-of-war on American vessels in these waters; the flagrant menaces and injuries to American estates from both Cuban and Spanish sources—sometimes even under cover of law; amidst prejudices and passions a general disregard for the rights of neutrals; together demanded in this position, during such critical times, rare intelligence, tact

and a firm hand; and Consul Hyatt, seconded by his son, Hon. John T. Hyatt, as Vice Consul, had such signal success in the discharge of their official duties as to receive an unbroken line of approvals from the Department of State. President McKinley, although early informed of a readiness to vacate, has not deemed it wise to make any change in this office.

To the marriage of Consul Hyatt and Miss Margaret Elizabeth Allen there came to make happy their home children as follows: Margaret, Paul Allen, John Thomas, and Fred Pulaski Hyatt, all being now deceased except John Thomas Hyatt.

HON. JOHN THOMAS HYATT, of Lewisburg, Union county, who has recently retired from the United States Diplomatic Service as Vice and Deputy Consul at Santiago de Cuba, and who for some years has been engaged in literary lines of work, is the son of Hon. Pulaski F. Hyatt and Margaret (Allen) Hyatt, the former being, at this writing, the U. S. Consul at Santiago de Cuba.

The younger Mr. Hyatt was born at Bordentown, N. J., September 12, 1868. He attended the public schools of that city from 1876 to 1882, when he entered the Bordentown Military Academy, under command of Col. Samuel E. Rusk, remaining there two years. He was employed from the fall of 1882 until that of 1885 in the home office of the Standard Insurance Company of Trenton, N. J., when he entered the academy connected with Bucknell University, Lewisburg. In 1891 he graduated with honors from the college of the university, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. While in college Mr. Hyatt, at one time or another, was chosen to fill about all the highest offices within the gift of the student body. He was elected censor, secretary, vice-president and president, respectively, of the Theta Alpha Literary Society. He was made a member of the executive committee of the Athletic Association; was afterward selected as treasurer, and then as president. In company with Messrs. Truman, Purdy and William C. Gretzinger, he was appointed on the committee which formulated the official cry of the University students. In 1889 he was elected business manager of the Bucknell *Mirror*, at that time the only publication of the university, and through his business ability more improvements were made in the periodical than under any predecessor, and the income of the paper was more than doubled in a single year. He refused to accept a unan-

imous re-election to the managership. He was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Daily Commencement News* for the year 1890-91, and became a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity while in college.

During the Pattison-Delamater Presidential campaign of 1890 in Pennsylvania, Mr. Hyatt made political addresses at New Berlin, Allenwood, New Columbia and Laurelton. He was invited by State Chairman Wright to be one of the State speakers during the Presidential campaign of 1892, and on Memorial Day, 1893, he was orator of the day at Milton—delivering his address in the evening at the opera house—ex-Governor Beaver having been the orator the year previous. After his graduation he spent from September, 1891, to May, 1892, doing special newspaper work and traveling through the States of the South and West, at the expiration of which time he took up the study of law at Lewisburg with Hon. Samuel H. Orwig. Before the completion of his course, however, he was on September 12, 1893, appointed United States Vice and Deputy Consul at Santiago de Cuba, which office, because of his excellent preparation, natural diplomatic talent, and acquaintance with the ways of the world, he filled with distinction until he resigned in August, 1897. Two years before this resignation he was elected honorary member of the "Press Association" of Bucknell University. Mr. Hyatt is a writer of ability. The *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, of September, 1895, contained a very interesting eight-page article by him, entitled "The Ancient Capital of Cuba," which article received very high encomiums from the leading American newspapers, and was copied at large by the *Review of Reviews*. On June 11, 1894, Mr. Hyatt was unanimously elected to full membership in the Union Ibero-Americana Society, of Madrid, Spain.

On December 16, 1895, Mr. Hyatt was married to Miss Margaret McLaughlin, of Lewisburg, daughter of George Yencer and Margaret (Glass) McLaughlin. On December 2, of the following year, a daughter—Margarita Allen—was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt at Santiago de Cuba, she being the only child born in Cuba to native Americans after the outbreak of the now famous insurrection. On April 4, 1897, Mr. Hyatt's child died in Cuba, which sad event was followed three days later by the death of his wife.

Possessing rare ability, with a liberal education and the broad experience that travel and contact with the world has given him, and as yet but at the threshold of life, we predict for Mr. Hyatt a brilliant and useful career.

LINCOLN. Lindum Colonia was the ancient Roman or Latin name for the city of Lincoln, in the county of that name in England, which was founded about the year 100 of the Christian Era; and by the custom of Roman writers in abbreviating proper names, the transition is easy from Lindum Colonia, to Lin Colon, or Lincoln. The name was very common in England hundreds of years before the discovery of America. Between 1635 and 1645, or from fifteen to twenty years after the landing of the Pilgrims from the "Mayflower" at Plymouth, there came to the infant settlement at Hingham, in Massachusetts, eight men from England of the name of Lincoln. Three of these—Samuel, Daniel and Thomas—were brothers; the others were first and second cousins of the first named, and all came from the neighborhood of Hingham, in the county of Norfolk. Two of these three brothers died without heirs, but Samuel had a large family (eleven children), including four sons who grew to manhood, viz.: Samuel, Daniel, Mordecai and Thomas. His descendants are numerous and widely scattered, while many of them have occupied conspicuous positions in public and private life. Two of them were governors of Massachusetts, and one of them a governor of Maine; others have been members of Congress and occupied other high offices under the United States and State governments; and one of them has made his name immortal as the great "War President" and the emancipator of millions of human beings from chattel slavery.

The genealogy is traced as follows: Richard V. B. Lincoln is the son of John Lincoln, who was the son of Mishael, who was the son of Thomas, who was the son of Mordecai, who was the son of Mordecai, who was the son of Samuel, who came from England in 1637 aged seventeen years. * * * Abraham Lincoln, the President, was the son of Thomas, who was the son of Abraham, who was the son of John, who was the son of Mordecai, who was the son of Mordecai, who was the son of Samuel, who came from England in 1637, aged seventeen years. It is a singular fact that among the Lincolns mentioned for six generations from Samuel Lincoln, the immigrant in 1637, down to near two centuries later, there is not one who does not bear a Scriptural name, and that for six generations nearly all were pioneers in the settlement of new countries, viz.: Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, etc.

Samuel Lincoln, the eldest son of the Samuel aforementioned, was a prominent participator in King Philip's war, which began in 1675. An-

other descendant of his was one of the party who, disguised as Indians, threw the tea into Boston harbor, and helped to precipitate the war of the Revolution; many others served as officers and privates in that war until it ended.

Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, of the Revolution, though not a descendant of Samuel, was a Hingham man, descended from Thomas Lincoln, a relative of Samuel. He served from the beginning to the end of the war, and at the surrender of the British at Yorktown was appointed by Gen. Washington to receive the sword of Lord Cornwallis, the British commander.

The descendants of Samuel Lincoln have, in the main, been active, well-to-do citizens of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, etc.; men who everywhere played their parts well, and who were endowed with the spirit of adventure, patriotism and thrift.

Mordecai Lincoln, the third son of Samuel, the immigrant, was born at Hingham, Mass., June 14, 1657; married, for his first wife, Sarah Jones, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Whitman) Jones, (here is the origin of the name Abraham in the Lincoln family, which has been kept up for more than 200 years), and for his second wife, wedded the widow, Mary Gannett, of Scituate, Mass. She died April 19, 1745, aged seventy-nine years. He died November 8, 1727, in his seventy-first year. He had four sons: Mordecai, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and two daughters. In his will of May 3, 1727, he provides liberally for his wife Mary, gives to "son Mordecai 110 pounds in lawful bills of credit; to son Abraham sixty pounds in money or good bills of credit, besides what he has already received; to son Isaac, the home he now dwells in in Hingham, mill property, etc.; to son Jacob, my homestead in Scituate, also lands, mills, and other valuables; also to the oldest sons of Mordecai and Abraham, ten pounds each when they become of age." Provision is also made for sending three of his grandsons to college should they desire a liberal education. Before the date of this will, his two sons, Mordecai and Abraham, had removed to Monmouth county, N. J., and for this reason all of the real estate of the testator in Hingham and Scituate, including his interest in iron works, sawmills and gristmills was bequeathed to his younger sons, Isaac and Jacob, while to the two older sons the sum of money before named was given, in addition to what they had before received.

Mordecai, the son of Mordecai, the son of Samuel, was born in Hingham, April 24, 1686, removed from there to Monmouth county, N. J.

He married Hannah Bowne Salter, of Freehod, N. J., a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Bowne) Salter. (Richard Salter was a leading lawyer of that place, member of the Assembly, and Judge). His wife Hannah died in 1717. About 1720 he removed to Amity township, Philadelphia county, Penn. (now Exeter township, Berks county), and bought about one thousand acres of land there, some of which remained in the possession of the family over one hundred and twenty years. He married a second time, and after his death his widow married Roger Rodgers. He died in 1735 or '36, and was interred in the Friends burying ground in Exeter township, Berks county. His will is dated February 22, 1735, and recorded June 7, 1736. He had one son and four daughters by his first marriage, and three sons by his second. The names of the sons are: John, Mordecai, Thomas and Abraham. The following are some extracts from his will: "I give and bequeathe to my son Mordecai Lincoln the half of my land situate in Amity, and to his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeathe to my son, Thomas Lincoln, the half of my land aforesaid, with this proviso, that if my wife Mary should prove enceinte at my decease and bring forth a son, then I order that the said land be divided into three equal parts." (A posthumous child was born, was a male, and named Abraham). "I give and bequeathe to my daughters Hannah and Mary, a certain piece of land at Matjaponix, N. J., already settled on them by deed or gift. I give and bequeathe to my two daughters Anna and Sarah, and to their heirs and assigns forever, one hundred acres of land lying at Matjaponix in the Jerseys." He also provides liberally for his wife Mary, and desires "my loving and trusting friends and neighbors Jonathan Robeson and George Boone, trustees, to assist my wife as executrix." "I give and bequeathe unto my son John Lincoln a certain piece of land lying in the Jerseys containing three hundred acres, and to his heirs and assigns forever." This John Lincoln was the great-grandfather of Abraham Lincoln, the President; he was born in New Jersey, and as is shown by the above quoted clause of his father's will received three hundred acres of land there. This land he sold, and bought a farm near Birdsboro, Berks county, Penn., where he lived until 1760, when he sold it and removed to Virginia to what is now Rockingham county, Va. His will was on file at the probate office in Harrisonburg in that county, but was destroyed by fire along with other papers on file there; it is known, however, that he had sons, John, Thomas, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and daughters. One of these

sons, Abraham, the grandfather of the President, in 1780 sold his Virginia possessions, and removed to Jefferson county, Ky., where he entered seventeen hundred acres of land in three different localities. He undertook to clear and farm one of these tracts not far from the present city of Louisville, and while thus employed working on his clearing with three sons, an unexpected shot from a skulking Indian killed him. He left three sons: Mordecai, Josiah and Thomas, and two daughters: Mary and Nancy. Thomas, the youngest of these sons, was born in 1778 in North Carolina, where his father was at that time living, and died in 1851 in Macon county, Illinois. On June 12, 1806, he married Nancy Hanks, by whom he had three children—two sons and one daughter—viz.: Abraham (the President); Thomas, who died in infancy; and Sarah, who married Aaron Grigsby, and died in 1826. The ancestors of Nancy Hanks were neighbors of the Lincolns in Berks county, and went with or followed them to Virginia.

The name of the second son of the Mordecai Lincoln who settled in Berks county was also Mordecai; he had two sons, Benjamin and John, both of whom removed long ago to Fayette county, Penn. His descendants are still to be found in that county, and in the adjoining counties of Pennsylvania.

Thomas, the third son of Mordecai the first of Pennsylvania, was the second sheriff of Berks county, and had two sons, Hananiah and Mishael, and one daughter, Sarah. Hananiah was a lieutenant in Col. William Cooke's Twelfth Penn. Regiment of the Continental line. He resigned his commission in the army soon after the battle of Brandywine, and went to Daniel Boones's settlement in Kentucky. (The Boones and Lincolns were neighbors in Pennsylvania, and the two families were very much mixed in marriages).

Mishael Lincoln, the other son of Thomas Lincoln, the sheriff, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution for six months; he served in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians in the southern part of the State of New York, which was sent out by Washington to revenge the infamous massacre of Wyoming. He was also at Fort Freeland, on the West branch when Captain Brady was killed by the Indians in 1779, and assisted in carrying him into the fort. Having by his experience and observation in the war become somewhat familiar with the West branch country, he, immediately after the close of the war, purchased a large tract of land in Buffalo Valley, about one mile east of Mifflinburg, to which he removed in 1783 with his wife

Rachel Thompson, and son, an infant, a year old. From 1817 to 1820 he was one of the commissioners of the county of Union, and he died August 11, 1849, in the eighty-eighth year of his age; his wife Rachel had died the year previous also in her eighty-eighth year. They are both interred in the Lewis graveyard in Limestone township, where many of the early settlers of that neighborhood are buried. Mishael Lincoln and Rachel Thompson, his wife, had two sons: John and Thomas, and one daughter, Sarah. Sarah married Michael Roush, of Mifflinburg, Penn., and none of their posterity remain in Pennsylvania. Thomas, the younger of the two sons, removed in 1840 to Pickaway county, Ohio, where he died after a few years. One of his daughters is the wife of Samuel Morris, the cashier of the Third National Bank of Circleville, Ohio. His sons, Solomon and John, and daughter, Sarah, reside at Mount Pulaski, Logan Co., Ill. John is the president of the First National Bank of that place, and his son, C. W. Lincoln, is cashier.

John Lincoln the eldest son of Michael and Rachel (Thompson) Lincoln, was born in Berks county, Penn., June 30, 1782, was brought by his parents to Buffalo Valley (then Northumberland, now Union county), the year following; received whatever school education he had at Mifflinburg in the subscription schools in vogue at that day, and by vocation was a farmer. On June 13, 1819, he married Hannah Van Boskirk, the daughter of Richard and Hannah (Kelly) Van Boskirk, of Mifflinburg, Penn. She was born March 20, 1801. After his marriage he owned and resided on a farm about three miles southeast of Mifflinburg, now owned by the heirs of Dr. J. R. Lotz. In 1826 his father-in-law gave him the farm in Hartley township, now owned by John Lincoln Knight, on which he made his home until his death on August 19, 1862. His wife survived him until March 20, 1880, dying on the 79th anniversary of her birth. For nearly half a century they were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The cozy church building, with the cemetery attached, known as the Lincoln M. E. Church, or "Lincoln Chapel," was named in his honor, it being located on land donated by him for that purpose. Their children were: (1) Richard Van Boskirk, born December 18, 1822; (2) Rachel Thompson, born January 13, 1825, and (3) Catharine Elizabeth, born October 20, 1829. Of these, Rachel married Dr. Samuel H. Knight, and had two children, one of whom, John Lincoln Knight, survives his parents, and owns the old Lincoln homestead in Hartley township. His mother

died October 17, 1875, his father a few years afterward. Catharine E. married W. R. Halfpenny. Their children are: Hannah Mary, John Lincoln and James Milton.

RICHARD VAN BOSKIRK LINCOLN, the only son of John and Hannah (Van Boskirk) Lincoln, was born in Buffalo township, Union county, a few miles east of Mifflinburg, removed with his parents to Hartley township, when four years old; attended the subscription schools of his neighborhood when opportunity afforded, until he was nine years old, when he was sent to the Mifflinburg Academy, then in charge of Rev. Nathaniel Todd, a Presbyterian minister. He remained at the Academy with some intermissions, until his sixteenth year, when he entered the Sophomore class at Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Penn., where he graduated with the degree of A. B. in July, 1841, standing second in a class of twenty-three. After leaving college he taught school four terms of three months each, when, having decided to follow farming as his business, he commenced, in 1845, to work on the farm which has been his home from that time until now (1897) a period of fifty-two years.

Cumberland county was erected out of Lancaster on the 27th of January, 1750, and was to embrace all of the lands within the province of Pennsylvania, west of the Susquehanna river, and north and northwest of York county. The country north of the Kittatinny or Blue Mountains was not then purchased from the Indians. On July 6, 1754, the chiefs of the Six Nations, by treaty made with Thomas and Richard Penn, conveyed to the Penns "all that country lying west and south of a line commencing at the Blue Hills on the Susquehanna river; thence by said river to a point one mile above the mouth of a certain creek called Kaarondinhah (now Penns Creek); thence northwest and by west as far as the province of Pennsylvania extends, to the western line or boundary." This line was marked on the old maps as running from a mile above the mouth of Penns Creek north 45 degrees west crossing the West branch, a little above the mouth of the Sinnemahoning and striking Lake Erie a few miles north of the present city of Erie. Within the valley it crossed Penns creek near New Berlin, the present turnpike near Ray's church, thence over Buffalo Creek and the mountains beyond.

The Indians alleged that they were cheated, as they did not understand the points of the compass, and that if the line was to run so as to include the West branch of the Susquehanna they would never agree to it, as it would be depriving them of their best hunting-grounds. Not-

withstanding this dispute, the Proprietaries made surveys along Penn's creek as early as February 13, 1755. The farm to which Richard V. B. Lincoln went in 1845 was included in the disputed territory, and one John Turner had made an improvement where Lincoln now lives, which in 1755, just ninety years earlier, Turner had sold to John Harris.

Braddock's defeat took place July 9, of that year, and the Indians, emboldened by that success, in October, swooped down upon the few settlers along Penn's creek, and captured or killed all who did not escape; and no settlers ventured again upon the bloody ground until a new treaty and survey had been made in 1768. The farm of Richard V. B. Lincoln will thus be seen to be one of the oldest in the county. In 1781 it was owned by John Shively, who was taken captive by a band of Indians in that year while making hay in the meadow in the rear of the house, and was never heard from afterward.

In politics Mr. Lincoln was in early life a Whig, and cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay. On the formation of the Republican party, he at once became and has ever since been an active and prominent member thereof. In 1851 he was elected a justice of the peace, and continued in that office for twenty years by successive re-elections, until he declined to serve any longer; and now, after having been out of office for more than twenty-five years, the appellation of "Squire" still clings to him, and his advice is sought by nearly all the community in matters of a legal nature. He was elected county commissioner in 1855, and re-elected in 1857 for another three years. He has served as school director thirty years, and has many times filled other township offices, such as assessor, overseer of the poor, etc. The Republicans of his county at one time presented his name as their choice for State Senator; and in 1876 the Republicans in his Congressional district made him their standard-bearer in the election of that year. The district being largely Democratic, he failed of an election, though he received the full party vote, and in his own county ran several hundred votes ahead of his ticket. In 1890 he was again the unanimous nominee of the Republicans of his county for Congress, but failed to receive the district nomination. In his whole career he never solicited or canvassed for votes, in this respect being different from most of his contemporaries.

On August 18, 1852, Mr. Lincoln was married to Anna Maria Pellman, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wolfe) Pellman. She was born May 24, 1831, in Berks county, Penn. Their children are: (1) John W., born May 24, 1853,

married Gertrude Reed, of Seneca county, Ohio, on October 7, 1880; they have one daughter—Marie Reed, born July 19, 1885. (2) Samuel P., born October 5, 1856, died July 29, 1866. (3) Mark H., born September 13, 1860, graduated in 1885 from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania; on April 14, 1886, he married Carrie Pearce; he is practicing his profession in Philadelphia. (4) Hannah Mary, born September 7, 1863, graduated from Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, in 1884, with the degree of B. S.; on September 7, 1887, she married Rev. S. B. Evans, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the last ten years stationed at Lock Haven and Williamsport; their children are—Lucile, born June 2, 1889; Vincent Goodsell, July 11, 1890; Grace Winifred, November 18, 1893; and Marion Gray and Miriam Gertrude (twins), November 6, 1895. (5) Louis P., born August 8, 1866, married December 24, 1896, to Celesta J. Albright, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; he is in the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company at Homestead. (6) Rufus V. B., born April 17, 1871, graduated from Dickinson College with the degree of A. B. in 1895, and from the Dickinson School of Law with the degree of LL. B. in 1896; was admitted to the Bar of Cumberland County, Penn., in June, 1896, and in December, 1897, to the Bar of Northumberland County, Penn., in which county he is located at Shamokin. (7) Anna Rebecca, born February 16, 1873, graduated from Dickinson Seminary in 1893, with the degree of M. E. L.

B B. HARRIS has served as Collector of Taxes for the Borough of Lewisburg, Union county, ever since the law of 1886 went into force, and his efficiency and ability had been previously tested by a long period in a similar capacity in two of the wards, under the old law. The history of this popular and public-spirited citizen is of unusual interest, his war records of two wars and his experiences in the West in the early days recalling scenes now historic.

A native of Union county, born May 3, 1839, he was taken to Lewisburg in 1850, and there acquired his education in what is now known as Bucknell Academy. In 1854 he went to Freeport, Ill., to find a brother, with whom he remained until the Pike's Peak excitement set in and led him with hosts of others to cross the Plains. Although he paid his passage he drove a wagon load of shoes from Freeport to Omaha, Neb., where the owner traded the shoes for fifteen head of milch cows, which Mr. Harris drove to Denver, riding all the way on an Indian pony

Those were wonderful days, but many failed to realize the ambition which had taken them upon the long and toilsome journey, and Mr. Harris was one of those upon whom fortune failed to smile. He first located on Clear creek at Boulder City, but soon found that the man with whom he had crossed the Plains, and for whom he had endured many hardships, could not furnish him employment, and nothing remained but to return to Denver as best he could. He shouldered his trunk and carried it to a point where he could await a wagon train bound to that city, and on his arrival met a cousin from Freeport, Ill., in whom the gold-hunting fever was at its height. Joining the Rocky Mountain Prospecting Company, Mr. Harris soon became a favorite among them. Retiring from the services of the Rocky Mountain Prospecting Company, he returned to Denver, packing the Snowy Range of the Rocky Mountains alone.

Denver was but little more than a gambler's camp at that time, affording but little choice of occupation to a needy man, and Mr. Harris "roughed it" for a time in a manner truly Bohemian, washing dishes in a restaurant for his meals, and finding his bed where he best could. After a few weeks, however, he was offered the place of head waiter, the former incumbent having been killed in a brawl. The salary of \$50 a month seemed a genuine bonanza. He remained about a year and then joined the army for the Mormon war, participating in the battle at Dead Man's Gulch, the scene of the great massacre. After six months in this service he became a rancher or cowboy, and, taking the Platte fever, he finally turned his face homeward, making the trip to Nebraska City in a wagon. From there Mr. Harris made his way by railroad to Freeport, Ill., where he secured employment and remained until a brother, J. S. Harris, came from California and took him home to Lewisburg. This was in 1860, and Mr. Harris decided after spending some time at home to visit the oil fields on the Allegheny river, which were then creating so much excitement. While at New Pennsylvania on his way by boat to Oil City, papers were put on board which told the story of the attack upon Fort Sumter, and the boat at once turned back to Pittsburg where they found the people wrought up to a high state of feeling. Mr. Harris started on his return home, going by railway to Lewistown, and walking from that point to Harrisburg where he found a brother-in-law (F. P. Green); accompanying him to Bellefonte, he then returned to his home in Lewisburg. He was among the first to enlist for the three-months' service when our Civil war broke

out, and at the end of that time he re-enlisted for three years in Company E, 51st P. V. I., which was assigned to the Ninth Corps of the Burnside expedition. He took part in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newberne, Camden, Cold Harbor, and numerous other engagements; his health not being equal to the strain, he was discharged at Newberne, N. C., June 17, 1862. While on the frontier he was wounded by a Indian arrow and spear in the shoulder and groin.

After his discharge from the United States service he returned home, and as he regained his health refused to remain inactive while the nation's life was imperiled, and, on November 28, 1863, he rejoined the army. But his patriotic ardor was again balked by illness, and he was discharged a second time, February 1, 1864, on surgeon's certificate of disability. Having previously become proficient in dentistry he engaged in that calling in Seymour, Conn., New York City, Philadelphia, Lewistown and Lewisburg, but later gave up the business to follow that of steam-fitting, plumbing and gas-fitting. In 1879 he was appointed tax collector for a portion of the City of Lewisburg, and after the new law was put in force in 1886 he was elected collector for the city. Since that time he has made the work his chief interest, gradually withdrawing from his other business.

On July 4, 1869, Mr. Harris was married to Miss Jennie E. Diefenderfer, who was born in Lewisburg, June 8, 1845, and has always had her home there. Her father, Joel Diefenderfer, a native of White Deer Valley, Union county, was born March 17, 1824, and died June 15, 1846. Her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Dentler, was born December 31, 1824, and is still living, surviving a second husband, the late S. S. Hess. Both families were of high English and high German descendants. On the paternal side Mrs. Harris' grandfather was John Diefenderfer, a native of Bucks county, who spent his last days in Union county. Her maternal grandfather, John Dentler, was born in Philadelphia county, and died in Lewisburg, in 1854, at the age of seventy-four. At one time he was wealthy, but reverses came and in his later years he worked as a laborer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have had four children, of whom three are living: William Laird, born May 3, 1870, was educated in the Lewisburg High School, and is now employed in the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary of Portland, Maine. He married Gertrude Tinsman, and has one living child, Cora Mae; two others, Ralph and Jeanette, died in infancy. (Mrs. W. L. Harris' brother, Wm. H. Tinsman, Jr., was one of the

ill-fated Maine's crew, who lost his life when our battle ship "Maine" was blown up in the harbor of Havana). (2) Harry Elsworth, born March 16, 1873, is in the employ of the Lovel Excel Bicycle Works in Portland, Maine. (3) James S., born January 3, 1875, is a stenographer and typewriter at Lewisburg. (4) Frank G., born October 6, 1884, died on the same day.

In political affiliations Mr. Harris is a Republican. Socially, he is prominent and various fraternal orders in his locality owe much to his active support. He was a charter member of the G. A. R. Post No. 52, of Lewisburg, and his family are identified with the Associated branches, the two eldest sons (one a lieutenant) as members of the society of Sons of Veterans, Portland, Maine, and his wife and daughter-in-law (president) as members of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Harris also belongs to the B. P. O. E.; to the Protected Home Circle, and to the Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta, being a charter member of Mount Carmel Commandery No. 22, Mt. Carmel, Penn., and of the College of the Ancients, an affiliated body. He was the organizer of Red Cross Commandery at Lewisburg, founded May 17, 1888, and re-organized February 13, 1891. His eldest son, W. L. Harris, of Portland, Maine, is connected with the A. P. A., and is one of the youngest members of the Order of Knights of Malta, having entered it when but one day over eighteen.

The Harris family is well known in Pennsylvania, and one of its members, John Harris, was the founder of its capital city. Our subject is of the fourth generation in descent from William Harris, who came from Wales and located in Paxton township (then Lancaster county, Penn.). He died there in 1763. His wife, whose maiden name was Kathrin Douglass, was a native of Scotland, and a relative of Sir Robert Douglass. They had six children: James, born January 16, 1739, died 1786; Sarah, born March 20, 1741 (no date of death preserved); John, November 20, 1746 (no date of death preserved); William, November 20, 1749, died in 1763; Mary, July 22, 1752 (no date of death preserved); and Robert, March, 1755. The last named served as surgeon's mate in the Revolutionary army, and the medicine chest that he carried is still in the family. He died March 4, 1785, and is interred in the churchyard attached to the Chester Valley Presbyterian Church, near Berwyn, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

James Harris, the grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in Washington's forces during the struggle for independence, and took part in the

battle on Brandywine Creek. He was married June 2, 1768, to Miss Mary Laird, born May 10, 1750 (her mother's maiden name was Catharine Spencer, from Scotland), and had ten children, whose names with dates of birth and death are as follows: William, April 28, 1769, February 2, 1785; Elizabeth, July 18, 1770, May 20, 1842, married Thomas Howard and settled in Buffalo Valley; Catharine, April 2, 1772, December 28, 1784; Jean, January 6, 1774, December 5, 1839, never married, was buried at Lewisburg, as were also Laird, February 22, 1776, June 30, 1704; Robert, November 22, 1777, about 1813; Sarah, September 4, 1779, December 30, 1827; James, June 13, 1781, July 1, 1868; Martha, August 13, 1784, February 13, 1873; William L., May 17, 1786, November 11, 1845.

William L. Harris was a prominent politician, a member of the Legislature, and a member of the convention which assembled at the State Capital in Harrisburg, May 2, 1837, to alter and amend the constitution of the State of Pennsylvania. He died from the effects of a surgical operation. The father of this family died in 1786, his remains being interred in Derry graveyard in Dauphin county. His widow survived him and brought her children to Union county about 1794, locating in (then) Buffalo township, on land which has been in the family ever since. She held the title until 1818, when she deeded it to two of her sons, James (2), our subject's father, and William L., and she continued to reside there until her death, December 13, 1842, from old age. Her remains now rest in the cemetery at Lewisburg. The portion of the farm which she gave to William L. Harris is now owned and occupied by a brother of our subject, William L. Harris (son of James Harris).

James Harris (2), the father of our subject, had not yet attained his majority when he came to Union county, and the greater part of his life was spent there in farming. In his later years he bought property in Lewisburg where he passed away. He was nearly six feet tall, and of slender build, and in disposition he was active, making a success of his own business affairs and taking an influential part in the local movements of his time. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and he served ably in various township offices. He and his wife were both devout members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly esteemed among their associates. They were married October 19, 1819, and Mrs. Harris passed away April 13, 1879. Her maiden name was Sarah Bell, and she was born in Dauphin county on Sweet Arrow creek, in 1794. They had nine children, of whom our subject,

Berryhill B. Harris, is the youngest: (1) William L., born August 24, 1820, is a farmer in East Buffalo township, Union county, and is also engaged in banking. (2) James S., born April 14, 1822, died March 10, 1882, and was buried in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia. He was a physician and spent some time out west, the first cabin at Nevada City, Cal., having been built by him. He married Miss Emma E. Whartenby, October 12, 1852. (3) Samuel B., born September 2, 1824, resided at Freeport, Ill., married Anna E. VanDyke, June 11, 1850, died March 8, 1897, in Beloit, Wis., buried in Freeport, Illinois. (4) Mary L., born November 16, 1826, is the widow of the late S. Wilson Snodgrass, of Mifflinburg. (5) Robert D., born February 18, 1829, died at Granada City, Nicaragua, October, 1856, while serving as a lieutenant in Walker's Expedition. (6) Ann B., born March 24, 1831, resides in Bellefonte. (7) Sarah C., born June 17, 1833, married F. P. Green, of Bellefonte. (8) Caroline D., born January 31, 1836, died September 19, 1864, buried in Lewisburg Cemetery. (9) Berryhill B., born May 3, 1839.

JUSTIN ROLPH LOOMIS, LL. D., for many years president of Bucknell College, and the man to whom, more than to any other individual, is due the credit for its success, is a descendant of Joseph Loomis, who came to America from Braintree, County of Essex, England, in 1638, and after a short residence in Massachusetts, removed, in 1639 or 1640, to Windsor, Connecticut.

Dr. Loomis was born in Bennington, Wyoming Co., N. Y., August 21, 1810. His preparation for college was made at Madison University, New York, and, being completed, he entered Brown University, at Providence, R. I., from which he graduated with the class of 1835. He taught for one year in the State Agricultural School of Rhode Island, and then became a tutor, and soon after professor of Natural Science in Waterville College (now Colby University) in Maine. There he remained sixteen years, or until 1852. He then traveled about a year in Bolivia and Peru, South America, after which he came to Lewisburg and entered the university as professor of Natural Sciences. In 1858 he was made president of the university, succeeding Dr. Howard Malcom, and remained in that responsible position for twenty-two years, or until 1879, when he resigned, and was succeeded by Dr. David Jayne Hill. During his presidency he discharged the duties of professor of Intellectual

Philosophy and Metaphysics. In 1865, Dr. Loomis was successful in raising \$100,000 additional endowment for the College. He has traveled much. In 1871 he was absent from the university on a trip to Europe, touching also Africa and Asia, and returning by way of San Francisco. He made visits to Europe again, in 1873 and 1879, and in 1882 sojourned in California. He has written much for the press, and in 1851 published a work on Geology, and in 1852 one on Human Physiology.

Dr. Loomis was married on January 16, 1838, to Sarah Anne Freeman, of Richfield Springs, N. Y., who died March 3, 1852. The eldest son by this marriage is Freeman Loomis, now professor of Modern Languages in the university. On January 17, 1854, Dr. Loomis married his second wife, Mary Gilbert. Carrie Loomis, for four years teacher of Modern Languages in the Female Institute of the university, is a daughter of this marriage. The Doctor's third wife, now living, to whom he was married August 20, 1873, was Miss Augusta Tucker. A son by this marriage, Andrew Gregg Loomis, graduated from the college in 1895, and is now (1898) a student of law in Columbia University, New York.

In closing this brief sketch of Dr. Loomis, we cannot do better than to use a few words of characterization from one who knows him and his work intimately: "For more than twenty years Dr. Loomis stood as the leading representative of higher education among the Baptists of Pennsylvania. His broad and deep scholarship, his large knowledge derived from extensive foreign travel and careful observation of men, his strong Christian faith and his indomitable resolution combined to fit him for leadership. Hundreds of young men remember him with gratitude, and confess that to him, more than to any other man, they owe the discipline of mind and force of character that have made them successful in the world. The Lewisburg Baptist church edifice stands not only as a monument to his superior architectural taste, but also to his remarkable self-sacrifice in toiling and giving for its completion. It has been the characteristic of his life to accomplish that which he undertook, and he has devoted a long career to the realization of unselfish ends in the elevation and enlightenment of others."

MON. JAMES R. RITTER. Union county is indebted to Berks county for some of her best blood, the descendants of her first settlers having taken a prominent part in the development of this section.



J. R. Loomis

The Ritter family, which is of German extraction, became identified with Berks county at an early date, and the first of the name to leave it for the less thickly populated lands of central Pennsylvania was Jeremiah Ritter, our subject's father, who came to Union county in early manhood, and after a short residence near Lochiel, settled near Vicksburg, where he lived to the good old age of seventy-two. He was an intelligent man, highly educated, and possessed much influence in the community. For several years he was an officer in the State militia, and during the Rebellion he went to Harrisburg with the "Home Guards." He was a member of the Reformed Church, but his wife, Elizabeth (Ruhl), who died at the age of seventy, was a Lutheran in faith. She was a member of one of the leading pioneer families of Union county, and her father, Hon. Philip Ruhl, who lived and died near Buffalo Cross Roads, was a member of the State Legislature and an associate judge of the county. Our subject was the elder of two sons, and the younger, William P., is now a resident of Lewisburg.

James R. Ritter was born June 11, 1852, in East Buffalo township, Union county. His forceful character was displayed at an early age in a most worthy cause, as he left home when but twelve years old in order to find better educational facilities than the local schools afforded. Going to Mifflinburg, he worked as a hostler for his board while attending school, thus securing an education much beyond that of the average youth of his day. On leaving school he clerked in a store for three years, but after his marriage in 1876 he rented a farm, where he remained two years, managing by industry and economy to lay aside a small sum of money. With this he began buying poultry for the city markets, and, finding the business profitable, he extended his operations to cattle and anything that could be sold to advantage.

For fifteen years past Mr. Ritter has made a specialty of dealing in carriages, and as his capital now permits him to give credit he commands a large trade, his sales amounting to 150 in one year. His manly bearing and upright character have won him friends far and near wherever his business operations have taken him, and as he is both active and influential in the councils of the Republican party, he was recognized as an available candidate and one who could add strength to the ticket. In 1890 he was elected to the State Legislature, and during his term he became well acquainted with the leaders of both parties throughout the State. His purse, his time, and his talents are always at the disposal

of the Republican party, and no man is more looked to than he for advice on important movements. Mr. Ritter is a member of the Lutheran Church, and gives liberally to that and other religious societies. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and for twenty years has been a member of Mifflinburg Lodge.

His wife, formerly Miss Mary J. Watson, was a native of West Buffalo township, Union county, born March 4, 1845, died June 15, 1895. Two sons blessed their union: Clarence, who died when two years old; and Charles W., born January 1, 1876, who was educated at the Pennsylvania State College, and is now a traveling salesman for a wholesale paint and oil house.

WILLIAM H. SLIFER (deceased). Suddenly called from earth before manhood's prime had been attained, the subject of this memoir had established a name in which his children may take honorable pride, and the following record is given in loving remembrance of his life and character.

Mr. Slifer was of German descent, but the family has been located in this country for nearly two hundred years, his great-great-grandfather having crossed the Atlantic about 1700 to make his home in Bucks county, Penn. There a son Abraham was born, whose son of the same name became the father of the late Hon. Eli Slifer, the father of our subject, and one of the ablest and most distinguished men that this Commonwealth has produced. He was born in Coventry township, Chester Co., Penn., in 1818, the third in a family of five children. His parents, who belonged to the sect of German Baptists, commonly known as Dunkards, died when the children were quite young, and although Eli received some kindly help from Samuel Harley, a member of the same religious community, the boy was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. In 1834 he began to learn the hatter's trade in Lewisburg, and while serving his apprenticeship he passed through an experience which, though unpleasant at the time, proved to be of lasting benefit. He naturally desired the friendship of boys of his own age, but it so happened that the youths of Lewisburg found something to ridicule in his country manners and garb, and, humiliated by his reception, young Eli avoided them, and devoted his spare time to books instead of the amusements which would otherwise have held his attention. A bright mind thus turned exclusively to study enabled him to acquire an excellent education, while his powers of judgment were developed by his inde-

pendent course as they could have been in no other way.

In 1841, Eli Slifer went to Northumberland county, Penn., to engage in boat-building, but in 1845 he returned to Lewisburg, and in partnership with William Frick, established a similar business, to which they afterward added the manufacture of lumber. The firm of Frick & Slifer had an extensive trade, employing over a hundred men, and their profits were so large that in a few years Mr. Slifer retired with a fair competence. Business life is not readily given up, however, by one who has decided talents as a manager, and as Mr. Slifer was still in the prime of his powers, he again became actively interested in affairs as a member of a company, which owned a foundry and a shop for the manufacture of agricultural implements.

The discussions over the slavery question, which was then forcing itself to the front as an issue, aroused his earnest sympathy, and, notwithstanding the neutral attitude preserved by the Dunkards toward all political movements, he joined the Whigs about 1848, his abilities and forceful character speedily bringing him into prominence. In 1849 he was nominated unanimously for the Legislature in the district composed of Juniata and Union counties, the latter then comprising also what is now known as Snyder county. He was elected, and served so successfully that he was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. In 1851 he was a compromise candidate for the State Senate, each county in his district having presented a "favorite son," and he was chosen to the office without opposition, although the Democrats carried the district for several other offices. In 1855 he became State treasurer, but in the following year he retired, the Democrats having come into power. In 1859 and again in 1860 he was chosen to that office, but in January, 1861, four months before the expiration of his term, he resigned to accept the post of Secretary of State, under Gov. Curtin. This office, which is second only to that of the governor in importance, he held during the war, and only resigned in 1867, when impaired health compelled him to lay aside his cares.

As has been said in recognition of his work: "The services he rendered his State during the Rebellion were excessive, arduous, exacting and untiring, and all were performed with notable unselfishness and a patriotic devotion to the public weal." After his retirement he spent nearly a year in Europe, going on a government vessel by invitation of the national authorities. His remaining years were spent upon his farm near

Lewisburg, his influence being used in effective, though quiet, ways, to promote progress in various lines. Of him it may be truly said that he never sought distinction and honor, and responsibility came to him through a recognition by the people of his worth.

In 1840 Eli Slifer was married to Miss Catherine Frick, a sister of his business partner, and eight children were born to the union: John Frick died in infancy; Samuel H. is a resident of Indianapolis, Ind.; Catherine married Andrew H. Dill, of Lewisburg; Clara is the wife of Robert Green, of Muncy, Penn.; William H. and John were accidentally killed; Eli resides in Indianapolis, Ind.; Anna Frick married William Walls, of Lewisburg.

The late W. H. Slifer was born at Lewisburg, January 1, 1848, and was educated mainly in the public schools of his native place. He had the advantage of one year of study at Bucknell College, and he always retained his membership in the Sigma Chi fraternity of that institution. Having both inclination and ability for mechanics, he learned the machinist's trade, serving his apprenticeship in the Central Manufacturing Company at Lewisburg, of which he became foreman after a few years.

On September 1, 1870, he was married at Lewisburg, to Miss Charity Voris Conard, who proved a true helpmeet. In 1870 failing health caused Mr. Slifer to remove to the country, where outdoor life might restore the vigor which too much confinement had impaired, and he located upon the farm now occupied by his widow and the family. His death occurred there September 22, 1879, while he was overseeing the work in a stone quarry on the estate, the earth caving in upon him and killing him instantly. Six children were left to comfort the bereaved wife and mother. Edith is now the wife of J. W. Meixell; A. Conard is at home; Robert G. and Grace are students at Bucknell College; William H. attends the academy; and Clara J. is pursuing her studies in the seminary.

MRS. SLIFER was born at Pottsgrove, Northumberland Co., Penn., the daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Jones) Conard, who were both natives of Montgomery county, Penn., where they were married. Later they moved to Pottsgrove, where Mr. Conard was engaged in mercantile business, and in 1865 they made their home at Lewisburg, Mr. Conard conducting a confectionery establishment. His last years were spent in retirement at Montandon, where he breathed his last December 3, 1884, at the age of eighty-two years, seven months and four days. He was a man of prominence in business

and social life, and in religion was a Quaker. His widow, who still resides at Montandon, is a member of the Baptist Church. They had four children: Mary A., wife of M. V. Andrews, who is in the insurance business at Montandon; William K., who died at the age of twenty-one; Charity V., Mrs. Slifer; and Elizabeth, who married John H. Egolf, a general merchant at Douglasville, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS C. HARRISON, M. D. (deceased), was one of Lewisburg's most prominent citizens, and was for many years a leader in financial circles, as well as in the social, religious and political movements which furnish a cohesive force in a community and develop the public spirit that brings practical unity.

Dr. Harrison was born in 1823, in Ireland, whence he came to America with his parents when he was seven years old. He grew to manhood at Castleton, Vt., and was educated at a college there, adding to his literary studies a course in medicine. Coming to Pennsylvania, he located first at Bloomsburg, where he practiced successfully for some time. In 1866 he was married to Miss Jane Cameron, daughter of William Cameron, and not long afterward removed to Lewisburg, where he turned his attention to finance, taking the position of president of the First National Bank, the duties of which responsible post he discharged ably and faithfully until his retirement from active business. While he was a politician he gave hearty support to the principles of the Republican party; in religious faith he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died December 28, 1893, leaving a widow, and one daughter, Eleanor, who resides with her mother at Lewisburg. Three children died in infancy: William (1) at the age of ten months; William (2) when about a year old, and Hugh.

The Cameron family has long been prominent in this State, many of its members having won distinction in public life. The head of this branch was Simon Cameron, who came from Inverness, Scotland, in 1753, with his family, his minister, Colin MacFarquhar, being the leader of the party of voyagers. They located at Donegal Church, in Lancaster county, where Simon Cameron purchased a farm now owned by Gen. Simon Cameron. Charles Cameron, a son of Simon, was five years old at the time of the removal to the new home, where he remained until after his marriage. In 1808 he removed to Sunbury, then to Washingtonville, and in 1810 to Lewisburg, where he is mentioned in the assessment lists as a tailor. He died January 16, 1814,

at his home on the corner of Front and St. John streets, now a vacant lot, belonging to the estate of William Cameron. His widow, Mrs. Martha Cameron, died November 10, 1830, while on a visit to her son, Col. James Cameron. Their children were: William, John, Simon, James, Daniel, Eliza, Jane and Catherine.

William Cameron, the father of Mrs. Harrison, was born at Maytown, Penn., October 15, 1795, and became a tailor by trade. When business was dull he would engage in other occupations, often joining the rivermen in their work of carrying produce to market at the time of high water, frequently making the return journey on foot. In September, 1814, he volunteered as a private in the "Northumberland County Blues," attached to Col. George Weirick's regiment, and marched to Marcus Hook. This regiment was discharged at Philadelphia in the latter part of December, 1814, and his account of their muster is interesting as showing the limits of the city at that time, as they are said to have marched out of the city about Fourth street, to the old "Brick Tavern" to encamp on Union Green.

On January 5, 1820, he was married at Lewisburg, by Rev. Thomas Hood, to Miss Eleanor McLaughlin, who was born June 20, 1803. Her father, Hugh McLaughlin, owned several lots in Lewisburg, and for some time lived in a log house on the corner of Market and Fourth streets. At the time of his death, in 1815, he had traded this property for seventy acres of land in Kelly township, Union county, but it had not been entirely paid for, and the business of settling the estate was further complicated by the long minorities of some of the children. They were six in number: James, Eleanor, Mary (who died at twenty), Catherine (wife of the late Col. Jackson McFaddin), Hugh and Margaret. During the first years of their married life William Cameron and his young wife occupied rented rooms in the upper stories of business buildings. One spring morning Mrs. Cameron remarked that they might be able to buy a place near by upon favorable terms—an old hatter's shop which stood there having been partially burned. The prospect was not bright, but Mr. Cameron, who was about to start upon a trip down the river, said that his energetic and clever spouse might try leasing the place. By the time he returned her industry had made the place a clean and comfortable dwelling, and their hope of ownership, though in the future, made the place seem indeed a home. They bought it as means permitted, built a better residence, and from this starting point may be dated their pros-

perity. Later Mr. Cameron purchased all the places dear to him by early associations, the home of his father, the old home of his beloved "Nellie," and the grounds on both sides of the creek where he had wooed and won her, a touching evidence of the sensitiveness which underlay his somewhat stern exterior. At the time of his death he owned a large amount of the best property in Lewisburg, while his country lands extended north from the east end of the Limestone Ridge across the heart of Buffalo Valley, and along the east bank of the West branch of the Susquehanna to the border of Milton, comprising many of the best farms of that fertile region.

His business enterprises were varied and extensive, the first of note being the construction, under contract, of portions of the Pennsylvania canal, by which he cleared about ten thousand dollars. While engaged in this work Mrs. Cameron moved into a log cabin upon a farm which they bought near the scene of operations. It was a forlorn looking place, but by hard work and good management was transformed into a veritable garden. Other enterprises were the tunnel of Elizabethtown, the railroad bridge at Harrisburg on the Cumberland Valley R. R., and the dams at Columbia and Lewisburg. In 1839 he engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business in Philadelphia, under the firm name of Welsh, Cameron & Co., and continued about three years. He was also a leading member of a firm that successfully operated the railroad from Columbia to Philadelphia. It had been managed for one year by the Department of Public Works, but was falling deeper and deeper in debt, when Mr. Cameron took charge of it. In 1853 he engaged in banking, assisting in the establishment of the Lewisburg Savings Institution, which later became a chartered State bank, and then, under the National Banking Act, was incorporated as the Lewisburg National Bank. On one occasion, when on the witness stand, he gave "banking" as his occupation.

In speaking of his life, in his prosperous years, he never failed to give credit to his wife for her share in the efforts which had gained his wealth, and at his death, which occurred September 10, 1877, he left almost all his possessions to her for her lifetime. It is a fact worthy of note that his work tended to the improvement and development of the localities in which he was interested, dilapidated buildings being restored, swamp lands drained, or avenues of commerce opened. While he did not make a name in public life like his brother, Hon. Simon Cameron, or his brother James, who fell in the first battle of the Civil

war while serving as colonel of the 79th Highlanders of New York, his influence was no less a power for good wherever he was known. Never ostentatious in gifts, he still made generous donations when a worthy cause was recognized. A steam fire-engine, costing over \$10,000, was given to the city of Lewisburg, and twice a year he gave orders to the coal dealers to see that none were suffering from cold, while the gifts quietly sent from his own store houses cannot be estimated. He was familiarly known in the community as "the Squire," the title having first been acquired through his commission from Gov. Schultz, February 19, 1827, as a justice of the peace, but it was continued as a tribute of respect to his character and standing.

His widow, MRS. ELEANOR CAMERON, and two daughters survive him. Of the latter, Mary is the wife of Hon. John B. Packer, and Jane married Dr. Harrison, of this sketch; another daughter, Elizabeth, married John A. Green, and died leaving two children, Martha and Margaret; and a son, William, Jr., whose death in 1861 cut short a promising career at the Bar, left two children—William and Nellie (now Mrs. Harry Marsh).

JAMES MERRILL LINN. William Linn, the great-great-grandfather of James Merrill Linn, emigrated from the North of Ireland in 1732, and settled, originally, in New Jersey, opposite Bristol, Penn. He was of Scotch-Irish stock, a man of giant frame and of immense muscular strength. His only son, William, so the family tradition runs, was in Philadelphia with his team when Benjamin Franklin, the great quartermaster, impressed him into the baggage train service of Gen. Braddock's army, and he was compelled to wagon it out to Pittsburg. Both going and returning, he stopped to water his horses at a spring at the base of North mountain, a few miles north of Shippensburg, a place that delighted him. On his return and discharge he purchased the place.

James Merrill Linn, the fourth child of James F. and Margaret I. Linn, was born October 17, 1833, in the house in Lewisburg in which he lived throughout his life. His early education was received in the Lewisburg Academy. When the first session of the university commenced in September, 1846, he entered what was then called the senior academic class. The next year he entered college, and graduated August 20, 1851, with the salutatory, being not quite eighteen years of age. He was a member of the Gamma



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Chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and during the early history of this Chapter took an active interest in its affairs. In 1852 he went to Lancaster to read law with James Black, a former student of his father. In the same year he was appointed a tutor in Franklin and Marshall college in that city, teaching Greek and Latin. This was for two years; then he returned to Lewisburg, and was admitted to the Bar in September, 1854. For six months he practiced in Phoenixville; then returned to Lewisburg, and in 1858 became a partner of his father, under the firm name of J. F. & J. M. Linn.

When the Civil war broke out in 1861, and the call for 75,000 troops was issued, he was at a law suit in Snyder county. The suit came to an end at once. He hastened home, enlisted and served as second lieutenant in Company G, 4th P. V. I., for three months. Then he aided in recruiting a company, of which he was commissioned captain—Company H, 51st P. V. I., in which he served from November 16, 1861, until April 14, 1864, when he resigned on account of greatly impaired health. During his last enlistment he served as a staff officer a considerable part of the time, and particularly as judge advocate of the division, on account of his legal training and equipment. After his return from service it was several years before he resumed his profession. His father dying in 1869, he entered into partnership with Andrew H. Dill, which continued for ten years. The partnership being dissolved, he then practiced his profession alone.

An old soldier Mr. Linn ever manifested the utmost interest in anything that pertained to the Civil war, being especially concerned in collecting and publishing reliable history of the struggle. One great desire and ambition of his life was to see a becoming soldiers' monument erected in Lewisburg as a testimonial of respect and regard, and in honor of the soldiers of Union county. As a citizen it was simply just to speak of him in high praise. His public spirit and civic pride kept him always to the front of enterprise, ready to lend his willing assistance and to create in others something of his own enthusiasm. In his social life he was highly esteemed, and his friends found him a most interesting companion. His gentle nature, stimulated by his love for all that is chaste and beautiful in literature and art, made him a gentleman always agreeable and entertaining. Well educated in his youth, he added to his college training a great fund of knowledge by a wide range of study in history and literature. He was a frequent contributor to local papers.

At a meeting of the local Bar of Lewisburg, to present appropriate resolutions on the death

of Mr. Linn, Hon. Harold M. McClure, the president judge, on taking the Bench to preside, thus spoke: "We have met to-day in memory of one of a long line of eminent men, whose erudition, scholarly attainments, gentlemanly deportment, thorough knowledge of the science of law, and skill and faithfulness in its practice, have kept this Bar in the front rank of the profession. Mr. Linn was a worthy descendant of an illustrious sire; a conspicuous example of the hereditary transmission of the physical qualities of parents to their children.

"There are those who hold that preachers are rarely made in one generation. If this be true analogy will account for his intuitive perception of the underlying principle that controlled every case. The lamp lit by the father was not dimmed when held by the son; the mantle that fell from his shoulders never reached the earth. He came early to the law, and for nearly half a century bore evidence of her jealousy as a mistress. From Brown vs. White Deer Township, 3 Casey, where his contention that an appeal from the township auditors was the exclusive remedy to recover money expended by a supervisor on behalf of the township, was sustained, down to the current volume, the reports of the Supreme Court bear unquestioned and unimpeachable testimony to his legal acumen, his untiring energy and midnight labors in behalf of those whose cause he advocated. A lawyer of the old school, his loyalty to his clients was only exceeded by his zeal in their cause. Without fee, reward or hope thereof, he protected the weak and defended the poor. Of weak physical constitution, his mental endurance was without limit. That he should have been chosen by so many to champion their cause, is pregnant proof of the advancement of our civilization. A poor champion he would have been with staves and leather target in the lists of the Norman invader, to wage the battles of his clients. In the modern forum he quailed before no antagonist, nor asked for quarter. He was a living witness of the power of mind and the weakness of matter in the struggle for supremacy in the closing years of this nineteenth century. Advancing years impaired his health, but did not enfeeble his mind or diminish his energy. He was kind and generous, affable and courteous, and of all the illustrious men who have passed before him not one has left a better name, none were more sorely missed. In the garland to his memory we twine this leaf, a small testimonial of his worth as a man, his ability as a lawyer, his patriotism as a citizen, his attainments as a scholar, his love and tenderness as a husband and father, and his loyalty as a

friend. 'Woe unto us, not him; for he sleeps well.'"

On December 26, 1867, Mr. Linn was married to Mary Ellen, eldest daughter of Philip Billmeyer, and they have one son Philip Billmeyer Linn, who was associated with his father in the practice of the law, under the firm name of J. M. & P. B. Linn. Mr. Linn was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died suddenly February 23, 1897, of paralysis of the heart.

His son, PHILIP BILLMEYER LINN, was born at Lewisburg, May 25, 1869. He graduated at Harvard University in 1890, read law with his father, and was admitted to the Bar in 1892, from which time up to the death of his father he practiced with him.

WILLIAM SPOTTS CRISWELL, a leading representative of the agricultural interests of this section, is a member of a family which has for many years been prominently identified with Union county. His grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Criswell, located there in pioneer times, and reared a family of seven children, namely: James, born August 31, 1806; Thomas H., March 28, 1808; Hannah B. (Mrs. John Huntington), March 8, 1810; John H., March 20, 1812; Rachel, May 7, 1814; Mary A., June 20, 1816; and Elizabeth (Mrs. William Spotts), August 29, 1818. Of this family the last is now the only survivor.

The late John H. Criswell, the father of our subject, was a man of unusual force of character, and, although he never attended school more than eleven days in his life, he secured a fair education through observation and private study. He followed farming and shoemaking during his active life, and gained thereby a comfortable livelihood. As a citizen he was prominent in local affairs, and was a favorite candidate of the Republican party for township offices, his faithful service in any position of trust having won for him the confidence of all classes.

On April 16, 1834, John H. Criswell married Miss Jane Mathers, who was born in Mazeppa, Penn., June 24, 1811, the daughter of James and Isabella (Oliver) Mathers. The following children blessed this union: Joseph, born February 19, 1835, is a tailor of Chattanooga, Tenn.; James, born April 16, 1837, died September 27, 1853; William Spotts, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth, born September 24, 1841, is the wife of Daniel Kuhns, of Kelly township, Union county; Mary A., born July 15, 1843, resides at the old homestead in Kelly township,

Union county; Isabella M., born July 21, 1845, died September 5, 1853; Rachel, born April 21, 1848, died August 26, 1853; Sarah M., born October 10, 1852, died October 11, 1853; Thomas O., born September 2, 1853, is a farmer near Taylorsville, Penn.; and John, born May 5, 1850, died April 16, 1866. The father died April 17, 1894, and the mother September 4, 1884, both having attained an advanced age, and so universally beloved were they that they were known by young and old in their locality as "Uncle" and "Auntie" Criswell.

William Spotts Criswell was born April 12, 1839, in Kelly township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, his work upon his father's farm during his boyhood alternating with his attendance at the local schools. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 131st P. V. I., under Capt. Jacob Moyer, whose place was taken a few months later by Capt. Joseph R. Orwig. During his term of service Mr. Criswell was detailed for a time on ambulance duty, but he saw some severe fighting, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was never wounded; at the expiration of his term he returned home, receiving his discharge at Harrisburg, Penn., May 23, 1863.

On December 21, 1865, Mr. Criswell was married to Miss Mary E. Wagner, and shortly afterward he established his home at Forest Hill, Union county, where he was employed for a year. He then returned to his native township and rented one of his father's farms, remaining thereon seventeen years. Since that time he has resided upon his present farm near Kelly Cross Roads, which he at first rented from his father, but afterward acquired by inheritance. Mr. Criswell is identified with all of the progressive movements of his locality, and while he is not a politician, he is an influential supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Grand Army Post No. 52, of Lewisburg, and is active in religious work as a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell have had nine children, of whom all but one are living: (1) James, who resides in Kelly township, Union county, married Miss Anna Machmer, and has five children—J. Roy, William D., Mary E., Sarah M. and Milton M. (2) Emma died at the age of five years. (3) John W., a farmer of Kelly township, married Miss Susan M. Hafer. (4) Edith married W. H. Showers, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county, and has had two children—Russell H. and Lee. (5) William manages the farm of his aunt, Miss Mary C. Criswell, in Kelly township, Union

county. (6) Joseph O. is in the meat business at Milton, Penn. (7) Caroline E., (8) Paul W. and (9) David A. are at home.

Mrs. Mary E. Criswell is a descendant of an old Lancaster county family; her grandfather, Thomas Wagner, passed his life in that locality. Her father, Daniel Wagner, was born there in 1799, but in early manhood moved to Centre county, where he met and was married to Miss Margaret Rote, a native of that county. In 1832 he went to Lewisburg, where he operated a mill for a few years, but he finally located in East Buffalo township, Union county, and operated a gristmill there until his death, which occurred August 26, 1860, at the age of sixty-one. He was a Republican from the time of the organization of the party, and in religious faith he was a devout Lutheran. His estimable wife survived him, and breathed her last July 12, 1877.

Mrs. Criswell was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, May 29, 1836, and was the second in a family of eleven children. Of the others, John is a farmer and cattle dealer in Iowa; Daniel died at the age of fifty-one; Thomas died at forty-four; Sarah, deceased, was formerly the wife of John Kerstetter, of Milton, Penn.; Margaret married Alfred Dehl, a baker of Watsontown, Penn.; Emma is the wife of N. C. Freck, a contractor in Millersburg, Penn.; Harriet married E. K. Spotts, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Katherine married Phineas Bly, a miller of White Deer Mills; Samuel is in the milling business at Forest Hill, Union county; and William died in 1895, at the age of forty-four.

PPETER HAUSE, of White Deer township, Union county, is the owner of a fine farm near New Columbia, and is also engaged in business as an agent for the Champion Implement Company, and the Clark's Cove Fertilizer Company, of New York. As Mr. Hause has made his way in the world against heavy odds, his struggle for a livelihood having begun when he was a mere child, his history is of more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Hause was born April 7, 1853, in Northumberland county, Penn., and his father, George Hause, who was also a native of that county, was a resident of Chillisquaque during the greater part of his life, having engaged first in the butchering business, then in the hotel business, and, finally, in mercantile enterprises. He was twice married, first to Miss Mary Keefer, by whom he had seven children: Mary A., wife of William Galbrath, an insurance agent at Milton, Penn.;

Elizabeth, widow of Robert Martin, of Northumberland county; Lida, deceased, formerly the wife of John Harmon, a farmer in Michigan; Hannah, wife of Charles Sanders, of White Deer township, Union county; Sarah and John, who died before reaching adult age; and George, a farmer in California. The mother of this family died in 1848, and the father was married to Miss Sarah Keefer, a sister of his first wife. She was a native of Union county, where their marriage occurred. There were two children by this union: Peter, our subject; and Frank, who is now in the livery business at Corning, N. Y. Both parents were identified with the United Evangelical Church. The father died in 1856 at the age of thirty-five, but the mother survived many years, passing away at the home of our subject, March 3, 1894, aged seventy-two years.

As Peter Hause was left fatherless at the age of three years without adequate provision for his support, the serious business of life was taken up as soon as his labor became of value. He remained with his mother until he was ten years old, when he spent eight months in work for an uncle, David Keefer. He then returned home and attended school during the winter, and in the following spring he was hired by Ellis Miller, with whom he spent one year. Until he was sixteen he continued to work on farms in summer, attending school in winter, and then for some years he took whatever employment he could find.

On June 18, 1874, our subject was married to Miss Rebecca C. High, who has proved a true helpmeet, and they made their home at their present farm, which Mr. Hause worked for half the proceeds of the farm for seven years before increasing prosperity enabled him to purchase it. Industrious and thrifty, he has won a high reputation as a manager, and is a leading member of the Farmers Alliance. He is also prominent in the various activities of the community, and in the local Republican organization, having been tax collector for one year, and supervisor for two years.

Seven children make his home merry: Frank M., George W., Florence, James C., Percy, Amy V. and Mary J. Mrs. Hause is a native of White Deer township, Union county, and was born February 22, 1848, the daughter of Aaron C. High, a native of Berks county, and granddaughter of Samuel and Catherine (Pott) High, who settled in Union county at an early day to spend their remaining years; both being interred in the Klapp graveyard.

Aaron C. High died in White Deer township, Union county, in June, 1894, at the age of seventy, his last years having been spent in retire-

ment on account of illness. He was married in White Deer township, to Miss Mary Rank, who was born in Berks county, November 22, 1822, and whose parents, John and Nancy (Luthers) Rank, removed from that locality to Union county, where they breathed their last, their remains being laid to rest in Klapp graveyard. Five children have been born to Aaron C. and Mary High: Robert, now a government surveyor in Nebraska; Anna M., deceased, formerly the wife of Elias Ingleman, who is living in retirement at White Pigeon, Mich.; Rebecca C. (Mrs. Hause); Barbara, wife of James Bernan, an employee in the car works at Milton; and Alford, a farmer in Texas. The mother has contracted a second marriage, being now the wife of William Miller, a farmer residing in St. Joseph county, Michigan.

WILLIAM DAVID HIMMELREICH was born in Kelly township, Union Co., Penn., September 11, 1842, the ninth child of Peter Himmelreich and Elizabeth (*née* Charles). Peter's father emigrated from Germany in the eighteenth century, and settled in Buffalo township, Union county. Going one step farther back, the grandmother of the subject of this sketch was a Withington, one of whom came from England at an early date to this country, and carried on a successful business at clock making, in Mifflinburg, under style of Withington & Son, for many years. Capt. Peter Withington was one of the heroes of the Revolution, having commanded a company in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line. He died in 1777.

When scarcely tall enough to peep over the counter, the subject of this sketch began his business career in a country store near home. Close by, on the same farm, stood an old school house, in which he received his early education. Three years of clerking found the little fellow grown a head taller, and possessed of an ambition that could no longer find scope in the old environment. He became a clerk for Capt. Crotzer, postmaster, at Lewisburg. Several ventures in the mercantile business, apparently not to his liking, followed, and finally he attracted the favorable attention of John B. Packer, the president of the First National Bank of Sunbury. He became a clerk in that institution, and here his business ability was ripened. Through faithful attention to every detail of his work he gained the confidence of Mr. Packer, an eminent lawyer and financier—a circumstance which had much to do with later successes. Mr. Packer was an undemonstrative man, but he had his own way

of showing his appreciation of fidelity in an employee. A hard worker himself, he knew the value of industry, while his own strict integrity served as a touch-stone in his judgment of others. The fact that Mr. Himmelreich remained with him ten years, and during the latter part of his service was entrusted with the most delicate and intricate business, is sufficient evidence of his worth. It may be noted, also, that throughout the remainder of Mr. Packer's life he retained a firm friendship for Mr. Himmelreich, and showed his undiminished confidence in substantial ways.

The arduous work of the bank proved to be too great a strain upon Mr. Himmelreich's health, and he purchased an interest in the firm of Billmeyer, Dill & Company, boat builders and manufacturers of lumber, at Lewisburg, in 1872. This was a prosperous enterprise with a most capable head, Philip Billmeyer, who was an authority on all matters relating to lumber. The firm name was subsequently changed to P. Billmeyer & Co., the other partners being George S. Matlack and Henry C. Wolfe, who were especially efficient workers in their respective departments—and to this harmonious combination Mr. Himmelreich added new force and energy. Mr. Billmeyer died in 1885, but the business was continued by the other partners under the firm name of W. D. Himmelreich & Co., which remained unchanged at the death of Mr. Matlack in 1893, leaving but two of the firm. Mr. Himmelreich's quarter of a century in this branch of business was an unusually successful one, and he enjoyed a reputation for honesty and business integrity that but few can attain, especially in the great commercial centres.

During all this time Mr. Himmelreich's busy brain and energy were concerned in the advancement of the welfare of Lewisburg, and the development of its industrial interests. He, along with George S. Matlack, was instrumental in having the Buffalo Mills located here, backed by Judge Hoffa, and was one of its principal stockholders. He was connected as stockholder and director in the Nail Works, Furniture Works, Bridge, Gas, Water, Coal, Light and Telephone Companies. In addition to giving these various interests a portion of his time, he assumed, in March, 1895, the duties of president of the Union National Bank. As its executive he opened up new avenues of business by his strong personality, and under his direction the institution has certainly been a prosperous one.

His latest and most extensive project was the developing of a large tract of virgin forest in West Virginia. After tramways had been built, mills established and the difficulties sur-



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mounted, he associated with him Congressman Dayton, of West Virginia, Hon. S. T. Foresman, of Williamsport, W. R. Kramer, of Milton, and H. C. Wolfe, of Lewisburg. The new firm had just entered the markets with the brightest possible prospects of success, when suddenly the brain that conceived it all was stricken in death.

Mr. Himmelreich took an interest in public affairs. His political affiliations were with the Democrats, but he had due consideration for the opinions of others, and was far from being a politician. In 1888 he was a Presidential elector, and subsequently made postmaster at Lewisburg by President Cleveland. As a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, he served for a number of years, faithfully and conscientiously.

"Perhaps in no place will his loss be more keenly felt than in the Presbyterian Church and Sunday-school. As a member of the board of trustees he was a tower of strength in solving the questions and difficulties that regularly presented themselves. His wise counsels and feasible plans were backed by a generous purse, and his example of itself was an incentive to spur others on to more earnest activity. For over four years he conducted the Bible studies of a class of young ladies in the Sunday-school. His teaching had the merit of being from the heart, and he implicitly believed what he taught—that the religion of Jesus was to be made a part and study of our daily life. Faithful and earnest in attendance, always coming prepared, it was little wonder that he taught with a force that comes to but few. In his hasty business trips from city to city he spent many an hour on the train with Bible and lesson book, seeking out the hidden truths." [*Lewisburg Journal*, October 29, 1897.]

Mr. Himmelreich amassed a substantial fortune, and, what is still better, made good use of it. While there is no loss through methods or careless good nature, he delighted in lending a helping hand in an effective way wherever there was need. It would be impossible to enumerate his private charities, the straightened circumstances eased by his timely aid, the hearts he has comforted. In his business dealings he strove to be just, and while he never allowed an opportunity for a profitable venture to pass unimproved, no one has ever come out of a bargain blaming him for dishonest methods. In fact, Mr. Himmelreich was much more than a business man. Reading and travel had added mental cultivation, and developed his companionable qualities, while a sympathy for his fellow men

had prevented any crusting over of his kindly heart.

An enduring monument to his memory is the W. D. Himmelreich Library of the Presbyterian Sunday-school, a gift of about four thousand volumes. It was his pride and care during life, and by his will he made ample provision to perpetuate it by placing apart funds to the amount of \$30,000 (which sum may be materially increased) for a library building and for endowing it. His death occurred suddenly in New York City, October 23, 1897, from heart failure.

A BRAHAM W. FARLEY. This age is not wholly utilitarian. On all sides we see some earnest souls laboring devotedly to bring about a recognition of some higher principle in life than selfish greed, and stimulating in the hearts of others a desire for spiritual progress. The friends of Abraham W. Farley, a prominent agriculturist residing in East Buffalo township, Union county, will see in his years of faithful work in all forms of religious endeavor, a source of present good to the community, and long after he has entered into his final rest his influence will continue in ever widening circles.

Mr. Farley comes of honorable ancestry. When the colonies gathered their forces for the war against the mother country, his grandfather, Caleb Farley, then a young man, entered the ranks of the patriots. He was a representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of New Jersey, pioneers of Tewksbury township, Hunterdon county, and proved himself a gallant fighter, remaining in service until peace was declared and gaining a commission as first lieutenant. Soon after the close of the war he married Miss Charity Pickle, and came to Pennsylvania, locating in Union county, where he cleared and improved several farms. Through legal complications over prior entries he lost his first claims, but afterward purchased what was known as the David Cupples tract, on White Deer Mountain, comprising 120 acres, and there made his permanent home. He attained the age of eighty-four, his death occurring previous to 1840, and his wife survived him only a few years, having attained the age of ninety-four. They had eight children: Charity, John, Jacob, Barbara, Catherine, Elizabeth, Abraham and Sarah.

Abraham Farley, our subject's father, was born in 1791, in White Deer township, Union county, and died in 1875, in East Buffalo township, at the age of eighty-four years, and always followed farming as an occupation. On March

29, 1824, he married Rebecca Wolfe, born March 19, 1804, the daughter of Michael and Catherine (Smith) Wolfe, who reared a family of ten children, six daughters and four sons. After his marriage Abraham Farley bought the farm on the Furnace road, in East Buffalo township, Union county, which is now owned by our subject. He died there in 1875, and his wife passed away August 27, 1878, at the home of her son Jacob. The mother was a devout member of the Evangelical Church, and their large family of children received faithful training in Christian principles. Of these the first born, Catharine, died in infancy; Caroline, now residing in the State of Iowa, married Daniel Wolfe, and reared a family; Michael married Hannah Hoy, and had several children; Abraham W. is mentioned more fully below; Charity died in infancy; Sarah married David Voneida, and reared a family; John married Mary Brown, by whom he had several children; Jacob married Mary E. Brown, and had a family; Elizabeth and Wilson died in infancy.

The subject of this biography was born August 28, 1834, at the present homestead. When he began his education the free-school system had not been adopted, his first teacher, Aaron Smith, being employed on the subscription plan. The events of that time are still clearly defined in his memory, even to the learning of the alphabet, letter by letter. He afterward attended the first free school organized in his district, the Mt. Vernon school, taught by Squire Tharp, of Milton, Penn. He learned rapidly, grasping ideas far more readily and accurately than the average boy of his age, and only the lack of opportunity to continue his studies prevented him from preparing for some profession. Being reared to farming, with no knowledge of other occupations, he naturally engaged in it in early manhood, and has continued it throughout his life.

On January 15, 1857, in his native township, Mr. Farley was married to Miss Susannah B. Schrack, who was born near Lochiel, Union county, August 6, 1838. Her parents, David and Molly (Getz) Schrack, well-known residents of that locality, had four children, of whom Mrs. Farley was the eldest. The others, Angeline, now Mrs. John Shaffer, Franklin and William H., all reside in Lewisburg. David Schrack was a carpenter in his early years and afterward a farmer, but for some years previous to his death he lived in retirement at Lewisburg. He was between sixty and seventy years old when he died, and his wife survived him a few years, the remains of both being now at rest in Lewisburg cemetery.

For a year after his marriage Mr. Farley re-

mained at the homestead, taking charge of the place for his father, and then, after living one year on a rented farm, he moved to the Schrack homestead, where he spent a year. The first home that he ever owned was a small place in Northumberland county, Penn., where he was engaged in gardening from 1860 to 1864. The war making labor scarce, he returned to the old home to assist his father for a year, and the next thirteen years were spent on the Jonathan Wolfe farm in East Buffalo township.

In 1878 Mr. Farley purchased his present home from his father's estate, his brother Michael buying the western part of the farm. The place contains 150 acres of excellent land, and ranks among the best in the township. Mr. Farley gives his personal attention to its management. Although his health is somewhat impaired he remains active. In 1892 he lost the use of his left eye as a result of an attack of erysipelas, and his hearing is now defective, but these ailments do not interfere as much as one would suppose, with his accustomed interests. Many years ago he joined the United Evangelical Church, and he has always taken a leading part in its work, serving in various Church offices, including that of trustee, which he still holds. He has been especially active in Sunday-school work, and since 1858 has been superintendent in different localities where he has resided, and during five years of this time he was at the head of two schools. In the township Sunday-School Association he has been an influential worker, and at different times he has served as vice-president or secretary. His wife is also a devout member of the United Evangelical Church, and their family, taught by both precept and example, are following in their footsteps.

Our subject and his wife may well look upon their children with pride, in the consciousness that their successful training brings far greater and more lasting honor than accumulation of riches. The eldest son, John C., born March 15, 1859, is engaged in teaching, and also works on a farm in Kelly township, Union county. James A., born March 4, 1861, married to Miss Jane Bohner, of Northumberland county, resides in Lewisburg, and is a traveling salesman for a wholesale dry-goods house in Philadelphia. Anna M., born February 22, 1863, married Rev. W. B. Cox, a minister of the United Evangelical Church, located at Glen Rock, York Co., Penn. David F., born June 2, 1865, married to Miss Liberty Taylor, of Mifflinburg, a teacher, resides in Buffalo township, Union county. He is a teacher by occupation, and is active in religious

work as superintendent of a Sunday-school, and president of the Sunday-School Association of his township. William H., born July 14, 1867, lives at the homestead, and is engaged in operating a steam thresher. He is also prominent in religious work, being a trustee and steward in the Church, and the superintendent of a Sunday-school. Molly R., born November 11, 1869, married Rev. J. H. Gamber, a clergyman of the United Evangelical Church, now residing at Reddick, Kankakee Co., Ill. Emanuel P., born October 8, 1871, resides in Illinois, and is bookkeeper in a large brick establishment at LaSalle. Hiram C., born March 7, 1874, is a teacher by profession and resides at home. Susannah B., born June 11, 1875, Angeline M., October 17, 1877, Clarence B., January 19, 1879, and Maggie E., July 25, 1882, are all at home.

Our subject is interested in all local movements that tend to progress, and has for years been identified with the Grange or Patrons of Husbandry. He is no politician but keeps well-informed upon the issues of the day, and, although he gave his support in early years to the Democratic party, his uncompromising enmity to the liquor traffic led him some time ago to unite with the Prohibitionists.

JOHN JEFFERSON BROWN. Among the honored pioneers of this section who still remain with us, linking by their recollections the stirring scenes of our modern civilization to the time when unbroken forests covered the sites of many of our thriving towns and villages, none are more highly esteemed than Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown, of Kelly township, Union county, who are now nearing the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, which took place October 9, 1851.

Mr. Brown, who, though now retired from active business, has been for many years a leading agriculturist of that locality, was born December 2, 1824, in Schuylkill county, Penn. On the paternal side he is descended from an old Pennsylvania family. His grandparents were residents of Schuylkill county, where for many years the grandfather, Adam Brown, was occupied with the management of a gristmill and an extensive farm. His wife was an Ohrlrick.

The late George Brown, our subject's father, was born in Berks county, and there was married to Miss Sallie Bartlett, a native of that locality, daughter of Abraham and Dorothy (Huttenstein) Bartlett, and for some time made his home in the county. In 1839 he removed to a farm in White Deer township, Union county,

where he and his wife spent their remaining years, the latter passing away in 1845, at the age of forty-eight. The father had attained his eightieth year when he was called away in 1874, and during his long life he had held a prominent place in the community, holding the office of supervisor, and taking an active part in the work of the Reformed Church, of which he was a deacon and elder for many years.

Of the children of this estimable couple, Elizabeth died in her youth; Katie married Israel Guyer, both now deceased; John J. is the subject proper of this sketch; George is a retired farmer in White Deer township, Union county; Sarah married Simon Benage, a farmer in the same township; Rebecca married Daniel Moyer, and both are now deceased; and Elizabeth, second wife of Daniel Moyer, mentioned above, survives him, and resides in Buffalo township, Union county.

John Jefferson Brown's early surroundings were not favorable to rapid educational advancement, farm work often interfering with such opportunities as the local schools of the day afforded. He remained with his father until the age of twenty-two, when he found employment in a brickyard and worked for two seasons, and then, after a short visit at the old home, he went to White Deer and engaged in teaming, receiving \$180 per year. After six years in this occupation he took a farm, which he worked for one-half of the proceeds, but the sale of the place eight years later caused him to leave it, and in 1865 he purchased a farm in White Deer township, Union county, in partnership with W. P. Sheller. Four months later he traded his interest for another farm near West Milton, which he sold after occupying it four years, the sale realizing him a profit of \$4,600. The next three years were spent upon a rented farm, and he then bought fifty-five acres of choice land near Kelly Point at \$1.75 per acre, and, making many substantial improvements which show both taste and judgment, he established his permanent home there.

Though not an active worker in political lines, Mr. Brown is among the influential Democrats of his locality. He and his wife are leading members of the Reformed Church. Their pleasant home has been brightened by two children: William, born January 10, 1853, lived only six months; and Mary E., born June 10, 1854, married Joseph Burke, a successful farmer and butcher, and now resides at the homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown took to their home and hearts a boy, James Brown, and cared for him from his birth. He remained with them until

the age of twenty-six, when he married and moved to Bloomington, Ill., where he is a dealer in hay.

Mrs. Brown, whose maiden name was Susannah Ranck, was born in White Deer township, Union county, January 14, 1822, and is a member of an old family of that locality, her grandfather, Jonathan Ranck, having come from Berks county at an early day. Her father, Jonathan Ranck, was born in Union county, and became a prominent agriculturist there. He held the office of supervisor, and was active in local affairs, and in the Reformed Church, of which he was a leading member. He died May 5, 1856, aged sixty-six years and nine months. He was married three times, first to Miss Katie Long, and second to Miss Anna M. Dieffenderfer (Mrs. Brown's mother), a native of Union county and a daughter of John Dieffenderfer, whose last years were spent in that county. She was a devout member of the Reformed Church and died in that faith, February 11, 1846, at the age of fifty-two years and four months. The third wife was Mrs. Harriet Dieffenderfer (*née* Kline), and by this union there were no children. One son, Jose, was born of the first marriage. He died in the fall of 1895 at the age of seventy-six years. By the second marriage there were eleven children, namely: Sarah, who married Daniel Ben- nage, both now deceased; Moses, a carpenter in Michigan; Susannah, Mrs. Brown; Jacob, deceased; Edward and Solomon, well-known farmers in White Deer township, Union county; Lewis, a dentist at Williamsport, Penn.; Mary, wife of Charles Wetzel, of Danville, Penn.; Levi, deceased; Jonathan, now living in retirement at White Deer; and Ellen, wife of Samuel Hurtz, a hardware merchant at Van Wert, Ohio.

JOSEPH CASPER BUCHER is the second son of Rev. John Casper Bucher, D. D. His father was born in Dauphin county, Penn., near Harrisburg. His ancestors emigrated to this country anterior to the Revolution, and settled in eastern Pennsylvania. He was of Swiss descent on the paternal, and French on the maternal, side. He received a thorough classical education, and entered the ministry of the Reformed Church, in which he served for almost sixty years. He was prominent in the councils of the Church, and a preacher of conspicuous ability. He was a resident minister of the Reformed Church at Middletown, Frederick Co., Md., on the 28th of January, 1836, when his son Joseph Casper Bucher, the subject of this sketch, was born.

When the son was six years of age the father accepted the pastorate of the Reformed Church at Reading, Penn., where he remained a number of years. Whilst at Reading, the son was a pupil of Father Kelly, an ex-Catholic priest of some celebrity as a teacher. Upon the removal of the father to Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Penn., the son entered the preparatory department of Marshall College located there. In 1853, during his collegiate course, the institution was removed to Lancaster, Penn., and united with Franklin College, under the name of Franklin and Marshall. There the subject of this sketch completed his collegiate course and graduated in 1855, with one of the highest honors of his class. The valedictory oration was assigned to him, and his address, delivered on commencement day, bore ample testimony that he was worthy of the honor, it being delivered with a power and eloquence that raised the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest pitch. After graduation he spent a year as principal of an academy in Maryland, and then commenced the study of the law in the office of Hon. Isaac Slenker, of New Berlin, Union Co., Penn. He was admitted to the Union County Bar in 1858, and went into partnership with his preceptor. Mr. Slenker was an eminent lawyer, and had an extensive practice. He had the confidence of his clientage and the community at large. He was Deputy Attorney-General from 1830 to 1835, and a member of the State Senate from 1835 to 1838. In 1861 he was the Democratic candidate for President Judge of the Twentieth Judicial District. At the general election he received a majority of the home vote, but was defeated by an army vote not then authorized by law. He did not contest the election for the reason that the State Senate at that time was hostile to his claim on the basis of rejecting the army vote. In 1862 Mr. Slenker was elected Auditor-General on the Democratic ticket. With such a friend, preceptor and partner, Joseph C. Bucher entered upon his professional career under most favorable auspices.

In 1859 he was nominated for District Attorney of Union county, on the Democratic ticket, and was elected in the fall of that year, defeating his competitor, John Blair Linn, Esq., a leading lawyer, by a majority of 257 votes, although the Republican majority in the county on the State ticket was 523. He discharged the duties of the office with fidelity and ability. On the 20th of November, 1861, he was married to Mary Ellen, daughter of Hon. John Walls, and granddaughter of Gen. Abbot Green. He was fortunate in this alliance. His wife is a woman



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of culture and refinement, and her tastes are congenial to his own. She presides over his hospitable home with dignity and grace, and has contributed largely by the force of her character to the advancement of the interests of her husband. He has three sons—John W., Joseph Casper and Abbot Green—and one daughter—Miriam A. Bucher.

When Mr. Slenker entered upon his duties as auditor-general, the partnership of Slenker and Bucher was dissolved, and Mr. Bucher removed to Lewisburg, where he opened a law office. His practice was extensive and varied, but was confined principally to the counties of Union and Snyder, although he frequently tried causes elsewhere. In his profession he was singularly successful, having very many of the best traits of an advocate. He attained a superficial knowledge of the German language whilst at college, and during his residence at New Berlin acquired the habit of speaking it with fluency, and that was the "patois" of Snyder county, especially of the west end. His manner was hearty and cordial. He was easy of access; had a quick, bright apprehension, and a very retentive memory; had the faculty of gathering facts and spreading them in narration, grouped with graphic power. His voice was loud and clear; his expression without hesitation, and of such confidence that it would carry conviction. Then, besides, he mingled freely with the people. He knew almost every one in the counties, their history, character, foibles and idiosyncrasies, so that his selection of jurors and his knowledge of how to touch them was rarely amiss.

In 1871 he was made the Democratic candidate for president judge of the Twentieth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Union, Snyder and Mifflin, against Hon. Samuel S. Woods, of Mifflin county, the incumbent of the office. In politics he has always been an active Democrat; his voice has been heard with no uncertain sound in support of the principles of his party, in almost every school house in the counties of Union and Snyder. The political passions engendered by the war had not yet had time to cool. He was on terms of social intercourse with many of the Republican leaders, who, whilst friendly to him personally, differed widely from him in his political opinions. The contest was waged with unexampled bitterness; it assumed the fierce heat of a Presidential struggle. The political organization to which he was attached stood around him in one unbroken, compact mass. On the other hand, the Republican organization could not be held together. His intimate acquaintance with the people, his ad-

mitted ability and integrity, together with the active and open support of a large majority of the Republican lawyers of the District, was more than his opponent could withstand, and he was elected in the face of a large adverse political majority. The vote was exceedingly close in so large a poll. In Union the majority for his competitor was 278; in Mifflin the majority for him was 278, and Snyder gave him a majority. Thus the counties in which the candidates resided were a tie, and Snyder county decided the result by the slender majority of nine votes.

He entered upon the duties of his office in December, 1871, and carried with him to the Bench the same energy, quick and ready apprehension, incisive, yet full way of expression, that had characterized him as a lawyer. After a few years he got rid of the ways of an advocate, and became an able judge. Jurors could hear and understand every word he said. He had great administrative powers, and conducted the business of the court with dispatch. He grappled every question of law as it presented itself, and it was clearly put on the notes of trial, and every bill of exception cheerfully signed and sealed, so that if a case went to the Supreme Court, the record plainly disclosed what had been decided. His decisions were well sustained by the Supreme Court. At the close of his term he had the confidence of the Bar as well as of the people.

He was a candidate for re-election in 1881, and defeated his competitor, J. Merrill Linn, Esq., by a decisive vote in every county of the district, having received 1,189 majority in Mifflin county, 867 in Snyder, and 183 in Union—aggregating 2,239. The adverse majority in the Presidential contest of the previous year was upwards of 1,400. This vote was a just tribute to an able, capable and upright judge. At the end of his second term of ten years he was again the nominee of his party in 1891. Party spirit was at high-tide at this time. During the campaign Governor Pattison convened the State Senate in extraordinary session to try the State Treasurer and Auditor-General on charges of malfeasance, connected with the defalcation of John Bardsley, city treasurer of Philadelphia. Republican and Democrats were on their mettle, and party nominees were mere targets to the enemy's fire. Judge Bucher was defeated by Harold M. McClure by the meagre majority of 406, whilst the Republican's State ticket, at the same time and in the same counties, had a majority of 1,618. Learning, ability, experience and every other qualification for the high office was to some measure lost to sight and reason, and

one of the ablest judges in the State was sacrificed to political strife and partisan bitterness. The second term of ten years ended on the first Monday of January, 1892.

In his twenty-years' service on the Bench, Judge Bucher not only discharged the duties of his high office with promptness and fidelity in his own district, but was called specially to preside in many of the other judicial districts of the State. He was never reversed by the Supreme Court in any criminal case, and parties were tried before him for almost every crime known to the law. As a chancellor on the Equity side of the Court of Common Pleas, as in all other departments of the law, he gained a State-wide reputation for learning, ability and impartiality. His retirement from the Bench was a loss to the judiciary of the State, but more especially to the people of the Twentieth Judicial District, but no loss to him personally.

Immediately after his retirement from the Bench he opened an office at Sunbury, Penn., retaining his residence and office at Lewisburg, and resumed the practice of law in all its branches, criminal and civil. In July, 1892, he succeeded the late Hon. John B. Packer as solicitor for the Pennsylvania railroad, the N. C. R. R., Philadelphia & Erie R. R., Pennsylvania Canal Company, the D. H. & W. R. R., The Mineral Railroad and Mining Company, and other affiliated companies. On the 27th day of June, 1894, the Democratic State Convention met at Harrisburg, and nominated a ticket for Governor and other State offices. Judge Bucher, of Union, and Hannibal K. Sloan, Indiana county, were nominated for Congressman-at-large. Owing to professional engagements Judge Bucher declined the nomination immediately upon receiving the news of his nomination, but occurring, as it did, at a point of time when a vacancy on the ticket could be supplied only by re-assembling the State Convention, he was induced to remain as an ostensible candidate until the vacancy could be filled by the State Committee. In the meantime Mr. Sloan died, and under party rules it became necessary to re-convene the convention to fill the vacancy. Judge Bucher then declined, and on the 11th of September the Convention re-convened and nominated Thomas Collins, of Bellefonte, and Henry Meyer, of Allegheny, in place of Judge Bucher, declined, and H. K. Sloan, deceased.

Judge Bucher is of robust health, vigorous constitution, and in the flood-tide of professional success. His legal practice is extensive and varied, and he is singularly strong before both the court and the jury. Since his return to the Bar he has demonstrated that his judicial career

of twenty years, instead of diminishing his capacity as a trial lawyer, has only increased it.

Judge Bucher has shown himself to be a public-spirited citizen, always ready and willing to assist the needy and deserving. He has given the weight of his influence and contributed largely to the advancement of the material interests of the town and county in which he resides. He is now the last surviving member of the original board of directors of the Lewisburg R. R. and Wagon Bridge Company; he is a director of the Lewisburg National Bank, and a member of the board of trustees of the Lewisburg Presbyterian Church.

ANDREW ALBRIGHT LEISER, born July 17, 1850, at Lewisburgh, Penn., is the eldest son of the late Dr. William Leiser and Maria Louisa Leiser (*née* Albright), whose only children were the subject of this sketch and William Leiser, Jr., M. D., whose biography is found elsewhere in this volume.

He was prepared for college in the public schools of Lewisburgh and the University Academy, and entered the Freshman class of the University at Lewisburgh (now Bucknell University) in the fall of 1865, taking the John M. Finn first prize for the best preparation for college. His career at the University disclosed fine natural abilities and literary tastes, combined with thoroughly studious and moral habits. He graduated with distinction, being the first in his class, and was selected to deliver the valedictory addresses at the commencement exercises in July, 1869. Among his classmates were Charles Hill Anderson, of Philadelphia; Rev. Francis M. Baker, of Dauphin; George W. Bliss, Esq., formerly of the editorial staff of the *New York Star*; Judge Martin Bell, of Hollidaysburgh, Penn.; Frederick Evans Bower, Esq., of Middleburgh, Penn.; Rev. Dr. John Howard Harris, President of Bucknell University; Rev. Frederick Kohler Fowler, of Olean, N. Y.; Rev. Edmund Wells, of Charleston, S. C.; Andrew B. Larison, M. D., of Lambertville, N. J., and others.

After graduating he engaged in teaching for a brief time, first as master in Kenwood Boys' School at New Brighton, Penn.; afterward as instructor in the University Academy, Lewisburgh, and then in charge of the Classical Preparatory Department of the University at Lewisburgh for a year.

Though very successful in this congenial employment, he soon resolved to adopt the law as his profession, and after "reading" for the prescribed period, with a brief term at lectures in

the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, he was admitted to the Union County Bar at May Term, 1874. In September, 1876, he was appointed by the Court, District Attorney for the county of Union for the unexpired term of Alfred Hayes, Esq. (who had been elected to the Legislature), and the same fall was elected to that office for the full term.

From the first Mr. Leiser's grasp of legal principles and careful application thereof to the case in hand showed he had carried into his professional work the same habits of study and thoroughness that characterized his work in the college; and, in consequence, early in his career he received many appointments as Auditor and Master in Chancery in cases involving large interests and intricate and difficult questions of law and fact and the application of one to the other. In 1881 he formed a legal partnership with the late Hon. Charles S. Wolfe and James Dale Wilson, Esq., under the firm style of Wolfe, Leiser & Wilson. Mr. Wilson removed to Philadelphia in 1882, but the firm continued, under the style of Wolfe & Leiser, until Mr. Wolfe's untimely death, August 13, 1891. In the interim they had established an enviable reputation as a strong firm, and had acquired a large clientage. Since Mr. Wolfe's death Mr. Leiser's practiced has widened and extended in many directions, before both State and Federal courts, and he is frequently called upon to conduct cases in many another than his local forum.

Mr. Leiser may emphatically be termed a *busy* lawyer, and a credit both as a scholar and as a gentleman to a profession, which, although grounded on conventional and conservative rules, is, more than any other human institution, the basis of our freedom and civilization. His work at the Bar is marked by clearness, precision, care, strength and thoroughness. As a counselor he is careful and conservative; as a trial lawyer thoroughly prepared, alert and ready; strong in the presentation of his own side of the case; quick to see the points of his adversary, and to parry them or turn them against him; skillful in the marshaling of facts and evidence; and in the appellate courts his work is of the best, his briefs of law and fact and argument being masterly, clear, logical and exhaustive. In all that he undertakes he is an indefatigable worker, subjecting everything to an ultimate analysis, so that there is no detail so small as to be overlooked, no possible contingency unprovided for. With a large law library stocked with the best books as his working-tools, he never rests content until he has exhausted the subject in hand. He exemplifies his belief that there is

no genius like hard work, and that in thorough work lies the secret of success.

Mr. Leiser is a charter member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and for several years has been on the Executive Committee. He is also a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and of the American Statistical Association. In 1865, while a student, he joined the Phi Kappa Psi (college) fraternity, with which he has kept in close touch ever since—being the presiding officer at the Grand Arch Council held in Philadelphia in 1876, and largely instrumental in securing the removal of the iron-clad pledge against college fraternities at the University at Lewisburgh.

The ancestral stock to which Mr. Leiser belongs goes back on both sides to the original settlement of the State in the earlier part of the last century. His family connections are in consequence numerous and widely spread.

His father, Dr. William Leiser, was the youngest son of Jacob Leiser, who was born in (Little) York, York Co., Penn., October 4, 1779, and Mary Leiser, *née* Shettley, who was born at the same place December 3, 1780.

JACOB LEISER came to Milltown, now Milton, toward the close of the eighteenth century, and directly afterward moved across the river into White Deer township (now Kelly township), near what is now West Milton. He was a carpenter and master builder, and as such erected many of the most substantial buildings in Milton and neighborhood. In 1815 he purchased a large farm located about a mile west from Datesman's—now West Milton—from James Patterson, which farm is still in the ownership of his descendants. Here he afterward made his home, and died May 26, 1862, his wife having preceded him on the 13th of May, 1855. Their children were: (1) John Leiser, born January 3, 1802, died in infancy. (2) Elizabeth Leiser, born September 2, 1803; married to Isaac High. Her children: Jacob High; Mary, married to Benneville Bickel, and Susan, married to Samuel F. Gundy, all living in this county. (3) George Leiser, born November 6, 1806; his children: Susanna, married to John Schreck; Mary Ann (deceased), married to George Adam Stahl; Lydia, married to John Hummel; Jacob (deceased), and John—all making their homes hereabouts. (4) Susanna Leiser, married to Abraham Grove; her children: John L. Grove; Nancy, married to Henry Ruhl; Mary, married to Jacob Ruhl, Jr.; Jacob (deceased). (5) John Leiser, born July 4, 1810; his children: David (deceased); Abraham; Jacob; Emeline, married to John H. Bishop; Lovina (deceased) and Benjamin F.

All these children except Jacob located in Michigan, where the father died. (6) Jacob, born April 16, 1813; his children: Wilson; Cordelia, married to John K. Correy; William Augustus; Phineas; Jacob Jay, M. D.; Harriet, married to Dr. I. M. Rockefeller; Lovina (deceased); Eliza (deceased), married to George M. Kissinger; Oliver, M. D. Except William A. and Phineas, who live in Watsonstown, all the above have removed to Montana. (7) Mary, born January 18, 1816, married to Isaac High. (8) Samuel, born —, 1818; unmarried.

(9) DR. WILLIAM LEISER, father of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Kelly township, Union county, October 21, 1821. Received his education in the country schools, Mifflinburg Academy and Pennsylvania College, Gettysburgh, Penn. Then engaged in teaching for a short time, when he read medicine with Dr. Samuel L. Beck, and was graduated M. D. in 1848, by the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, at Philadelphia, whose Faculty included the following eminent men: William Darrach, M. D., John Wiltbank, M. D., Henry S. Patterson, M. D., William R. Grant, M. D., David Gilbert, M. D., and Washington L. Atlee, M. D.

He was married May 31, 1849, to Maria Louisa Albright, daughter of Andrew Albright and Agnes Albright (*née* Dunn), and directly thereafter removed from New Columbia, where he first began to practice, to Lewisburgh, where he continuously resided and practiced until his death, April 12, 1878. He was a man of superior culture and attainments, a lover of books and a great friend and promoter of the "Common Schools;" and for a number of years was secretary of the board of school directors of the Borough of Lewisburgh. In his profession he was learned, able, skillful and eminently successful, and died beloved and lamented by a host of friends.

MARIA LOUISA ALBRIGHT was born March 11, 1827, in Moore township, near Nazareth, Northampton Co., Penn.; died at Lewisburgh November 12, 1881. She was a devoted mother, and a woman of great intelligence and very many superior qualities. Her mother was Agnes (Dunn) Albright, daughter of James Dunn and Esther Dunn (*née* Williams). JAMES DUNN emigrated to the United States about 1798, from near Londonderry, Ireland. He was a Scotch-Irishman, and came to the "Irish Settlement" in Northampton county. In 1832 he moved with his family to Union county, remaining there for several years, when he removed to Delaware township, near Watsonstown, Northumberland county,

where he died in 1849. He had three brothers, William and Thomas, who, like himself, emigrated to the United States—Thomas settling at Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., and William in Carondolet, Mo.—and David, who was with Nelson at Trafalgar, and died in Devonshire, England, in May, 1861, an Admiral and a Knight.

ANDREW ALBRIGHT, the father of Maria Louisa (Albright) Leiser, was the son of John Henry Albright, who was the son of Andrew Albright—Andreas Albrecht—the first of the line in this country. ANDREAS ALBRECHT was born April 2, 1718, at Zella, near Sahl, in Thuringia. In 1741 when the war of the Austrian succession broke out (Frederick the Great being King of Prussia), he served as armorer of a regiment in Silesia. From 1744 to 1746 he was with his regiment in Bohemia. In 1748 he procured an honorable discharge from the army and joined the Moravians, having been deeply interested in the preaching of Count Zinzendorf. In 1750 he came to America, and engaged in the manufacture of guns at Christian-Spring, near Nazareth. Here his guns became famous, and they were among the first, if not the very first, made in the province. Later in the service of the Moravian Church, he became an instructor in music in Nazareth Hall, and in 1766 landlord of the "Sun Inn" at Bethlehem, the property of the Church, where he remained four and one-half years, 1766-1771. In 1766 he married Elizabeth Orth, daughter of Balthasar (or Balzer) Orth (born 1704, in Germany; married 1729, and died October 19, 1789, in Lebanon county), and Anna Catharina Orth (*née* Roehmer), of Lebanon. In 1771 they removed to Lititz, where he resumed the manufacture of guns, a brisk demand developing in consequence of the Revolutionary war. He died at Lititz April 19, 1802. He had issue: (1) John Albright, born March 12, 1768; died July 3, 1768. (2) John Andrew Albright, born 28 February, 1770, at Bethlehem, Penn., came to Lewisburgh in 1798; was elected sheriff of Northumberland county, when he removed to Sunbury, the county seat. In 1808 was elected a member of the Assembly, and in 1813 was appointed Associate Judge by Governor Snyder; was elected State Senator just before his death, 26th November, 1822. Was twice married, but had no children. (4) Jacob Albright, born March 20, 1775, at Lititz, Penn. He removed to the West at an early period, married and left descendants. (5) Susan Elizabeth Albright, born November 2, 1778, at Lititz; married John Philip Bachman, a pioneer organ-builder; left descendants, one of whom was

Cyrus Bachman, late of Sunbury, and Watson-town. (6) Gottfried, born June 19, 1782, at Lititz; served in the war of 1812; married but left no descendants; died March 25, 1835.

JOHN HENRY ALBRIGHT, the great-grandfather of Andrew Albright Leiser, was born August 5, 1772, at Lititz, Penn., died January 27, 1845, at Nazareth, Penn. He was educated in the Moravian parochial school at Lititz, and learned the trade of gunsmith with his father. Later he was with William Henry, who had been an apprentice of his father and the founder of the gun works at Bolton, Northampton county. He was married twice, first to Anna Barbara Hubley, and secondly to Louisa Beck (*née* Clewell). He lived at Lititz, Lancaster, Chambersburgh and Shippensburgh, besides Bethlehem and Nazareth, Penn., and at Gnadenuetten, Ohio.

ANNA BARBARA HUBLEY, daughter of Bernhard Hubley, was born at Lancaster, Penn., March 21, 1773, and died February 25, 1830, at Nazareth, Penn. Her father, Bernhard Hubley, was born at Maulbrun, Germany, October 18, 1719, came to America in company with his father, George, and brother, Michael, in 1732, and settled in Lancaster, where he died January 4, 1803. He was for many years a member of the Board of Associated Burgesses of Lancaster, Penn.—twice chief burgess, and for some years commissioner of the county. During the Revolution he was an active Whig. He was appointed barrackmaster, with the rank of captain, December 18, 1777. He was twice married and had twenty-one children. Bernhard, Jr., his son, was a captain in the German regiment in the Revolution, and was promoted to lieutenant-colonel on February 24, 1778. He retired from the army in 1781; removed to Northumberland; was brigade-inspector; in 1807 published the first volume of a "History of the American Revolution." The work was never completed as he died at Northumberland, in 1808.

John Henry Albright and Anna Barbara, his wife, had issue: (1) Maria Eliza, born February 27, 1796, at Lancaster, died September 6, 1842, at Bethlehem; married Rev. John Peter Kluge, a Moravian missionary to the West Indies, and left issue—John P. Kluge, M. D., for many years chief physician for the Panama Railroad Company, stationed at Panama, in whose service he died April 28, 1869, at sea. (2) Susan, born August 28, 1797, at Chambersburgh, died March 18, 1887, at Chester, Penn.; married John Deemer, of Bath, Penn., and left issue, whose numerous descendants reside in Chester, Penn., and other parts of the United States. (3) Bernhard died in infancy. (4) Maria Barbara, born

June 21, 1799, at Shippensburgh, died March 5, 1842, at Hyde Park, Penn. On March 23, 1817, she married William Henry, grandson of Judge William Henry, of Lancaster, prominent in the Revolution, and son of William Henry, proprietor of the Bolton Gun Works, Northampton Co., Penn. William Henry, husband of Maria Albright, formed the first company to develop the iron and coal beds of the Lackawanna Valley, and two of their daughters married two brothers, Selden and Charles Scranton, who, with others, founded the city of Scranton. (5) Andrew [see below.] (6) James, born August 29, 1806, at Shippensburgh, died September 13, 1827, at Nazareth, Penn. (7) Thomas John, born July 5, 1808, at Gnadenuetten, Ohio, died February 9, 1890, at St. Louis, where he carried on an extensive gun trade; married twice: (1) Elizabeth Broadhead, of the Delaware Water Gap; (2) Ann Frances Hassell, of Montgomery, Alabama. His children and descendants reside chiefly in the western States. (8) Ann Sophia, born June 25, 1810, at Lititz, died September 2, 1873, at Nazareth. She married the Rev. John Christopher Brickenstein, a Moravian minister and educator, descended from a Dutch family, originally called Broistidt, who emigrated to Germany from Lyden, and finally settled in Magdeburg in consequence of the Spanish oppression in Holland in the sixteenth century. They left surviving issue—Laurence C. Brickenstein, now (1898) a professor at Bethlehem, Penn.; the late Rev. Hermann Albright Brickenstein, formerly principal of Linden Hall Seminary at Lititz, Penn.; Anna Louisa, wife of the Rev. Edward T. Kluge, Bethlehem, Penn.; Ellen, now a resident of New York, and Susan Matilda, the wife of Andrew Albright Leiser, the subject of this notice. (9) Joseph Jacob, born September 23, 1811, at Warwick, Lancaster county, died January 12, 1888, at Scranton. He was an early iron-master in Northampton county, Penn., and afterward in Botetourt county, Virginia. Later he removed to Scranton, Penn., and became sales agent for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, president of a national bank, and a pioneer in the anthracite coal trade to the West. His children have erected in his memory and presented to the city of Scranton the Albright Memorial Library Building. (10) Aquila Ernest, born July 6, 1813, at Warwick, Penn., died January 28, 1871, at Livonia, N. Y.; married twice.

ANDREW ALBRIGHT (son of John Henry Albright and Anna Barbara Hubley) was born March 28, 1802, at Shippensburgh, Penn., and died February 23, 1837, at Mooretown, near Nazareth, Penn. He was married October

16, 1823, at Mooretown, Northampton Co., Penn., to Agnes Dunn, daughter of James Dunn and his wife, Esther Williams. Agnes Dunn was born August 2, 1803, in Northampton county, Penn., and died September 20, 1849, at Warrior Run, Northumberland Co., Penn. They had issue: (1) LaFayette Albright, born September 6, 1824, at Mooretown, Northampton Co., Penn.; married October 27, 1847, to Amelia Eliza Christ, Nazareth, Penn.; died March 7, 1880, at Lewisburgh, Penn. Was thrice elected sheriff of Union county. Surviving children, Maria Louisa, married to Frederick Bertollette, Esq., of Mauch Chunk; Emma Jane; Andrew Jacob; Florence Matilda, married to William Wensel, and Henry Christ. (2) MARIA LOUISA ALBRIGHT, born March 11, 1827, at Mooretown, Penn., married to Dr. William Leiser, May 31, 1849; died November 12, 1881, at Lewisburgh, Penn. (3) James Henry Albright, born August 11, 1829, at Mooretown, Penn.; married October 8, 1851, to Anna Trump; living (1898) at Mifflinburgh, Union Co., Penn. Surviving children: Sarah Agnes; Henry Aquila; David Clarence; Emerson Deemer; Daniel Trump; Margaret Isabella; Ellen May; Celeste Jane; Chester Eben. (4) Chester Eben Albright, M. D., born August 21, 1831, at Mooretown, Penn.; married October 5, 1854, to Ann Robb Webster; living (1898) at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Penn. Children: Joseph Webster, M. D.; Chester Eben, Jr.; William Leiser; Andrew Curtin (deceased); Horace Lincoln; Anna Louisa (married to George Willard Hall), deceased. (5) Hubley Dunn Albright, born July 25, 1834, at Mooretown, Penn.; married November 20, 1873, to Helen Imogene Owen, living (1898) at Laurelton, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

Andrew Albright Leiser, the subject of our sketch, was married at Bethlehem, Penn., April 17, 1877, to Susan Matilda Brickenstein (daughter of Rev. John Christopher Brickenstein and Ann Sophia Brickenstein, *née* Albright) [see above], who was born at Bethlehem, Penn., May 22, 1851. They have two children, viz., a son, Andrew Albright Leiser, Jr., born at Lewisburgh, Penn., February 6, 1879, a member of the class of 1898, at Bucknell University; and a daughter, Marie Louise Leiser, born at Lewisburgh, Penn., on February 14, 1883, a member of the class of 1899, at Bucknell Institute.

JOHAN K. KREMER, cashier of the Union National Bank, at Lewisburg, Union county, is recognized as one of its most capable financiers. He was born February 21, 1838, in the

thriving city in which he now resides, and is of pioneer ancestry, his grandparents, George and Sophia (Kline) Kremer, having come from New Jersey about 1797 to settle in Union county. The grandmother lived to the age of seventy-five. Particulars concerning the grandfather's death are not now obtainable.

Abraham Kremer, the father of our subject, was born in Columbia county, Penn., in 1791, and was married there to Miss Elizabeth Whitaker, a native of Danville, Penn., where her father, Thomas Whitaker, first located on his arrival from Ireland, his native land. After his marriage Abraham Kremer moved to Lewisburg, where for years he acted as salesman for Geddes, Marsh & Co. He was a Methodist in his religious views, and a Democrat in politics. His estimable wife, who was born in 1800, died in 1842, and he survived her only five years. They had the following children: Mary Jane, the wife of Joseph Y. Derr, of Lewisburg; Frances, widow of James S. Marsh, of Philadelphia; Anna Elizabeth, who married Joseph W. Shrinier, of Lewisburg; William, who died when two years and seven months old; Julia H., widow of George W. Forest, of Philadelphia; Joseph A., a tinner by occupation, who died at Lewisburg, February 3, 1893, aged sixty-one years; John K., our subject; and Margaret M., who died at an early age.

The Lewisburg schools furnished Mr. Kremer his early education. When he was fifteen years old he removed to Winfield, Union county, and there he entered upon his business career as a clerk in a store. At seventeen he became a bookkeeper, and held the position for twenty-four years. Later he went to Lewisburg to engage with his brother in a flour, feed and coal business, but in 1878 he was elected cashier of the Union National Bank, and entered upon the duties of that responsible post. As the active business of the institution he has shown marked ability and acumen, winning a high reputation in financial circles. Mr. Kremer was at one time a prominent member of the Republican party. After removal to Lewisburg he was elected chief Burgess of the town for one term. In 1859 he was married to Miss Margaret E. Beaver, a native of Millerstown, Perry Co., Penn., born February 15, 1837, and to this union seven children were born: (1) Arthur B., August 18, 1860, married Miss Regina Rishel, and has one child, Jessie; (2) Jesse B., June 24, 1863. (3) Fannie, September 11, 1865, married F. S. Beckley, and has one daughter, Katharine; (4) Charles S., October 18, 1867; (5) Margaret W., April 21, 1870; (6) Elizabeth, April 6, 1879; (7) Martha Washington, July 4, 1876, who died April 8, 1881.

WILLIAM HENRY DENNIS, deceased. The Dennis family of Union county traces its descent from one Daniel Dennis, of Irish parentage, who, with a brother Anthony, came from England, about seventy miles from London, in 1776, and joined the Continental army, one as a fifer and the other as a drummer, their stirring music, perhaps, awakening on many an emergency the nerve and daring of hearts which might otherwise have faltered at the deadly task which lay before them. At the close of the struggle for independence Daniel Dennis, who was the great-grandfather of the gentleman to whose honored memory this memoir is written, settled near Philadelphia. In the next generation we find that his son Anthony, our subject's grandfather, located for a time in Berks county, Penn., and later moved to Union county, where he made his home in White Deer township.

George Dennis, the father of our subject, was a native of Berks county, but his life was mainly spent in Union county, where he combined the shoemaker's trade with the work of cultivating a small farm. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and was always interested in political questions, espousing the principles of the Republican party on its organization. He died February 26, 1868, at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight. He was twice married, (first) to Mary Diffenderfer, and (second) to her sister Catherine. They were members of a well-known Union county family, and their father, John Diffenderfer, died in White Deer township. He was a tall man with black hair and fair complexion. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Masters.

To George and Mary Dennis four children were born: Pharos, a coach-maker at Flat Rock, Ohio; Aaron, who conducts a boarding house at Williamsport, Penn.; Sarah, who died in infancy, and Levi, an agriculturist of near Marseilles, Mich. Mrs. Catherine Dennis survived her husband many years, her death occurring on April 10, 1894, at the age of seventy-five. Of the six children of the second marriage our subject was the eldest. Charles T. is a resident of New Columbia, Penn.; Ellen died at the age of fourteen; Alfred is a farmer in Kelly township, Union county; Alda resides in New Columbia with her sister, Emeline Baker; and Emeline is the wife of Samuel Baker, a farmer in Kelly township.

William Henry Dennis, who during his brief career had established a high reputation among the business men of New Columbia, and was also widely known and respected for his estimable character as a man and citizen, was born in

White Deer township, Union county, October 10, 1851, and passed to the unseen life December 10, 1894. His early life upon the farm gave him excellent training in thrifty management of resources, and also established habits of industry. When twenty years old he began to sell Bibles for A. J. Holman & Co., of Philadelphia, and, after three years in this occupation, he followed huckstering for one year, with the exception of the fall season, which he spent in threshing.

On August 21, 1875, Mr. Dennis was married to Miss Mary J. Bell, and made his home upon a small farm in his native township, which he cultivated for two years, taking charge also of his widowed mother's farm (moved on another farm, same township, third year). The next four years were spent upon another farm which he bought from the Engleman estate near White Deer, where he began his business career by selling farm implements, and in April, 1884, he removed to New Columbia and engaged in mercantile business, his stock at first consisting of implements only. As time passed his growing success encouraged him to enlarge his store, and he added to his departments until finally he had on hand a full stock of hardware and general merchandise, and controlled a large and profitable trade. It was the largest implement store in the county. He gave strict attention to his own affairs, taking no active part in political work although he was always a strong Republican in belief. Religious matters, however, claimed more of his active sympathy, and from the age of seventeen he was a consistent member of the Reformed Church.

MRS. DENNIS survives him with three sons: Hary G., born April 4, 1877, now with his father's successor; Duey Z., born January 15, 1879, is a telegraph operator at Montgomery; and Floyd B., born May 24, 1885. Mrs. Dennis is a native of White Deer township, Union county, and is also of patiotic stock, her paternal grandfather, John Bell, having been a Revolutionary soldier. He resided in Juniata county, Penn., where he and his wife, Mary Evans, died at an advanced age.

Their son Zachariah, the father of Mrs. Dennis, was born there, November 21, 1820, the next to the youngest of a family of eleven children. As a young man he came to Union county and located in Kelly township, where he followed the cooper's trade, for a time. On November 3, 1848, he was married in Lewisburg, to Miss Margaret Ranck, who was born in White Deer township, Union county, June 3, 1825, the second daughter and child in a family of six daugh-

ters and two sons of Adam and Jane (Johnson) Ranck. They were natives of Lancaster county, Penn., but removed to Union county, where the father became a prominent citizen of White Deer township. By occupation he was a blacksmith and farmer. After his death his widow removed to Lewisburg where she died, and both now rest in the cemetery there.

For some time after his marriage Mr. Bell lived in White Deer township, Union county, and then removed to Montour county, Penn., and was employed in the vicinity of Danville as a lime burner. Later he came back to Union county, and rented the farm where his wife was born and reared. For twenty-eight years he operated this estate, and then after two years in Limestone township, in the same county, he settled in Buffalo township, where he died September 21, 1891. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and was for years a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, holding office at times. His remains were interred at White Deer Church. Mrs. Bell, who now resides with her son, Miles S., is a devout Methodist, and is held in high regard by all who know her.

There were seven children born to our subject and his wife, namely: Martha E., born August 5, 1849, married Adam Geyer, a farmer in White Deer township; Mary J., Mrs. Dennis, was born October 4, 1851; Emmet, born September 26, 1853, died in infancy; Charles H., born March 7, 1856, is a farmer in Buffalo Valley; Ranck A., born August 3, 1863, is an engineer in a sawmill in Buffalo Valley; Harry B., born November 3, 1865, died at eight years of age; and Miles S., born April 28, 1868, is a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county.

MON. HAROLD M. McCLURE, of Lewisburg, Union county, who has held the office of President Judge of the Seventeenth District since 1891, is one of the youngest judges in the State, but his acute and well-disciplined mind places him among the best of our able judiciary, and his decisions are marked by sound logic and a thorough knowledge of precedents.

Judge McClure is a native of Union county. He was born in Lewisburg, August 8, 1859, but his boyhood was mainly spent in Northumberland, and he attended the public schools of that town. In 1871 he returned to Lewisburg and took a course in Bucknell University, graduating in 1877 with the degree of A. B., to which he added, in 1880, the Master's degree. Always an ardent participant in athletic sports while a

student at the University, his unusual skill as a ball player attracted the attention of the managers of professional teams, and brought to him tempting offers to accept engagements. At this time an inviting salary was of great consideration, promising the means of aiding him in his law studies. He entered the professional ranks with John M. Ward, playing with the Athletics of Philadelphia, the Binghamton, Syracuse, Rochester, and Boston clubs. He was at the time regarded as one of the best catchers and most accurate throwers in the country, always remaining cool and deliberate in the most exciting games. After traveling over a large part of the United States, including the Pacific coast, he left the field and commenced his preliminary course of reading at Sunbury, Penn., and in June, 1881, was admitted to the Bar. He at once began the practice of law at Sunbury, three years being spent with his preceptor, before he opened an office of his own. His abilities commanded recognition from the first, and in 1891, as has been said, he was elected President Judge, a post which he fills efficiently. The admiration gained by his mental ability is augmented by his high character as a man of pure life and correct ideals, and his popularity is not limited to any class.

The contest preceding his election to the Bench was in many respects a most remarkable one. Called from Northumberland county, in another district, to fill a place on the Republican ticket made vacant by the withdrawal of a candidate, facing discouragement on all sides from the active politicians, and an almost unanimous partisan press, both Democratic and Republican, due to the belief that the task was a hopeless one, Judge McClure entered the field, placing his sole reliance upon his faith in the people who said they wanted a candidate. The result demonstrated how skillfully he managed his campaign, and how well his confidence had been placed. After a contest that has become part of the political history of Central Pennsylvania, he defeated his opponent and reversed a Democratic majority in the judicial district of 2, 199, received by Judge Bucher ten years before, to a majority of 406 for himself. The faith the people had in Judge McClure, as recorded at the polls in this memorable contest, has been vindicated in the most satisfactory and gratifying manner. They have found in him a dignified and upright man, though modest and affable, while his able and impartial decisions and prompt dispatch of business meets and exceeds the expectations of those most ardent in their advocacy of his election.

The Judge was married in June, 1890, to Miss Margaret Focht, of Lewisburg. Two chil-



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dren, James F. and Margaret, make their home merry.

The McClure family became identified with the Virginia colony at a very early period, but the Judge's great-grandfather, Roan McClure, left the Old Dominion in 1790, and settled in what is now Union county, Penn., on Buffalo creek, two miles from Lewisburg, where his remaining years were spent in farming. His son, James, the Judge's grandfather, married a widow, Mrs. Maria Flanagan Lyndall, who already had four children — Stephen, Henry, Joseph and Sarah. James and Maria McClure reared a family of six children: (1) Roan, (2) Richard and (3) Edward, all of whom went to California in the early days. Roan returned, and is now living near Ames, Iowa. Richard and Edward died there. (4) James C. is our subject's father. (5) Elizabeth, now deceased, intermarried with Ogden Vorse, of Lewisburg; and (6) Maria, who married Horace Nichols, resides near Ames Iowa.

James C. McClure was born March 22, 1830. He early engaged in the mercantile business, changed to lumbering, and is now an anthracite-coal operator in the Lackawanna region. His wife, Glorvina (Elder), who was a daughter of Joshua D. Elder and Eliza (Murray), former residents of Harrisburg, Penn., died in Scranton, May 22, 1898, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried in Lewisburg Cemetery. She was a brilliant, gifted and charming woman, with rare musical talent, of broad culture and great intellectual attainments. Of the two children who survived, the Judge is the elder. The younger, Maria Flanagan, married Frank B. Garvin, of Marshalltown, Iowa, and has two daughters, Ella and Edna.

HON. ALFRED HAYES, of Lewisburg, is one of the distinguished members of the Union County Bar, and with marked ability has represented his locality in the State Legislature during three sessions. He is a descendant of a pioneer family, his ancestors, in both paternal and maternal lines, being prominent among the settlers of the State.

John Hayes, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, came with his wife, Jane (maiden name Love), and four children, from Londonderry, Ireland, to America in 1735 or 1736, and settled in Chester county, Penn. After the burning of his house in this place he removed to Northampton county, where he kept a public house and store. During the Indian troubles he

used to beat a drum upon a hill-top near his home to warn the settlers of approaching danger. John Hayes died about 1789, aged eighty-five years, and was buried near Allentown, Penn. His widow, Jane, died in Derry, Northumberland Co., Penn., about 1806, aged about ninety-four years. As stated, four children were born in Ireland, namely: Capt. John, who was born in 1726, died near Meadville, Penn., November 17, 1796; William, who removed to Virginia; Isabella (Mrs. Patton), whose descendants live near Bellefonte, Penn.; and Mary, who married Mr. Gray, and afterward Mr. Steel. Five children were born in Pennsylvania, namely: Elizabeth, who was married in 1760 to Thomas Wilson, grandfather of the late Francis Wilson, of Buffalo township, Union county, and died in Beaver county, Penn., August 30, 1812, aged seventy-five years; James; Robert, who was born in Northampton county, Penn., in 1742; Francis, who removed to Tennessee; and Jane, who married a Mr. Brown, and settled first in Virginia, but afterward returned to Pennsylvania.

Robert Hayes, the seventh child above named, married Mary Allison. He was captain of a company of Associators in the Revolutionary war [2nd Series Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XV, page 62], and moved to Northumberland county in 1790. For nine years he lived on a farm near Warrior Run Church, for seven years at Derry, and in 1806 removed to a farm in Delaware township, near what is now Dewart. Although this farm was a large one, containing more than 200 acres, there were but seven or eight acres cleared when he came to it, and the work of cutting off and burning the pine timber, which grew on the place, was a burdensome one. There were then two huts on the premises, used respectively as a dwelling and a school house. Robert Hayes died in 1819; his wife attained the age of eighty. They had eight children, of whom the following account is given: John, whose descendants live at Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., died in 1803. Jane, born in 1774, died at the age of eighty-nine; she married Moses Laird, who died in 1816 in Derry township, aged about forty-five years (the father of R. H. Laird, Esq., late of Lewisburg, born June 22, 1796, and who recollected seeing his great-grandmother, Jane, wife of John Hayes). William, born May 23, 1776, died February 17, 1843. James, born in 1778, died in 1855. Joseph, born August 1, 1780, died March 7, 1870. Mary, who was born in 1782, and died aged eighty-four, married a Mr. Walker. Sarah (Mrs. Shipman) died in Michigan between sixty and seventy years of age. Elizabeth, who intermarried with her cousin, a Mr. Brown, was born

in 1789, and died near Franklin, Penn., at a very advanced age.

William Hayes was married October 4, 1803, to Mary Wilson, who was born April 14, 1783, the daughter of William Wilson, of Kelly township, Union county, who was born June 4, 1743, and died April 9, 1824. His wife, Elizabeth Robinson, to whom he was married in her sixteenth year, was born in 1758, and died April 11, 1815. William Hayes was prominent in the early history of Lewisburg, and was the second postmaster there, being appointed during the Presidency of James Madison. In 1797 he was a clerk for James Black, and afterward he conducted for many years the principal store in Buffalo Valley. He is often referred to in Flavel Roan's Diary, and in Linn's Annals. He died February 17, 1843, and his wife Mary died December 10, 1827. They had children, of whom all but one lived to adult age: (1) Robert, born July 7, 1804, married Emily Field, May 28, 1829. After her death he was married February 7, 1832, to Caroline Graham. He died in Philadelphia, February 5, 1887. (2) Elizabeth, born October 13, 1806, married John Chamberlin, February 2, 1826, and died November 7, 1883. (3) William Wilson, born July 21, 1808, died September 16, 1809. (4) Thomas, born November 6, 1809, is mentioned more fully below. (5) Mary, born May 10, 1812, married Dr. Christian Seiler, March 26, 1833, and died in Harrisburg, Penn., February 6, 1878. (6) James, born May 23, 1814, was married May 29, 1844, to Mary Elizabeth Harrison, a cousin of Mary Hulme, wife of Thomas Hayes; she died May 27, 1845, and subsequently he married Jane Clingan; he died at Harrisburg, June 23, 1890, and his widow, Jane (Clingan) Hayes, died May 26, 1892. (7) Sarah, born March 10, 1816, married Dr. Thomas Murray, of Saltsburg, Penn., March 28, 1838, and died August 28, 1845; her husband is still (1897) living. (8) William, born September 27, 1818, married Sarah Hepburn, of Williamsport, Penn., November 4, 1841, and has practiced medicine for many years; he lives in Muncy, Penn. (9) John, born February 14, 1821, died March 17, 1850.

Hon. Thomas Hayes, our subject's father, was a tanner by trade, and followed that occupation for a number of years in Lewisburg. Several years, however, after his marriage he sold out that business to H. W. Fries, and engaged in merchandising with Peter Beaver, under the firm name of Hayes & Beaver. He also carried on business as T. Hayes & Co. After some years his brother James took the store, and carried on the same for many years with various

partners, and Thomas Hayes continued in the grain trade, sending wheat, flour, etc., to Philadelphia, Baltimore and the North Branch region by canal, and dealing also in salt, coal, plaster and similar commodities. He afterward engaged in the milling business, which, however, was not successful, the first mill being destroyed by fire, while poor crops on account of weevil produced much loss during several years.

Hon. Thomas Hayes was one of the original incorporators and trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg in 1842, and was actively interested in the founding of the university, in the building of the court house and of the Presbyterian Church edifice now used by the congregation. During the years 1858, 1860 and 1861 he was a member of the Assembly for the Representative District of Union, Juniata and Snyder counties, and in 1861 he removed with his family to Philadelphia, at which place he served as an inspector in the custom house for a number of years. He died at Philadelphia, December 1, 1886, and now rests by the side of his wife, Mary (Hulme), and near the grave of his father, William Hayes, in the family burial lot in Lewisburg cemetery. Mary Hulme, to whom he was married October 8, 1834, was born in Hulmeville, Bucks Co., Penn., October 4, 1812, and died in Winona, Minn., September 28, 1894. She was of Quaker ancestry, the marriage of her father, Joseph Hulme, to her mother, Beulah Canby, who was born in August, 1784, being authorized by the Middletown Monthly Meetings, on October 16, 1806, as appears in 2d Series Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. IX, page 227. Their children were born in Hulmeville, Bucks Co., Penn., namely: Thomas Canby, born September 26, 1807, died in 1856; Edward was born June 21, 1810; Mary married Thomas Hayes, the father of our subject; Elizabeth married Samuel J. Potts, of Reading, Penn., since deceased. The father of Joseph Hulme was John Hulme, Jr., the founder of Hulmeville, a member of the Assembly, and a man of much ability and influence in the county, whose marriage with Rebecca Milner was authorized by Falls Meeting, May 23, 1770. [See 2d Series Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. IX, page 242.]

The children of Thomas Hayes and Mary, his wife, were as follows: William, Jr., born December 28, 1835, died October 27, 1837; Alfred is the subject proper of this sketch; Emma Beulah, born March 11, 1839, married Matthew G. Norton, of Winona, Minn., August 30, 1866; Mary Elizabeth, born August 25, 1842, married Matthew A. Cowden, of Philadelphia, November 11, 1869, and died February 11, 1889; and Will-

iam, born November 27, 1846, is unmarried and resides in Winona, Minnesota.

Alfred Hayes, the second child of Thomas and Mary Hayes, was born July 17, 1837, and was educated at Lewisburg, graduating from the university on August 18, 1855. After nine months' service in the institution, which afterward became the Lewisburg National Bank, he began the study of law under G. F. Miller, Esq., continuing his course at the Harvard Law School, and finally completing his work as a student under the direction of John C. Bullitt, Esq., of Philadelphia. He was admitted to practice in the District Court of Philadelphia, and the Courts of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the same city and county on May 12, 1860, after which, on account of failure of health, he returned to Lewisburg. In 1861 he practiced law in company with S. H. Orwig, Esq., in Union county. In August, 1862, he enlisted as first sergeant in Company E, 42d P. V. I., in the Civil war, but was discharged in November of the same year on account of sickness. Having been elected district attorney of Union county in the autumn of 1862, he continued in that office from term to term until 1876, when he resigned to become a member of the Assembly. He served in the latter capacity during the sessions of 1877 and 1878, and during a subsequent session in 1889. Since his retirement from that post of duty he has been in the continuous practice of law at Lewisburg.

On September 11, 1862, Mr. Hayes was married to Mary M. Van Valzah, of Buffalo Cross Roads, Union Co., Penn., who was born August 11, 1840, and is the great-granddaughter of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Sutherland [See Pennsylvania Archives, 2d Series, Vol. XIV., page 341], who died October 15, 1816, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and of Jane Sutherland, his wife, who died February 9, 1819, in her eighty-second year. Mrs. Hayes is the granddaughter of Dr. Robert Van Valzah, who was born April 17, 1764 [See Linn's Annals, page 551], who died April 18, 1850, aged eighty-six years, and of Elizabeth Sutherland, his wife, daughter of Lieut.-Col. Thomas Sutherland, born April 4, 1768, who died March 30, 1840.

William W. Van Valzah, the father of Mrs. Hayes, died October 13, 1857, aged forty-eight years; Sarah L. (Forster), the mother, who was born May 8, 1817, died November 16, 1862. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Miles) Forster, of Aaronsburg, Penn., the former of whom was a son of Capt. John Forster, an officer of the Revolutionary army [See Linn's Annals, page 243], and Jane, his wife. The children of William and Sarah L. Van Valzah were

as follows: John Forster, born October 6, 1835; Elizabeth S., born November 12, 1837, married Charles H. Shriner, and died August 23, 1871; Mary M. (now Mrs. Hayes); Sarah, born November 19, 1842, died May 10, 1853; Dr. Robert T., born April 15, 1845, died October 8, 1877; Dr. William W., born December 11, 1848, is now engaged in the practice of medicine in the City of New York; and Thomas Howard, born July 14, 1852, is now residing in Leadville, Colorado.

Of the six children of Alfred and Mary M. (Van Valzah) Hayes, five are living. (1) Charles Harold, born January 7, 1864, married October 18, 1892, to Maud Smith, of Tacoma, Wash., who was born October 15, 1866, and they have one child, Mary Louise, born March 12, 1897; he was educated at Lewisburg, and September 22, 1880, entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, from which he graduated, and he is at the present time a passed assistant engineer in the United States navy on the battle ship "Massachusetts." (2) William Van Valzah, born September 22, 1867, was educated at Lewisburg, graduating from Bucknell University in 1888; after spending a year in study in Europe, he studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, graduating therefrom, and has been connected with the New York Hospital, the Sloane Maternity Hospital, and the New York Foundling Hospital; he practices his profession in New York. (3) Thomas, born April 23, 1872, died May 20, 1872. (4) Alfred Jr., born October 15, 1873, was educated at Bucknell University and at Princeton, graduating from the latter in 1895. After his graduation he devoted himself to the study of law, and is now engaged in fitting himself for that profession. (5) Emma Beulah, born October 7, 1876, graduated from Bucknell Institute in 1895. (6) Matthew Cowden, born September 8, 1885, is at present attending the public schools at Lewisburg.

REV. PHINEAS B. MARR. It is now nearly a quarter of a century since there ended, upon the earthly plane, a life of such singular beauty and usefulness that its influence is still felt as an inspiration to right living among all who were privileged to view it, and to see within it the reflection of the high and steadfast purpose which guided its activities. While, with those who knew the Rev. Mr. Marr, his Christian character and saintly life is indelibly impressed beyond the power of words to aid or intensify, it is well to place here a record which

will extend the memory of that helpful influence throughout the coming years.

Mr. Marr was born January 20, 1808, in Milton, Penn., and at an early age made choice of the ministry. After completing a literary course at Jefferson College he entered upon his theological studies at Princeton, and on his graduation was ordained. At twenty-three he was stationed at Williamsport, Penn., where he preached for two years, and at twenty-five he became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lewisburg. Twenty years of earnest, effective labor were spent in that position, and then he resigned, remaining, however, in Lewisburg to educate his family. He occasionally preached in neighboring towns, but accepted no regular charge, his life flowing peacefully and quietly on to the end, which came January 27, 1874. His sympathy with every phase of existence, and his keen perception of the peculiar difficulties and hindrances that beset each person, made him a valued adviser to the perplexed, and a comforter to the sorrowful. His versatility was remarkable, enabling him to adapt himself to any condition of thought or feeling. His own mental culture and ability fitted him for companionship with the best intellects, and his most enjoyable moments were doubtless those in which he discussed with his peers in education and refinement and the lofty conceptions of the masters of human thought, the poets and philosophers of the past. He was an interested observer of current events, and in politics was an adherent of the Democratic party.

In 1835 he married Miss Mary Graham, who was born September 24, 1814, and died November 24, 1890. Their children were: Mary, William, Henry, James, Addison, Margaret, Helen, Henrietta, George, and two who died in infancy. James and George graduated at Princeton, and were ordained as ministers of the Presbyterian Church, but the latter is now deceased.

GEORGE SMEDLEY MATLACK, born in West Chester, Chester Co., Penn., August 19, 1851, in his boyhood days came to Lewisburg and entered the academy of the University, graduating at the college June 28, 1870. His education was furthered by his wide reading, which he continued as long as he lived. He was a son of George and Lettia Matlack.

Soon after graduating he became connected as a partner with the firm of P. Billmeyer & Co., and November 28, 1877, was married to Miss Emma J. Billmeyer, a daughter of the head of the firm, the late Philip Billmeyer. This union

was blessed with one child, a daughter, Mary, born December 9, 1877. During the next year Mr. Matlack became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg, and in the succeeding years became its treasurer, a trustee, an elder, and clerk of the Session; a teacher in the Sunday-school, he was elected superintendent, and sang in the choir—in fact, active in Church work all his life.

After his marriage Mr. Matlack settled permanently in Lewisburg. Upon the death of Mr. Billmeyer, September 5, 1885, the firm remained practically the same, only the name was changed to that of W. D. Himmelreich & Co. The place of business of the firm was long known as the "Boat-Yard," which was established in Lewisburg in 1850. The firm was extensively engaged in the manufacture of bill timber, and in the building of boats, in which they have been most successful. Mr. Matlack continued to be an important factor in the business until the day of his death, June 14, 1893, and was identified, besides, for years with the Buffalo Milling Company, Lim., he being one of the organizers of that corporation in 1883, and a director and secretary. He was a director of the Union National Bank, of the Lewisburg Gas Company, and intimately connected with all that pertained to local pride and improvement.

"When death comes the community sums up its estimate of the one he strikes. It is never far wrong, and in a few choice expressions the result is declared. Some are spoken of as prominent, implying something against which the popular current has always been striking, and is seen above it. There is more of appreciation when the community shows by its expression that they feel that a vital force has been taken away.

"In the quiet current of our existence here there was one who was a part of it in all its parts, not exclusively as a business man—although there was no one more thorough and competent and successful, which is the criterion—not exclusively in his own business, although that was an exacting one, for, he gave his hand to many other enterprises; in hospitality he was abundant, and he gave just as grave and careful attention to the requirements of society as he did to what would seem to be weightier matters; he was a member of the Church, illustrating the illustration of Paul; he did not refuse to mingle with politics and concern himself in the management; he became a soldier that he might acquaint himself with his duties; in every walk of life of the citizen he made himself acquainted and took part. He was neat in person and in dress, and just the same neatness which is shown in his outward ap-



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pearance could be seen in his inward conduct and private life. Nothing which bore any relation to man was profane to him. He sat at his table, he lifted his rich voice in the choir, he mingled in all entertainments of society, with the same grace with which he bore the chalice at the communion.

"Were it not that we see that he has done everything his hand found to do every day, so completely, we would wonder that his life was so short, but no doubt his essential character was ripened, in longer years there might have been decay. We cannot question Heaven. We simply accept." [*Lewisburg Saturday News*, June 17, 1893.]

JEROME B. DERSHEM. The Dershem homestead in White Deer township, Union county, is now occupied by the fifth generation in direct descent from the first settler of that name, its well-kept acres and substantial improvements speaking better than words could do of the thrifty, industrious race which has long had it in charge. It was purchased by Jacob Dershem, the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name opens this review, and his grandparents, Samuel and Susan Dershem, lived there, but died on a farm in White Deer township, now known as the W. D. Williams farm, and their remains were laid to rest in the White Deer graveyard.

Jacob Dershem, our subject's father, was born there August 15, 1815, and still resides upon the place, although as he began to feel the encroachments of age he turned the management over to his sons. Although he has thus withdrawn at present from his accustomed activities, he has by no means lost the important place in the community which his ability and character won for him in earlier years, and he takes much interest in the problems of the time, being a warm supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He has held offices at times, serving as supervisor and overseer of the poor, and has long been identified with the Lutheran Church. His lamented wife, Eve Reed, who passed to her eternal reward February 10, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years, nine months and twenty-seven days, was also a devout member of the Church, and was greatly beloved for her Christian character. In her youth she accompanied her parents, John and Catherine Reed, from Schuylkill county, Penn., the old home of her family, to her new home in Union county. John Reed became one of the leading agriculturists of his locality, and he and his wife breathed their last there, and were buried side by side in

the White Deer cemetery, the last resting place of many of our old pioneers.

To Jacob and Eve Dershem the following children were born: Mary, deceased, formerly the wife of Moses Kostenbader, who resides at Kelly Cross Roads; John, who lost his life as a soldier in defense of the Union; Susan, wife of Isaac Bingerman, of East Buffalo township, Union county; Jerome B., our subject; Catherine, wife of Josiah Weikel, of Newberry, Penn., a car inspector on the Reading railroad; George, who died at the age of four years; Eva A., wife of John Guyer, a farmer in West Buffalo township, Union county; Louisa, who married Franklin Deitrick, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county; Jacob F., a farmer at the old homestead; Verdilla, wife of Charles Leinbach, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; and Clara, who married Levi Hafer, a farmer in Kelly township, the same county.

The birth of our subject occurred September 24, 1845, and his life has been mainly spent at the old homestead, his early education being gained in the neighboring schools. At the age of twenty-three, having acquired by practical work a complete knowledge of farm management, he took the place on shares, but two years later he moved to Kelly township, Union county, and occupied the Jacob Reed (now Eisenhauer) farm for one year. He then, in 1873, removed to his present home in White Deer township, where he built a handsome frame house in 1896, choosing for it a beautiful location on a sloping hill near Susquehanna river, commanding an extensive view, overlooking other buildings on neighboring farms, while both the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads are easily seen.

Mr. Dershem is a staunch Republican, but, although he wields great influence in the local councils of the party and has served one year as supervisor, he is not known as an office seeker. He is a Lutheran in religion, and is an active sympathizer with progress in all lines.

On January 19, 1869, Mr. Dershem was married at Milton to Miss Ellen Smith, by whom he has had five children, all of whom are living: (1) Bertha A. married Henry C. Bennage, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county, and has had two children—Wilber E. and Susie E. (2) Lulu E. married Kelly A. Rank, an operator at White Deer Mills, has one daughter, Mildred E. (3) Eucharis W. married Elizabeth L. Moyer, and now resides at the home. (4) Quay A. and (5) Etha E. are at home.

Mrs. Dershem is a native of Clinton township, Lycoming Co., Penn., and was born March 11, 1848, the daughter of Ezekiel and Catherine

(Metzger) Smith, who passed their entire lives in that locality. Her paternal grandfather, John Smith, died in Centre county, but her grandmother, Sarah S. Smith, passed away at the old home in Lycoming county, and is buried there. On the maternal side her grandparents, George and Susan (Deitrick) Metzger, were natives of Pennsylvania. Her great-grandfather, George Metzger, was born in Germany, and came to America accompanied by his brother, who died on the voyage, and was buried at sea.

Ezekiel Smith was a tailor by trade, but his later years were spent in farming. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he and his wife were active members of the Lutheran Church. She died January 16, 1893, at the age of seventy-three, and Mr. Smith did not long survive, passing away September 15, 1896, in his seventy-ninth year. They had seven children, namely: Harriet, wife of Percival Weigle, of Williamsport, Penn.; Caroline, who married Samuel Bastian, a lumberman at Williamsport; Ellen, Mrs. Dershem; Hervey, a farmer of Clinton township, Lycoming county, now holding the office of county commissioner; Sarah J., wife of John J. Ranck, a coachmaker at New Columbia, Penn.; Susan A., deceased, formerly the wife of John App, a lumberman of Williamsport; and Anna M., who married Pierce App, a farmer in Clinton township, Lycoming county, and now owns the old Smith homestead.

JOHAN F. MILLER stands foremost among the progressive agriculturists of Limestone township, Union county. His practical adaptation of scientific methods, and, notwithstanding the disadvantage of straightened circumstances in youth, he has gained a substantial fortune. Nor has he neglected his duties as a citizen, every beneficial enterprise in his community receiving from him generous encouragement and support.

The Miller family is of German origin, our subject's great-grandfather having been the first to settle in this country. John Miller, the grandfather of our subject, was born, reared, and married in Berks county, Penn., and among his children was a son Moses, the next in the line of descent. Moses Miller was born there October 30, 1807, and, in July, 1831, was married to Miss Mary Bertolet, a native of Oley township, Berks county, born December 30, 1807. She was of Huguenot ancestry (the name having formerly been Bertolette), and was of the sixth generation of the family in this country. Her father, Daniel Bertolet, was born in 1781, and

became one of the leading residents of Oley township, Berks county, owning two farms, a gristmill, and a sawmill. He and his wife, Mary Greasmer, who was also born in 1781, reared a family of six sons and three daughters, and continued to reside at their homestead in Berks county throughout their lives.

In the spring of 1835 Moses Miller removed to Union county, locating first in West Buffalo township. Later he purchased from Mr. Pancoast the farm in Limestone township which is occupied by our subject as a homestead. On May 1, 1844, the family took possession, and a few weeks afterward, on May 30, the husband and father passed away. He was a man of high character, much esteemed among his associates, and for many years was a class leader in the Evangelical Church. His sympathies in national affairs were with the Whig party, but he was not especially active in political work, although he at one time held the office of supervisor. Shortly before his death he had lost money through going bail for friends, and his property was by no means free from debt. As the seven children were all too small to be of any assistance, his widow had a difficult task to complete the payments and keep the family together; but in her nature strong, motherly affection was combined with fine mental abilities and a firm will, and she succeeded notably. For about six years she rented the farm to tenants, and then as her sons grew old enough, each in turn took charge of it for a time. In 1873, having won by her judicious management a comfortable competence, she built a house in Mifflinburg, in which to spend her declining years, and her death occurred there March 2, 1892. Her remains now repose beside those of her husband in the New Berlin cemetery. Seven children were born to this estimable couple: Sarah, born January 30, 1832; Maria, born April 7, 1834; Enoch, born November 4, 1835; Joseph, born November 17, 1837; Daniel B., born December 21, 1839; John F., born January 18, 1842; and George A., born January 21, 1844.

Mr. Miller enjoyed the ordinary educational opportunities of his time, attending only the Green Grove school near the homestead. He learned to write with a quill pen, and the other methods of teaching were also far from the modern standard. As he was a mere child when his father died he has no recollection of him, but the watchful care and training of his noble mother made good the loss of a father's instruction in early life. Our subject was the only one of the boys who did not learn a trade, and he has always been engaged in agriculture, re-

maining at home except for one season when he was employed by a brother-in-law, Henry Maize. After he reached his majority he worked for his mother, and by the time of his marriage he had about \$600 saved. On his mother's removal to Mifflinburg, he rented the homestead. In 1888 he purchased the place which he has improved in many ways. He now owns two farms in Limestone township, containing altogether more than 200 acres of excellent land. He is a man of more than average intelligence, a constant reader of newspapers, magazines and other literature, and his sterling qualities of character and friendly, courteous manners, give him great influence in the community. Politically he is a Republican. His first vote was cast for Gov. Curtin the second term, and his first ballot for President was given to Abraham Lincoln, then a candidate for re-election. He has been school director for nine years, and auditor twenty years, other offices having been declined.

On October 26, 1871, Mr. Miller married Miss Margaret Klose, a former schoolmate, who was born in Limestone township, September 20, 1845, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Musser) Klose, highly respected residents of that locality. This union has been blessed by seven children: Cora M., born October 1, 1872; Harry A., born October 4, 1874, now a farmer in Limestone township; Sarah A., born September 20, 1876; John J., born September 5, 1878; D. Bertolette, born August 11, 1881; Mary E., born July 23, 1883, and Paul T., born November 17, 1887. Sarah and Mary both received good musical educations. Mr. Miller and his wife are active workers in the M. E. Church, in which he held the office of trustee, and both have been teachers in the Sunday-school. During the war Mr. Miller was a member of the Union League, and he now belongs to that well-known organization, the Patrons of Husbandry.

JOHN McCALL (deceased), who in his lifetime was a very active business man of Union county, extensively engaged in lumbering, was born in 1809, in County Armagh, Ireland.

John McCall (1), his grandfather, was descended from Robert Bruce, king of Scotland, through the marriage of George McCall with Lady Dundas, a granddaughter. He migrated from near Glasgow, Scotland, to County Armagh, Ireland, prior to 1777. He had married a Miss Hamilton, whose brother emigrated to the West Indies, where was born Alexander Hamilton, who subsequently became prominent in the affairs of the United States Government, serving in President Washington's cabinet as Secretary

of the Treasury, and was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr. Alexander McCall, a son of John McCall (1), was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1777, and in 1805 was married in the same county to Elizabeth Graham. They came to the United States in 1828, locating in Philadelphia, but soon afterward settled in Delaware county, N. Y., where Mr. McCall purchased a large farm, on which he resided up to his death, which occurred at Kortright on October 6, 1857, when he was aged eighty-one years. Elizabeth (Graham) McCall, his wife, was also of Scotch descent; her mother, who was a Stuart, came from the Highlands of Scotland. The children of Alexander McCall and wife were: (1) James, born in 1807, and died in 1895, at Cowan, Penn., aged eighty-seven years; he left two sons—James, who served three years in the Civil war as a member of the 144th N. Y. V. I., and was badly wounded in the head at Port Royal in 1862; and John, who married a Miss Shamp. (2) John, born in 1809, is our subject, and is referred to more at length farther on. (3) George was born in 1810. (4) Hamilton, who was born in 1812, is now residing in Philadelphia, aged eighty-five years. (5) Elizabeth was born in 1815. (6) Jones was born in 1820. (7) Alexander was born in 1823. (8) Joseph Graham, who was born in 1827, is a resident of Wichita, Kans., where he is engaged in the practice of law. He was married to a daughter of Judge Hakes, of Delaware county, N. Y., and they have the following children: Lyman Hakes, George, Harlow, Florence (married to a Mr. Mounts), Vienna (married to a Mr. Comstock) and Elizabeth.

John McCall, whose name opens this review, on his father's moving to Delaware county, N. Y., in 1830, remained in Philadelphia, where, in 1830, he was married to Annie Baird, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, her family coming into Ireland from Scotland with Prince William of Orange, and locating at Londonderry. To the marriage of John McCall and Annie Baird six children were born, namely: John, born in 1834, died in November, 1864; Elizabeth, born in 1836, died in childhood; Joseph Hamilton, born in 1838; William Henry Harrison, born in 1841, died in May, 1886; James, born in 1843, died in childhood; Annie, born in 1845, married Frank S. Schaffle, and died at Wilkesbarre, Penn., in February, 1897, leaving one son. The father of these, in 1851, moved to Union county, and located on White Deer creek; his brothers, Hamilton and Joseph, remained in business with him until 1857, when his sons, John, Joseph and William, were taken into the firm. They purchased 5,800 acres of timber land. Here

they were engaged in the lumber business until the beginning of the Civil war.

The father died in June, 1863, and his wife in September, 1861. Of the sons of this couple, William Henry Harrison (named for President Harrison) enlisted as a private in Company D, 5th Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, in the Civil war, and at the end of three years was mustered out as a captain. On September 3, 1864, he re-enlisted, and was made lieutenant-colonel of the 200th P. V. I. He was commissioned colonel of the regiment, March 25, 1865, and on April 2, of the same year, he was commissioned a brigadier-general for gallant service rendered his country at the head of his brigade, which captured Forts Sedgwick and Steadman. At the time he was a little more than twenty-three years of age, and was probably the youngest brigadier-general in the volunteer service. After the capture of the assassins of President Lincoln, Gen. McCall was selected by President Johnson and Gen. Hancock to take direct charge of the trial and the execution. He and his staff had their headquarters at the Arsenal, Washington, D. C. Gen. McCall died in 1888 at Prescott, Arizona, and was there buried. A move is on foot looking to the removal of his remains to the cemetery at Lewisburg, Penn. (Gen. G. A. McCall, who was the first commander of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, was of the same descent).

JOSEPH H. MCCALL, son of John and Annie (Baird) McCall, of Lewisburg, Union county, is the only survivor of the immediate family. He was born in 1838, at Philadelphia, and in December, 1865, was married to Celestia J. Bright, whose mother was a Schreyer, and of the same family of that name of which Jesse Schreyer, of Lewisburg, and W. A. Schreyer, of Milton, Penn., are members. The children born to the marriage were: Harry Bright, William Schreyer (intermarried with Nellie Benson Kauffman), Joseph Clyde, John, Jesse Schreyer, Lorrana (died in 1882), and Edward Ammons. The father of these was stationed at Morris Island, S. C., during the war, in charge of the Government shipping. He was captain of the Lewisburg Artillery from 1866 to 1871; then he entered the U. S. Railway Mail Service, as head clerk, which position he occupied fifteen years; was also connected with the U. S. Revenue Service, during the administration of President Harrison.

COLEMAN K. SOBER, a prosperous lumberman of Union and surrounding counties, a member of the Glen Union Lumber Co., is the subject of this biographical notice.

Mr. Sober is a native of Pennsylvania, born November 24, 1842, at the old homestead of his parents, some seven miles distant from Shamokin, Northumberland county. Isaac Sober, his father, was also a native of the Keystone State, born in the same county February 23, 1814, where he resided all his life, a wealthy and influential agriculturist, dying June 12, 1882. He married Miss Mary Krichbaum, also of Northumberland county birth, and ten children were born to this union, namely: Freeman W., a farmer in Virginia; Harriet, wife of Samuel Swinehart, of Northumberland county, Penn.; Coleman K., the subject proper of this sketch; Clinton D., a farmer and dairyman of Northumberland county, a great shot with the gun; Isabella, wife of F. W. Gilder, of Philadelphia, Penn.; Barbara Ann, wife of Mahlon C. Moyer, of Shamokin; Amanda, wife of George Startzel, of Shamokin; Adeline, deceased wife of A. J. Campbell; Martin Luther, another phenomenal shot in the family, and in whom Mr. Sober says he finds the nearest approach to a rival in game shooting; and Clara, wife of ex-County Treasurer D. S. Hollibaugh, M. D., a prominent physician of Shamokin, Penn. The mother of this interesting family was not only an excellent rifle shot, but was also an expert mechanic, many a time in her girlhood assisting her father in his shop, he being a gun maker by occupation. In fact, so skilled was she that with her own hands she manufactured a gun that became the property of her future husband.

Up to the age of eighteen our subject remained at home, his summers being spent in farm work, and his winters devoted to study in the neighboring schools. So well did he improve these educational opportunities that he prepared himself for teaching, and on leaving home in 1860 he engaged in that profession with such success that he continued it through eighteen terms with increasing reputation. His vacations were spent in study at higher schools, or in various occupations, such as pumping oil in the oil regions of this State, working in a sawmill, in blast furnaces, or in the rolling mills at Danville, Penn. His industry knew no bounds, and when he had a "night turn" he would take contracts to unload coal boats or draw board rafts during the day.

Among the higher schools he attended was the Danville Academy, and, in 1854, at the close of his term there, he found himself obliged to look around for work of some kind, his circumstances, financially, not being the best, whilst, moreover, he was too proud to accept any assistance from his father. It so happened that



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one of his schoolmates, a lad by the name of C. R. Savage (now judge of Northumberland county), having exhausted all his means, was obliged to seek some kind of employment before the term of school came to a close, and procured work at corn-husking with a farmer named Fox. Through this old school "chum," young Sober, now twenty-two years old, and of slight build made application to William Fox for similar work. The latter, however, having "sized up" the youthful applicant, remarked that he was too light for such a task, and that his earnings thereat would be very meagre. (The corn shocks were 7 x 9, or sixty-three hills). Nevertheless the lad's application being favorably received, he began work on the following morning, and when night came it was found he had husked no less than eighty-six shocks! Mr. Fox having left the farm for a few days, a report was made to Mrs. Fox by some of the hands, of the rapid work of the new man, whereupon she immediately sent for Mr. Sober and informed him that he was discharged for the reason that he "would break her husband up!" He thereupon demanded settlement and his pay; but, Mrs. Fox being unprovided with necessary funds, young Sober was permitted to remain at work until her husband's return. On the latter's arrival home, and on his learning of this phenomenal record in husking, he at once set about to investigate whether or not the work was well done. In his examination he failed to find a single stalk with an ear remaining unhusked. All this might be counted a mystery were it not explained away by the fact that Mr. Sober accomplished with *two* motions what others required *four* to do.

Another anecdote, bearing on Mr. Sober's innate skill and natural adaptability to existing circumstances, is recorded of him in quite a different trend. "The hammer in the hand above all the arts doth stand" is a well-known adage, and Mr. Sober's present expertness with the anvil is better known than is his boyhood experience with one, as here related: When he was a sixteen-year-old lad he had a long distance to tramp to school, and about midway between his home and the school house was a blacksmith shop or "smithy," where on cold days he would stop to warm himself and watch the smith forging horse-shoe nails, etc. One day young Sober asked permission of this son of Vulcan to make a horse-shoe nail, whereupon the latter laughingly asked the lad if he was aware that to learn to do such a job properly required usually a full year's apprenticeship. Nevertheless, the undaunted stripling insisted upon being allowed to try his hand, at least, and after but five attempts

he presented to the astonished blacksmith a perfect nail, ready for use!

In 1880 our subject was employed, by the day, by Beecher & Zimmerman, lumbermen, who, quickly recognizing his ability, at the end of a month offered to receive him into the firm. He accordingly purchased a one-third interest, and on the death of Mr. Zimmerman, a year or two later, Mr. Sober bought one-half of the deceased's interest, thus becoming a half owner of the entire business. The firm, which is one of the largest lumbering concerns in the State, their offices and freight depot being situated at Glen Union, in Clinton county, now owns over 45,000 acres of the best timber lands in Pennsylvania, employment being given to a small army of one hundred men. Their sawmills turn out, each month, one and one-half million feet of sawed lumber, and at least 125 car-loads of prop timber, per month. In this connection it might not be out of place to cite an illustration of Mr. Sober's business acumen and foresight. His first purchase of prop timber was 1,100 acres bought "on the stump," and by the ton, at fifty cents per ton, and he immediately arranged for its transportation by rail, securing a reduction of fifty cents per ton (just the sum the timber cost him) from the regular rate; thus his purchase in reality cost him nothing, while at the same time he was the first to buy, sell and transport timber by the pound.

Mr. Sober was the head and front of this concern, everything being under his supervision, he giving his attention mainly to the field work of the company, his special province being the examination of timber land, and the direction of operations in the woods. Independent of the Glen Union plant, he conducts an extensive personal business; his shipments for the year 1897 aggregating 1,542 car-loads of prop-timber, pulp-wood, lumber and hay. His administrative and executive ability is well exemplified in the generalship he displays in handling and controlling his many employees, something that in the lumber woods requires no little tact and discretion. He is a master of every detail of his business, and has never had a mechanic in his employ to whom he could not teach something, while he often finds points in the machinery of his plant upon which, perfect though it may seem, he could suggest some improvement. This comprehensive grasp of detail is characteristic of the man; and it is also said of him that wherever and whenever he sees an *effect* he is sure to find the *cause*—that is in anything that may interest him. He is so thorough a business man, and so prominent as a citizen, that it would be injustice

to him to give undue prominence even to his marvelous feats with the shotgun, which will be fully spoken of farther on. He has made his own way in the world with a clear-eyed singleness of purpose which reminds one of his unerring aim at a target. In all his enterprises, great and small, he is precise and painstaking, and the strictest integrity marks his business dealings, every obligation being met promptly and fully. While he would not take an unfair advantage of an opponent in a shooting contest or an athletic game, and would not accept a penny that he did not consider his due, neither would he smother his sense of right and yield tamely to an infringement upon his own just claims. Thoroughness in everything is one of his strong points, and he will never allow himself to be excelled in any respect, if earnest, persistent thought and labor will win.

Mr. Sober is not only a marvel of ambidexterity with the shotgun, as the reader will presently discover, and an expert in work on the anvil, as above recorded, but he is also highly skilled in taxidermy, an art that cannot be learned in a day, yet one that came to him naturally and without any instruction. Some fine specimens of his skill in mounting birds, etc., including an eagle shot by N. B. Grugan, of Glen Union, and which measured seven feet from tip to tip of wings (prepared for Dr. B. H. Warren, the State Zoologist), were exhibited at the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893, and attracted much attention and many encomiums of praise; while among other specimens, he has in his possession some five deer heads, taken from noble animals of his own slaying, and mounted by himself.

Then also, as an engraver on gold and other metals, he excels, in this respect being not one whit behind professionals, though he never received instruction in the art, his designing and engraving of horses, dogs, violins, locomotives, etc. (from tools of his own making), being surprisingly clever.

Socially, Mr. Sober is looked upon as a prince among men, exceedingly pleasant and affable, and he is a perfect gentleman, hospitable and liberal—in short, "a royal good fellow," as he is called by his closest acquaintances, and he always carries under his vest a big heart. He is a man of fine physical proportions, active, strong and quick, in height about five feet ten inches, and weighing some 175 pounds; his complexion is somewhat sandy, much tanned by his out-door life; possessed of the bright blue eyes of a sure shot—in fact what you might expect in the make-up of a sportsman; and although in age he is now

midway between the half-century and the three-score mark, he only shows a better developed maturity of vigorous manhood. In his habits he is very abstemious, using neither tobacco nor liquor in any shape. In his political predilections he has always been a Democrat, but has never found time to seek official preferment or recognition, save that in May, 1884, he was commissioned, by Postmaster-General Walter Q. Gresham, postmaster at Sober (Centre county), which office was named in his honor, and of which he was the first postmaster. He was also postmaster at Glen Union, Clinton county, from 1892 to 1897. In 1870 he was appointed, by Gov. John W. Geary, coal and iron policeman for the State of Pennsylvania, he being one of six, and clothed with all the authority of the city police. In 1878 he was appointed mercantile appraiser of Northumberland county, Penn., being chosen from among twelve applicants. On November 17, 1896, he was appointed, by Gov. D. H. Hastings, State game commissioner, which office he still holds.

In 1864 Coleman K. Sober was united in marriage with Miss Bernetta Anderson, of Northumberland county, a daughter of Jacob and Phebe Anderson, and four children blessed their union, two of whom are deceased; those living are: (1) Mary B. has been twice married, first time to Harry Grove, by whom she had one child, Helen Mary; after Mr. Grove's decease his widow wedded Martin Leshner, and they have one child, Bernetta Edna; Mrs. Leshner is skilled in oil, pastel and crayon work, and excels in free-hand drawing. (2) Waldron Bland married Miss R. Elizabeth Bright; although yet a young man, he has acquired marvelous skill as a trap-shot, and as a sportsman few of the old hunters can "bag more game" in a day than he. Our subject's residence at present is at Lewisburg, Union Co., Penn., where he has a pleasant home, in which he enjoys himself as the result of years of energetic business life. His attention to detail is shown in the perfect appointments of his home. Every part of the premises shows his careful management, and his stables, in which he keeps some fine horses, some of them being fast trotters, are sufficiently neat and comfortable for the habitation of human beings.

We now pass from Coleman K. Sober, the business man, the blacksmith, the engraver, the taxidermist, the private gentleman, to Coleman K. Sober, the champion shot-gun shot of the world, the "Wizard of the Gun;" and only in a somewhat limited manner can we speak of his marvelous skill, for his wonderful gun-feats number at least one hundred and fifty, and he can en-

tain a multitude of spectators three full hours with his fancy shooting alone. It is but just to say of him that he is not only the champion trick (or trap) shot of the world, but the champion all-round shot of the universe. We have here used the word "trick" as a sort of colloquialism, but it is not the correct term, as, in truth, Mr. Sober's feats with the gun are not mere "tricks," but the effect or result of scientific and skillful calculation. He says he does not know how he acquired his expertness, but "guesses it was born in him." Indeed, inheritance, as has already been mentioned, has not a little to do with this astounding skill of his, in which he has no rival the world over; and this same inheritance has clung to him from early boyhood, through every change in occupation and fortune.

When as a boy Mr. Sober began to handle a gun, he determined to excel in its use, and often he would do his farm "chores" at night in order to gain time for practice in the woods by daylight. Many an hour he has also spent at night in practicing some difficult feat, or some new method of handling his weapon. With such persistent exercise in rapid and accurate use it is no wonder that he does marvels, and his constant travel in the forest in connection with his business enables him to continue his favorite sport almost constantly.

It will be seen that in 1875 he was but little more than a boy, and, to show that he has from early boyhood been a prodigy, we cite some remarkable local sweepstake exhibitions given by him between September, 1875, and August, 1877. During this time he participated in various contests—shooting at 481 live pigeons, and killing 440, an astounding record of more than 91 per cent! It must be remembered, also, that these birds were killed at twenty-one yards rise—and with the use of only one barrel; excepting that out of this number he shot nineteen doubles standing midway between the traps forty-one yards apart.

For several years past Mr. Sober has hunted Ruffed Grouse only, as that is the quickest bird in America to get into full flight upon discovery, and gives him the rapid work which he enjoys. During the fall of 1890 he shot thirty-two of these birds without a miss, and in the last fifty that he killed that year he shot at fifty-five only. The press of this and other States has often made extended mention of his wonderful feats, and from the *American Field* of January 9, 1892, we glean the following:

"In the spring of 1880, he shot 537 wild pigeons in three days at Kane, Penn., while the birds were flying to and from their feeding-grounds, and at no time did he kill more than

one bird at a shot. For a number of years, however, the increased pressure of business cares has prevented Mr. Sober from attending trap shoots, from which fact some people think he cannot shoot over a trap, but his scores on record show he had no difficulty in winning when he did attend. He never broke 100 King-birds straight, but has broken 100 out of 101. He has never killed 100 live pigeons straight, but he killed ninety-six out of 100, at twenty-one yards rise, using one barrel only. At a match at twelve live bats to each man, in which seventeen shooters contested, Mr. Sober won with a score of eleven killed, it being the only match at bats in which he had contested.

"When he attended trap shoots he often made clean scores at glass balls, King-birds and live pigeons, often making from fourteen to thirty straight kills, and readily defeated all who shot against him. The most remarkable exhibitions of Mr. Sober's skill, however, are in trick shooting, or as he terms it 'rough and tumble shooting,' in which he handicaps himself in many different ways, shooting from all sorts of positions at King-birds, glass balls or live pigeons sprung from a trap, in which his scores are fully equal to those made by many trap shooters who shoot from the shoulder and are not in any way handicapped. Through long practice of these feats—many of which he originated—Mr. Sober has become so expert that he can perform more unique shots with the double-barreled shotgun than any other living man. He performs at least one hundred and fifty feats, each shot being more marvelous than the preceding one, all from different positions or under new forms of handicap. He breaks glass balls or King-birds from either shoulder, with handkerchiefs tied around both barrels of his gun, with the barrels thrust through objects of different sizes, varying from a cigar-box up to a flour barrel, with his gun either side up, and in many other ways, with wonderful accuracy. He even springs his own target (single or double), and then breaks the targets. He shoots from almost every conceivable position, standing and lying, holding the gun over his head, between his legs, at his neck or breast, etc.

"Mr. Sober commences with simple shots, single and double, and goes from one feat to another, handicapping himself, not only as we have described, but in many other ways. At Lewisburg, Penn., in the fall of 1886, he gave his fourth public exhibition, when he shot at 130 glass balls from fifty-one different positions, and missed but eight. At the tournament of the Elmira (N. Y.) Gun Club, in July, 1887, Mr.

Sober made a phenomenal record. He shot at 108 glass balls, from seventy-nine very difficult positions, and missed but fourteen.

"The most difficult of Mr. Sober's shooting feats cannot be photographed for the purpose of illustration, such as placing his gun on the ground at a distance of eighteen feet, spring his own trap, then, after running and picking up his gun, breaking single or double targets—King-birds or glass balls. In many of the feats which he performs, Mr. Sober can turn back to the trap, call 'pull,' pick up his gun with the box, keg or barrel on it, as the case may be, turn around and score 'dead bird' on either singles or doubles.

"He can break double King-birds, one with his gun overhead and the other from his shoulder, or one from between his legs and the other from the shoulder. Scoring doubles, one from each shoulder, is to him but a simple pastime. The feats Mr. Sober performs in shooting with boxes, barrels, tables and similar obstructions around his gun barrels are rendered successful only by reason of the nicety of calculation which he has acquired by long practice. Many who see the King-birds, glass balls, or live pigeons fall before his unerring aim wonder how he had got sight over or under such obstructions. He does not take sight, for that would be impossible. His success is due to remarkably accurate calculations. When it is remembered that there are at least one hundred and fifty different trick shots on his list, many of them more difficult than we have described, and the fact is considered that Mr. Sober's challenge to the world in his line of shooting remained open two years, and that he has never been defeated in that line in a match, it is not strange that he is called the champion of the world by many admirers in his native State."

There is hardly a sportsman in the State of Pennsylvania who has not seen him shoot, and few in the United States who have not read of his accomplishments with the gun. He takes pleasure in showing the world what perfection can be attained in the handling of the shot-gun, and there is scarcely an exhibition of importance in the State to which he is not invited. To give a full detailed account of all his exhibitions would be unnecessary in this article; but his achievements cannot by any means be passed lightly over.

Mr. Sober has proved himself to be, beyond a peradventure, the champion all-round shot-gun shot of the world, a title he does not assume, but which belongs to him by right, and by virtue of his challenge to the whole world to enter the lists with him. This challenge has never been accepted; but a critical view of Mr. Sober's

marvelous shots will remove all doubt as to his ability to vanquish any other specialist in his line. The case stands as follows: In the *American Field* of February 23, 1889, Mr. Sober "issued a challenge to any man in the world—Dr. W. F. Carver preferred—to shoot an exhibition match against him with a double-barrel shot-gun for a stake of five hundred dollars a side; and he offered to pay the expenses of any one who would meet him and shoot at Sunbury, Penn., the following May." Previously Mr. Sober and Dr. Carver had correspondence through the columns of the *American Field*, and the former had deposited fifty dollars forfeit as an earnest of his sincerity. Subsequently H. C. Fuller and Mr. Sober had some correspondence through the same medium, but in neither case was a match made, and Mr. Sober's money was returned to him after the lapse of a couple of years. In this connection it must be borne in mind that he is not a professional shot, nor has he ever posed as such, notwithstanding his well-known ability; and, moreover, he never performs for money, his public exhibitions being for the benefit of some public charity, or to aid in the attraction to State and county fairs, Grange picnics, Grand Army reunions, or such like, and he is always sure to be a "drawing card," as the wonder shot of the world, thousands of delighted spectators witnessing with interest his bewildering feats. What adds a charm to the occasion is his modest, unassuming manner. He comes on the scene with a calmness and unobtrusiveness that at once wins the attention of his audience; then what he does is square business, with nothing to attract but the merits of the very fine work he does with the shotgun. An article in the *Meadville Republican*, of September 10, 1894, written by an eyewitness of one of these exhibitions, covers in a few words what might be said of all Mr. Sober's performances, and we quote therefrom in part: "The members of our Gun Club visited him in large numbers, and got from him many points of instruction, which he seemed very much pleased to impart. His skill with the gun was even more than advertised. He shot with effect in almost every conceivable position, and the gun in every variety of grasp—under him, over him, to right, to left, sitting, standing, lying, with gun above his head, between his feet, upside down, thrust through barrels, boxes and tables, and in every position except with the muzzle in his hands. Loud applause greeted his numerous wonderful shots." Indeed, we might quote page after page of similar encomiums, did space permit; yet a just tribute to "Creation's greatest shot," we plead as excuse, were such necessary, for dwell-

ing longer on this highly interesting subject. In addition to newspaper and other extracts in this article, we quote the following:

"At Centre Hall, in 1889, when Mr. Sober commenced shooting, the wind was blowing a regular gale, and no one of the ten thousand visitors expected to see more than a few plain shots. But Mr. Sober is not built that way. He believes in giving every piece on the programme, gale or no gale. All the fancy shots were made, and in all his shooting he missed but one King-bird, which was caught by the wind and darted down in such a manner as to make it impossible to hit it. Everybody expressed astonishment at the remarkable work, no one having any idea that it was possible under the circumstances; and no one will believe hereafter that there is a man on the face of the earth than can compete with C. K. Sober, when it comes to fancy wing shooting." [Mifflinburg *Telegram*.] "Dr. Carver, Buffalo Bill, Capt. Bogardus, and many other renowned marksmen have given exhibitions, but none have ever excelled Mr. Sober's." [Elmira *Daily Advertiser*, July 2, 1887.] "He handles a shotgun as a boy would a tin rattle—is as quick as lightning, and as sure as fate. He accomplishes all—even the most difficult—shots with the greatest ease and grace, and by the time the ordinary marksmen get through aiming, Mr. Sober will have broken a barrel of King-birds." [Middleburg (Snyder county) *Post*, September 24, 1891.] "But the greatest feature of the day was the shooting of Mr. C. K. Sober and his son. This was a revelation to the visitors to the fair. Mr. Sober is a wonderful marksman. He shot at 147 targets yesterday from a great number of different positions, and at all sorts of disadvantages, yet he did not miss a single one. This is, perhaps, the greatest exhibition Mr. Sober ever gave, and this is equivalent to saying that the York County Fair grounds have been the scene of the greatest shooting ever done in the world. Nothing can prevent him from scoring. He shoots just as accurately with the gun turned upside down and thrust through a flour barrel as he does with the gun in the usual position." [York *Gazette*, October, 1894.]

We will conclude our description of Mr. Sober's trap-shooting with the account of a couple of amazing and almost incredible shots that he makes: A bird is thrown from the trap thirty yards away from the shooter, who stands with his side toward the trap, gun inverted, the barrel of which is passed right through a wooden box 14 x 16 inches in size, and gun (with barrel in the box as described) held at arm's length directly above his head. Thus handicapped, the

marksman pulls the trigger, and the bird drops to the ground! This feat has been accomplished by no other human being, and reads like one of Baron Munchausen's fictions, but it is nevertheless true in every particular. Another remarkable feat Mr. Sober accomplishes with ease is to spring two King-birds from a trap, shoot one of them from between his legs while standing with his back toward the trap, then turn quickly and drop the second King-bird. We cannot avoid giving special emphasis to the four exhibitions given by Mr. Sober at the York County Fair, before a multitude of fifty thousand people, where he shot at 588 targets with but five misses, two of which were made on his first day's trial, three being lost on the fourth day, toward the close of his final exhibition. A representative of the publishers of this work by invitation attended one of Mr. Sober's shooting entertainments given at Brooke Park (Lewisburg) in October, 1897, where was witnessed the killing of sixty-five pigeons without a miss, and the breaking of 200 targets without an error! And it must be borne in mind that not a shot was made without some form of handicap—shooting from both shoulders; gun inverted, and above his head; with gun thrust through powder kegs, flour barrels, boxes, etc.—yet he seemed to experience neither hindrance nor inconvenience. It was like the legerdemain of some great wizard.

For several years past Mr. Sober has passed most of his time in the forest, hunting out timber lands and superintending lumber operations. These pursuits have rendered it possible for him to follow his favorite sport of shooting Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) almost uninterruptedly during the proper season, and a gentleman who has accompanied him on such expeditions says that, although he has hunted with many expert wing shots, it has never been his privilege to meet any one in field or cover who was able to demonstrate the phenomenal skill which Mr. Sober displays at different times when grouse-shooting in the wilds of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sober, it would seem, shoots by instinct rather than by sight. The number of Ruffed Grouse, alone, killed by him during the past few years is astonishing. In 1884 he shot 95; in 1885, 87; in 1886, 108; in 1887, 40; in 1888, 117; in 1889, 116; to December 15, 1890, 148; to December 21, 1891, 103; in 1892, 105; in 1893, 79; in 1894, 97; in 1895, 84; in 1896, 92; and in 1897, 106—a total for the fourteen years of 1,377 birds, or an average of over ninety-eight each season. On November 5, 1897, he killed seven Ruffed Grouse out of eight fired at, and many a day he has shot at and killed every grouse

he would see. In a two-days' hunt in December, 1880, at the foot of Shade Mountain, near Adamsburg, Penn., he shot sixteen pheasants (Ruffed Grouse), twelve rabbits, four wild turkeys and one gray squirrel. [See illustration.]

Mr. Sober says that most of these birds were killed on his own lands during his business tramps, and that one of the best shots he ever made at Ruffed Grouse was as follows: He had been on the mountains chestnutting, and was returning home with a bag of chestnuts on one shoulder, his gun with a basket hanging from the barrels slung over the same shoulder, and an axe in the other hand, while walking along a lumber road a Ruffed Grouse suddenly flushed from the side of the road, and Mr. Sober dropped the axe, the bag and the basket in time to shoot the bird. He has never met any one who had the requisite endurance to stay with him an entire day in field or cover shooting when he traveled at the gait he usually takes while hunting alone. To still more fully set forth the wonderful ingenuity of our subject, it is proper here to speak of a simple device he invented and always carries with him on his hunting expeditions. It is an implement for eviscerating game birds, and whenever he kills one, he immediately, or as soon after as he may have opportunity, uses this little instrument. It is very simple, merely a little twig, sharpened at one end with a small spur near the pointed end. This he inserts under the tail of the bird, then gives a twist or two of the arm, and the entrails are at once ejected. The larger part of the game he kills goes to the tables of his friends and the bedside of the sick. In hunting the Ruffed Grouse (which, by the way, he claims is the gamiest bird in America) he uses pointer dogs trained by himself to such a marvelous degree of perfection that their intelligence seems almost human. He has no use for setters in that pursuit, for, as he says, they are too headstrong and fast and not sufficiently cautious.

About his guns we must also say something. The first one he used was, when he was a lad, an old "flint-lock" owned by an elder brother, and with that the boy killed squirrels and rabbits by the hundreds (game was plentiful in Pennsylvania then), and with it he downed quails, occasionally, on the wing as well. The first gun he owned he bought for one dollar and a half, and it was a 28-inch, 20-gauge, single barrel, which he says was made from pot metal for all he knows; but with it he did great work on quails and pheasants (Ruffed Grouse) on the wing, and he still has that old gun. Next he had another single 28-inch, 14-gauge gun made to order, with which he did fine shooting also. His third gun was

a doubled-barreled, 30-inch barrels, 14-gauge, that weighed eight pounds, and with it he defeated the best shots in Pennsylvania at the trap in pigeon shooting. The next gun he bought was a Parker Brothers make. He still uses their guns, and says he will do so until he finds a better arm; for shooting game he uses a cylinder-bore, 28-inch barrels, of either 10-gauge, or 12-gauge. In his "den," as he calls it, a room which he has appropriated to his exclusive use in his beautiful home in Lewisburg, there are suggestions, from the number and variety of guns, of a small arsenal. But after long experience with various makes of shotguns he has arrived at the conclusion that American-made arms are equally as good as, and he believes superior to, those of foreign manufacture, for shooting in the field and cover.

For many years past, Mr. Sober has been exceedingly energetic in his endeavors to propagate game and fish. He has purchased large numbers of birds, particularly quail, and liberated them in different localities in the various fertile valleys of the Susquehanna. His love for trout fishing has led him to stock numerous streams in Centre, Clinton and Lycoming counties with brook and other varieties of trout.

Such is the life history of this successful business man and phenomenal marksman. Of the success in life which America affords to an energetic, persevering and industrious man, no matter how humble his origin, Mr. Sober is a fair example. He is, withal, a typical self-made man, the mainspring of whose character has in his busy life been the qualities of energy and persistence, coupled with the strictest integrity of purpose, unflinching firmness and characteristic love of fair play.

ANTHONY ARMSTRONG is a leading factor in the public life of Allenwood, Union county, as carrying on general merchandising. He has back of him an honorable ancestry, prominently connected with the history of the State, and he wears worthily the untarnished name which has descended to him.

His great-grandfather, James Armstrong, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and on May 30, 1786, landed in America. He located in Philadelphia, and soon secured a position as professor of mathematics in Pennsylvania Academy. He married Eleanor Pollock, a lady of superior culture and womanly graces, belonging to one of the distinguished families of the State. At an early day they removed to Northumberland county, Penn., where James Armstrong purchased a



Coleman K. Sober

AN UPRIGHTLY GOOD MAN

He was shot by C. K. Sober, the Champion All round, and was shot at the Wolf, the two day hunt in December 1850, at foot of Slide Mountain, near Adams, Tenn. He was a fine specimen of a pheasant, twelve quail, and wild turkeys, and one gray squirrel.

large farm. He died September 20, 1829, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife died February 26, 1823. Their youngest son, Richard, was the father of Gen. Samuel Armstrong, who commanded a battalion of colored troops in the Civil war, and was one of the founders of the Freedman's Academy at Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, Virginia.

Capt. Anthony Armstrong, the grandfather of our subject, was born September 6, 1788, and won his title by commanding a militia company. He died on the old homestead near Milton, Penn., in 1866. He had one sister, Mary, now deceased, and two brothers, James, a surveyor of McEwensville, Penn., and Richard, previously mentioned. Capt. Armstrong married Elizabeth Guffy, daughter of Alexander Guffy, and their children were: Jane, wife of Edward Derickson; Matilda, who became the wife of John F. Dentler, and had ten children; Margaret, wife of John Sloan; Andrew; James P., who married Margaret Guffy; and George W., who married Elizabeth Witter. He served in the Mexican war, was a general of the State militia before the Civil war, and is now a retired merchant of McEwensville, Pennsylvania.

The maternal great-grandparents of our subject were John and Mary (Curry) Watson, the former a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated to Chester county, Penn. Watson town was named in his honor, and both he and his wife were buried in the cemetery there. He owned 1,000 acres of land at that place, and was one of the leading men of the community. The grandparents, George and Elizabeth (Vincent) Watson, were farming people of Northumberland county, where they spent their entire lives.

Andrew Armstrong, father of our subject, was born on the old family homestead in Northumberland county, October 27, 1815, and throughout his business career engaged in agricultural pursuits. His last eight years were spent in retirement from business cares. He held a number of township offices, and was highly esteemed for his sterling worth. He married Angeline Watson, who was born on the Watson farmstead December 15, 1815. His death occurred April 10, 1888, and his wife, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, died May 20, 1865. Their marriage, which was celebrated January 26, 1838, was blessed with the following children: George W., who died at the age of five years; Elizabeth J., wife of H. P. Allen, who founded the town of Allenwood, where he now follows general merchandising; Euma, of Watson town; Mary, who became the wife of Fred Gosh, and died leaving three children; James D., who married Anna Zeigler, and oper-

ates the old Armstrong farm; Seth, who died in childhood; Anthony; David W., who married Jane McWilliams, and is also living on the old Armstrong farm.

Anthony Armstrong, of this review, was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, August 17, 1852, and attended the high school in Watson town. At the age of fifteen he began clerking for H. P. Allen, of Allenwood, in whose employ he remained until 1872, when he went to Lock Haven, Penn., where for four years he was employed as a salesman in the general store of J. W. Bridgins. On February 1, 1877, he went to Black Hills, Dakota, and was a member of the Philadelphia Mining Company, operating on Rapid creek. During that time he represented the Camp Crook district in convention on new Territory, held in Deadwood, Dakota, September 29, 1877, which convened for the purpose of electing a representative to Congress, who could secure the independence of that Territory. He left Dakota October 29, 1877, and returning to Allenwood was again employed by Mr. Allen until 1889. He was then for two years treasurer and manager of the Allenwood planing-mill, and on August 1, 1893, he embarked in general merchandising. Here he has secured a good patronage, and is meeting with excellent success.

On January 6, 1881, Mr. Armstrong was married to Miss Kate Griffey, who was born in Gregg township, Union county, March 19, 1860, a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (McCormick) Griffey. Her father was a railroad contractor, bridge builder and miller. He at one time part owned and operated the largest woolen-mills in Pennsylvania, the machinery in the same costing \$110,000; the plant was destroyed by fire. He built the high bridge at Sandy Hook, Conn., and a number of others. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They were members of the Washington Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Republican. Their children were: Martha, wife of C. L. Gudykunst, a farmer and tax collector of Gregg township, Union county; Robert, a miller of White Deer Mills, who married Laura Bower, whose father is president of the First National Bank of Watson town; Clara, wife of W. C. Foreman, a farmer and live-stock dealer of Alvira, Penn.; and Mrs. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have three interesting children: Elizabeth, born in 1881; Robert, in 1885, and Richard, March 12, 1898. The family is prominent, and well-known people of the community, and its members have a large circle of warm friends throughout Union county. Mr.

Armstrong served as postmaster, which office he filled from 1888 until 1891, and to which he was re-appointed on August 1, 1893, serving to July 14, 1897. His business ability has brought him success in his undertakings, and by his honorable methods he has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

GEORGE CALVIN MOHN, M. D. To the professional or commercial man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputation in his chosen calling, and whose social prominence is not less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts, the world at large instinctively pays deference. Many a man mistakes his life-work, yet by earnest application makes a partial success; but it is only when natural tact is coupled with proper ambition to succeed that anything like eminence is reached in any vocation. Dr. Mohn has not only gained an enviable reputation in the ranks of the medical fraternity, but also stands high in business and fraternal circles.

A native of Pennsylvania, having been born May 24, 1858, in Centreville, Snyder county, our subject is descended on both sides from old families prominent among the pioneers of the State.

Peter Mohn, his great-grandfather, was the third son of Ludwig Mohn, who was born in 1730 at Hanover, Germany, whence he emigrated to America in 1753, and settled in Berks county, Penn., at or near where the city of Reading now stands. Peter Mohn died in that county in 1832.

John Mohn, grandfather of Dr. Mohn, was born September 23, 1788, near Reading, Penn., and was there married to Elizabeth Reppard, of that county, born May 15, 1793. Here their family of six children were born, as follows: Leah, who married Thomas Hartley; Peter, who died a bachelor in 1869; Sallie, who married Noah Kerster, and moved to Ohio; Julian, married to P. H. Markle; Amelia, wife of Isaac Culp; and John, who is the only one of this family now living, and will be spoken of farther on. In 1836 Grandfather John Mohn moved with his family from Berks county to Union (now Snyder) county, and passed the rest of his days there, dying March 2, 1861, at Centreville. His wife passed from earth at the same place August 29, 1868.

John Mohn, the father of our subject, was born in 1831, in Berks county, Penn., and, as will be seen, was about five years old when the family moved to what is now Snyder county. For a time he followed carpentry, but later has devoted his time and attention mainly to the saw-

mill business. As one of the leading Republicans of the community in which he lives, he has filled various public offices in Snyder county, such as constable of his township some eighteen years, and for a time was county commissioner of Snyder county. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. In 1852 he married Miss Barbara Stine, who was born in Snyder county, Penn., in 1829, and they became the parents of the following children: Alice, now the wife of William Hartman, of Centreville; Henry, who is in business with his father; George C., the subject proper of this review; Charles, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, Md., and who is now successfully engaged in practice at Jersey Shore, Penn.; John E., a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and now the owner of two drug stores at Jersey Shore; William, who is in business with his father at Centreville; James O., a physician of St. Mary's, Elk Co., Penn., who graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1894; and Thomas E., a railroad agent at Muncy Valley, Pennsylvania.

Dr. George C. Mohn received his earlier education at Centreville and Selins Grove, Snyder Co., Penn., and completed his literary studies at Valparaiso, Ind., after which he taught school for three winters. After reading medicine for a time at Centreville he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., graduating there with the class of '82, and on the 13th of April, same year, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession at Laurelton, Union county, where his ability soon won him recognition, and where he has built up for himself an enviable record as an eminently successful physician. Possessed of a kindly and sympathetic nature, a keen sense of discrimination, a natural taste for the various branches of the medical profession, coupled with quick intuition and consummate skill, his success and popularity are no surprise to his many friends. For about eight years the Doctor was also engaged in the drug business at Laurelton, and, being a man of more than ordinary business acumen, he soon acquired considerable capital. Desiring to expand his business relations and possibilities, he, in 1892, became a member of the Laurelton Lumber Co., which concern is now remarkable for having at its head three of the most enterprising young men of the county. He is also a stockholder in and a director of the Linden Hall Lumber Co., of Linden Hall, Penn., of which concern he is also superintendent.

In 1883 Dr. Mohn was united in marriage with Miss Laura A. Showers, a native of Centreville, Snyder county, and a daughter, Ruth B.,

born March 18, 1892, brightens their home. Fraternally the Doctor is one of the highest, most prominent and zealous Freemasons in the State, having taken all the degrees to and including the 32nd, Scottish Rite, and being a member of the Mystic Shrine, Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia. Politically he is an ardent worker in the ranks of the Republican party, having served as a committeeman continuously since 1884. For four years, during President Harrison's administration, he acceptably served as postmaster at Laurelton.

The Doctor is one who, outside of the esteem in which he is held for his scientific knowledge and business capacity, enjoys the admiration of all for his kindness of disposition and amiability of heart. In manner he is social and friendly, and possesses qualities that readily win popularity and respect. In private life that true manliness of deportment, that genial and kindly nature, which have always characterized him in public, find still more adequate and complete expression, and in the bosom of his family he ever finds his highest happiness.

DERR FAMILY, of Lewisburg, is descended from that well-known pioneer, Ludwig Derr, the founder of Lewisburg, which was formerly known as Derrtown. The first record dates back to 1756, when Ludwig Derr is named among the residents of Heidelberg township, Berks county. In 1769 he came to Buffalo Valley to find a suitable location for a new home, and is mentioned in the notes of Charles Lukens, who made a survey along the river from the mouth of White Deer creek in October, of that year. He was perhaps the first settler in the Valley, and Charles Wilson, who surveyed the tract next below that of Lukens, mentions in his field notes for September 20, 1770, that Ludwig Derr was then living on "the proprietaries' tract."

Where Lewisburg now stands this enterprising pioneer established a trading-post, a house of one story and a half built of heavy logs, with its roof half-sloped, like the modern mansard, and containing a dormer window. On the lower floor were small, square windows and one heavy battened door. This building was completed as early as 1770, and his next enterprise was the construction of a mill, which was running in 1772. In June, 1772, he purchased from John Coxe, merchant, of Philadelphia, a large tract of land in the same vicinity for one hundred and seventy-five pounds. Two years later it seems that he wanted to borrow some

money, and Robert Fruit and Thomas Hewitt, the county commissioners, valued the tract, on which the said Derr now lives, having a grist and saw mill, dwelling house and barn, clear upland and meadow, at one thousand pounds Pennsylvania currency—about \$2,666.60. On July 31, 1773, he purchased a sixth of a tract of eleven thousand and fifty acres which Walter Clark had bought for himself and others in November, 1771. Northumberland county was organized in 1772, and the name of Ludwig Derr appears among the first grand jurors of the first session of court. He was without doubt a man of great force of character, courageous, and of unusual discretion. His mill and trading-post were known throughout this region, travelers making the point a regular stopping-place. Many meetings were held there by the patriots during the Revolutionary period, yet so kindly and justly had he treated the Indians that when nearly every structure built by white men between the Wyoming and the Mahantango was destroyed by the Indians, his stood and he remained with them unharmed. In March, 1785, he laid out his town, Samuel Weiser making the plot. A few lots were sold, and in September of that year he went to Philadelphia where he disposed of a few more, how many is not known exactly, the price averaging about twenty-five pounds. Time passed with no word from him, and his son, George, becoming alarmed went to Philadelphia to find him, but neither in his boarding house nor among business men could anything definite be learned as to his whereabouts. He left a widow, Catherine, and an only son, George, who inherited all the property. The name was spelled irregularly. Ludwig signed himself Ludwig Döer, his wife's signature was Catherine Darr, and "Tarr's mill" is spoken of in various accounts of the time. The Encyclopædia Americana of 1790 speaks of "Lewisburgh, or Tarstown."

George Derr was but a boy when his father located on the present site of Lewisburg, where he grew up amidst pioneer surroundings, and became a farmer and miller by occupation. He died in 1829, and his wife, Fannie Yentzer, passed away in 1842. They had eleven children: Catharine, Susan, Louis, George, John, Jacob, Fannie, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth and Henry, all of whom except the youngest lived to adult age.

Joseph Yentzer Derr, the ninth child of George Derr and Fannie Yentzer, was born in Buffalo township, Union county, October 10, 1810. He was reared in Lewisburg, and had more than ordinary educational advantages, but his fine mind could easily have absorbed even a higher course of study. He spent his earlier days in a drug

store, and was remarkable for his aptness in medicine, and in later years, when he had retired to his farm—the estate upon which his family now lives—he would quit work to visit any sick neighbor and alleviate distress wherever it was found. He always had an ambition for the study of medicine, and felt that his life would have been most replete with satisfaction to himself and good results to humanity had he been thoroughly trained in that direction. He was born in Buffalo township, Union county, October 10, 1810, and died in Lewisburg July 21, 1864. A progressive and independent thinker, he took keen interest in all the questions of his day. In early years he was a Whig politically, and later a Republican, and, while he was not a politician, his influence was widely felt. He married Miss Mary J. Kremer, who was born in 1819, and lived near Winfield until the age of ten years, and afterward in Lewisburg. She was fond of literary pursuits, in which she showed much talent, and was a teacher in the public schools about four years. Their children were: Elizabeth and Clara are at home. George Pattison is in the iron business in Maine. Josephine is at home. Frances married D. L. Jauss, a coal dealer at Harrisburg, Penn., and has had four children—Mary died May 11, 1884, Susan at home. Fannie (who married Dr. Leon K. Garber, and has one child, Mary Jane), and Nellie (who married John Nestor, of Harrisburg, and has one child, Francis). John D. is a machinist in the steel works at Steelton, Penn.; he married Miss Anna Fairchild, from Chillisquaque, Penn., and has three children—Hannah, Joseph and Margaret. Augustus S. is engaged in the iron business in Maine; he married Miss Mary Moyer, and has three children—George William, Howard Wilson and Mariam Ramona. James M., now of Wichita, Kans., married Miss Elda Robertson, and has one child, Mary Elda. Austin Craig, a farmer in Northumberland county, Penn., married Sophia Reber, and has one child, Edna. Louisa K. married Isora Pontius, of Lewisburg, and has six children—Horace P., Anna J., Fannie Belle, Channing, Marie Jean and Clara M. Horace W. died January 22, 1888, at the age of twenty-seven years. Mary is at home.

Mrs. Mary (Kremer) Derr has now attained the somewhat uncommon age of seventy-eight, and despite this fact is still vigorous, physically and mentally. Her large family received during former years her devoted attention, and now she has the satisfaction of seeing them filling useful and honorable stations in life. She is tall with a finely proportioned frame, and must have been endowed with great physical strength and endur-

ance, while intellectually she is brilliant, and in no way indicating her advanced age. She visits her neighbors and attends to business as in younger days, and her conversation is full of interest. Her memory runs back to the time when all freight was hauled by wagons, and passenger transportation was entirely by stage. There was then no canal in this part of the State, but later she saw the overland system give way to the water routes, and this in turn supplanted by the railroad.

Mrs. Derr is a granddaughter of George Kremer, who came from New Jersey and settled in Union county, Penn., about 1797. He married Miss Sophia Kline, who died at seventy-five years of age; the date of his death is not known. Abraham Kremer, Mrs. Derr's father, was born in 1791, and grew to manhood in Union county. He married Elizabeth Whittaker, who was born in 1800, and died in December, 1842, and his own death occurred in 1847. He was a Whig politically, and both were devout members of the M. E. Church. Their children were: Mary Jane (widow of Joseph Derr), Frances (widow of James S. Marsh, and lives in Philadelphia, Penn.), Anna E. (the widow of Joseph Shriner, of Lewisburg), William (died when two years and seven months old), Julia M. (widow of George Forrest, resides in Philadelphia, Penn.), Joseph A. (died in Lewisburg February 3, 1893, at the age of sixty-one years), John K. (the cashier of the Union National Bank of Lewisburg), and Margaret M. (died at an early age).

J THOMPSON BAKER, A. M., prominent among the native sons of Union county, Penn., was born in Buffalo township, in 1847, of German, Scotch-Irish, and French-Huguenot parentage. His ancestors were pioneers in the settlement of Buffalo Valley, being Wendel Baker, born 1730, Henry Rockey, born 1744, John Pontius, born 1718, and John Thompson, born 1720, all of whom lived and died in Buffalo Valley, Union county, Pennsylvania.

J. Thompson Baker received his elementary education in the district schools of the neighborhood of his home, and completed his studies at Bucknell University, in Lewisburg. He pursued his law studies in the office of Judge Bucher, was admitted to the Bar in 1870, and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. He has won a high place in the legal world, and the faithful discharge of his duties, his fidelity to his clients, and his repudiation of unprincipled methods to win unjust causes, has given to him the true respect of his fellow citizens.

In 1874, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Bordner, and by this union he has five children—one son and four daughters: Frederick Thompson, Margaret Stuart, Katharine Pontius, Frances Moore and Mary Howard. Our subject has been closely identified with all the material interests of the county, and has contributed liberally of both his time and means to aid in its advancement. He is president of The Union National Bank of Lewisburg, Penn., the Lewisburg Water Company, the Home Telephone Company, the trustees and corporation of Beaver Memorial M. E. Church, and, in fact, wherever and whenever any enterprise that tends to the benefit of the community, is to be encouraged Mr. Baker is found to be actively engaged therein. He has also been instrumental in establishing a successful granite business in the State of Maine, and in founding and building the borough of Wildwood, New Jersey.

M C. STEADMAN, M. D. The faithful physician has an unequalled opportunity for doing good, and only one who has stood by the open grave of such a one and witnessed the heartfelt mourning of the entire community gathered to pay their last tribute of respect and gratitude, can realize how strong has been his hold upon the affections of rich and poor, high and low, ignorant and learned, to whom in some trying moment his presence has brought relief and hope.

The subject of this memoir, formerly a prominent physician and surgeon of Mifflinburg, Union county, was a man to whom professional fees were a secondary matter. To all his patients he was the same, answering with as much alacrity a call to the home of the poor and humble as to the wealthy and influential, and tending a stranger with the same kindly devotion that he gave to a neighbor. Wholly regardless of self, he often discharged the duties of nurse as well as those more strictly in the lines of his profession, his only thought being to serve and save others.

It is most fitting and appropriate that the history of this noble man, dearly beloved by the people of his day, should be kept in memory by the descendants of those among whom his life was spent, and for that reason the following brief record is inserted here.

Dr. Steadman was born July 12, 1832, in Lewisburg, but his youth was mainly spent in Juniata county, Penn., where he obtained his literary education. His inclination for the medical profession was manifested at an early day,

and as soon as prepared he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1861. He then located at Buffalo Cross Roads, and August 2, 1862, was mustered into the army as assistant surgeon, 87th P. V. I., was honorably discharged, January 27, 1864, for physical disabilities. After his return from the army he located in Mifflinburg, of which place he was appointed postmaster, January, 1868, holding this office until his death, May 22, 1876.

His widow, MRS. JULIA BOUND STEADMAN, still survives with two sons: William H., merchant and manufacturer, who married Miss Gertrude Moss, and resides in Mifflinburg; and Merrill Linn, a pharmacist, who is single. Those deceased are: Joseph Bound, Sarah McClellan and Franklin Bound. Mrs. Steadman, to whom the Doctor was married March 24, 1863, at Milton, Penn., is a native of that town, born October 17, 1836. Her fine native abilities were developed by careful education, and the refinements of a cultured home made a lasting impression upon a nature admirably adapted to receive their subtle benefits. At the death of her husband she was appointed postmistress of Mifflinburg, serving in that capacity until 1887. Her father, Joseph Bound, who was of English descent, was born in Chester county, Penn., but became a resident of Milton, where he engaged in mercantile business. He was a Presbyterian in religion, an elder for forty-one years, and was said to be "the friend of everything good." He took an active part in local affairs, serving for some time as justice of the peace. His wife, Mary Ann Housel, died in 1869, at the age of sixty-nine. They had six children: Sarah Jane (deceased); Margaretta (deceased); William H., a physician, died in the Sandwich Islands; Franklin is a lawyer and ex-congressman; Charles A. died in the early part of the war in the War Department; and Julia B. (Mrs. Steadman).

PETER HAGENBUCH (deceased). Although the subject of this brief memoir did not attain the limited age allotted to the average man, he left an enviable record, in which kindly thought for his fellows is clearly seen although it was expressed in helpful deeds rather than in words. As a citizen, a politician, and a man of affairs, he stood the peer of any in his section, but it was not in these phases of his well-rounded character that he will remain longest in the memory and the affection of those who knew him best. Rather will he be recalled as the helper of the helpless, for though childless himself, he be-

came a father to those who had been bereft of parental care.

Mr. Hagenbuch's ancestors were early settlers in Berks county, Penn., his parents, Andrew and Mary (Weikel) Hagenbuch, both being natives of that county. They came to Union county, then Columbia county, shortly after their marriage, and located on a farm in East Buffalo township, where both died in 1863, at the age of seventy-six, the same illness affecting them, and the wife surviving her husband but a few days. Of their four children none are now living. Aaron was a farmer and banker in Michigan; Elizabeth was the wife of Charles Ackenbeck, whose death occurred a few months from her own; Peter, our subject, was the third in order of birth; and Henry Lightstreet was a farmer in Columbia county, Penn., for many years, but at the time of his death he had retired from active business.

Mr. Hagenbuch was born in Union county in 1821, and in early manhood engaged in agriculture and in speculating, his efforts in both lines being attended with success. His ability and prominence made him a leader in local politics, and he was a valued adviser in the Republican organization. On December 3, 1850, he was married at Berwick, Columbia county, Penn., to Miss Julia A. Landbach, and in 1854 they settled at the present homestead near West Milton, where a beautiful and commodious residence was built.

Mr. Hagenbuch's death occurred in Columbia county in 1875, cutting short his useful life at the comparative early age of fifty-four. As has been said, he had no children of his own, but he and his kind-hearted wife took into their pleasant home seven children to rear and train for honorable positions in life. One, Elmira A., died at the age of twelve years; John Allward grew to manhood, married, and is now a resident of Johnstown, Penn.; Emma Ferguson married Henry Lewallen, and lives in the West; William Stutzman is married, but his present residence is not known, and his brother, Judson, who also lived for a time with Mr. and Mrs. Hagenbuch, has disappeared; Harry McCall married, and now resides in St. Paul, Minn.; Isabella Whatmore is now the wife of George Currey, a machinist at Milton, Pennsylvania.

MRS. HAGENBUCH is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church at Lewisburg, to which she has been a liberal contributor, and her generosity is a potent factor in many philanthropic enterprises. She was born on Briar creek, Columbia county, July 10, 1824, and was the only child of George B. and Elizabeth (Wirtz) Landbach, who were natives of Lancaster county,

Penn. Her father was a well-known contractor and builder, and held a high place in business and social life, being identified with the best interests of his locality. He died in Columbia county in 1831, at the age of forty, and the mother, who was never separated from her daughter, lived to the age of seventy-six, passing away in 1868.

DANIEL R. SMITH, the popular and efficient treasurer of Union county, was born in Hartley township, May 18, 1853, a son of John and Mary (Rockey) Smith, the former of whom was of the same nativity, born in 1809, and died in Hartley township, in 1889. He was a son of Leonard Smith, also a native of Union county, who married and reared a family of four sons and three daughters: John, Leonard, Peter, Jacob, Susanna (who became the wife of John Diehl), Mary (who wedded Jacob Weirick), and Betsey (wife of Jacob Shively), all now deceased. The entire family were devout Christians, members of the Lutheran Church.

John Smith, the father of our subject, was a lifelong farmer, and passed his entire life in Hartley township. By his wife Mary (Rockey) he had a family of six children, as follows: William, who lost his life in front of Petersburg, having enlisted during the Civil war in Company E, 51st P. V. I.; Isaiah, who also served in the 51st Regiment, as a member of Company I, was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness, and died of starvation in Andersonville prison; Mary Jane, who married J. W. Showalter, a farmer of near Hartleton, Union county, and has six children—Newton, John, Daniel, William, Hannah and Esther; Samuel, who wedded Miss Susan Knape, and took up farming in Centre county, but lost his life February 17, 1880, through an attack made on him by a vicious cow (he left a widow and one son); and Catherine and Daniel R. (twins), the former of whom married Isaac Walker, a farmer of Centre county, Penn., near Tyrone, by whom she has eight sons.

On the home farm Daniel R. Smith was reared to habits of industry and economy, attending during the winter seasons the common schools of the neighborhood. Building upon these good foundations, he made the best use of such opportunities as he could find for study, and proved himself to be an earnest, diligent and apt scholar. Thus qualifying himself, he at the age of seventeen commenced teaching school, first in Centre county, later in Hartley township, Union county—one term each; after which,



Respectfully
J. R. Smith.

with laudable ambition, he attended the Normal School at Shippensburg one term. Returning to his old home, he again took up the profession of teaching, and taught in Lewis township, Union county, three terms, at the ending of which time, being desirous of further advancing his studies, he attended school at State College, Centre county, two terms. For two years thereafter he taught school in Buffalo and Kelly townships, Union county, some two years.

In 1881 Mr. Smith engaged with a surveying party to locate the Northern Pacific railroad, crossing the Rocky Mountains between Bozeman, Mont., and Portland, Ore., Helena, Mont., being headquarters, and was thus employed one year, being associated in the exploit with "Buffalo Bill" and other early border celebrities. He then returned to Union county (having during his absence purchased the old farmstead near Laurelton), and in 1882 was appointed postmaster at Laurelton, in which village he established the first drug store, which he conducted some four years, when his stock was destroyed by fire. Mr. Smith's next employment was as traveling salesman for Kline, Heitz & Co., of Millersburg, Penn., manufacturers of carpets, rugs, etc., and in that capacity he remained two years; then engaged with S. Lynd Fox, a grocery man of Philadelphia, continuing with him some three years, in all of which positions he earned for himself a well-merited confidence.

On February 15, 1896, he was nominated on the Republican ticket for treasurer of Union county, and in the fall of the same year, on November 6, he was elected by the flattering majority of 1,064 votes, defeating a candidate who had been solidly endorsed at the Democratic convention. On January 7, 1897, Mr. Smith took charge of the office, and it is unnecessary to add that his short term therein has already strengthened his unquestioned popularity throughout his native county. He is an active worker, doing his duty to his constituents in a manner that has won him both applause and honor.

On September 12, 1883, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Kate Barnitz, daughter of Rev. A. M. and Sarah Barnitz, and three children—two daughters and one son—have come to gladden their home: Nellie, Annie and McClain. In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Smith hold membership with the M. E. Church, with which denomination he identified himself when eighteen years of age. Socially, he affiliates with the Royal Arcanum and P. O. S. of A., of which latter he was, in 1895, appointed district president. In 1895, by special appointment of Gov. Hastings, he was made one of a

committee of ten to investigate all the public institutions of refuge throughout the State, for the purpose of ascertaining the exact number of aliens quartered in such institutions, and which investigation resulted in the passage of the "Alien Bill," which provides for the removal from the public institutions of Pennsylvania all unnaturalized foreigners to the States and countries from whence they came. This measure will result in a saving of over one million dollars per year to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Smith is the owner of the old Smith homestead in Hartley township, embodying 181 acres of highly-improved land, and considered one of the finest and most fertile farms in Union county, in addition to which he owns valuable property in Laurelton. He is one of the most popular men in the county, strong in his political party, and the longer he is known the more he is esteemed, respected and admired. In the heyday of mature manhood, possessed of a host of friends and a deserved prosperity, he is assuredly a man to be contented and to be envied.

HARRISON HA FER. Among the pleasantest rural homes of this section is that of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hafer, of Kelly township, Union county, the culture and artistic taste of its occupants being reflected in its appointments, while a gracious hospitality adds a charm to its material comforts. Mr. Hafer is a veteran of the Civil war, and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, and in the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

The Hafer family has been identified with Union county since 1806, when our subject's grandparents, Michael Hafer and wife, came from Berks county, Penn., and located upon the Henning farm near Lewisburg, the grandfather following agricultural pursuits. Later they settled in Buffalo township, near Lochiel, but their last years were spent upon a farm in Kelly township. Their remains now repose in the burial ground at Driesbach Church.

Jacob Hafer, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, and accompanied his parents to their new home, where he spent his life, engaging in farming as an occupation, and also, to some extent, in weaving. In politics he was a Republican, and for many years he served as constable in his township. He was married in Union county to Miss Rebecca Gilbert, daughter of Henry Gilbert, and a native of Schuylkill county, where his parents were both born and

where they passed their lives with the exception of a few years in Union county in early days. Jacob Hafer and his wife were devout Lutherans and died in that faith, the former in 1874, at the age of seventy-nine years and four months, and the latter in 1885, aged eighty-four.

They had twelve children, nine of whom lived to maturity: (1) William, who died in 1881, was a physician at Marshallville, Ga. He had two children, one of whom, Herbert, is living. (2) Henry, a retired agriculturist residing near Kelly Cross Roads, Union county, was born March 30, 1823, in Buffalo township, of the same county. He is a well-known Republican, and a prominent member of the Lutheran Church. On December 13, 1850, he was married to Miss Mary Yost, a lady of German descent, and a daughter of Michael Yost, of Northumberland county, Penn. Three children were born to them: (a) William F., a farmer by occupation, married Elizabeth Rennel, and has five children. (b) Levi F. married Clara Dasherman, and has had two sons. (c) Ammon E. died January 28, 1886, and his remains rest in White Deer cemetery. (3) Jacob, deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war. By occupation he was a farmer, and the greater part of his active life was spent in Michigan. He left a family, all of whom reside in Michigan except a daughter, who married Paterson Meixell, son of Martin Meixell, and lives in Kansas. (4) Andrew was married in Buffalo, N. Y., to Miss Nancy Barnhart, of Union county, Penn., and settled in Ouray county, Colo., where he is now engaged in agriculture. He was formerly interested in the mining of gold and silver, belonging to a wealthy syndicate organized in New York as the Colorado Mining & Land Company, which opened a number of mines at a cost of \$40,000. Andrew Hafer and two men by the name of McIntyre, brothers, who were also members of the company, sold their prior individual interests in the mines to the company for \$155,000, taking stock in the corporation in payment. Henry Hafer, mentioned above, also invested heavily, but later the company became embarrassed, and the entire property was sold for \$15,000, the secretary, J. S. Buell, of New York City, securing everything. (5) Elizabeth died at the age of seventeen years, and the next three in order of birth died in infancy. (9) Daniel, who served as a soldier in the "late unpleasantness," has been for some time engaged in teaming in Lewisburg, but was formerly a farmer. He married (first) Miss Matilda Noll, and (second) Miss Mary Kinney. By the first marriage there were five children: Jacob, Samuel, Margaret, Nora and Edwin. (10) Jonas, a farmer in Kelly

township, Union county, married (first) Miss Mary Hollenbach, and (second) Laura Gusler, and has had two children: Isaac and Anna. Isaac, a farmer in Kansas, married Miss Jane Eisenhauer. (11) Harrison is mentioned more fully below. (12) Rebecca married William Rauch, of White Deer township, Union county, who is engaged in farming, and, in partnership with his brother Peter, carries on a large milling business.

The birth of Harrison Hafer, our subject, occurred January 27, 1841, in Kelly township, Union county, and his youth was passed in the wholesome surroundings of farm life. While assisting his father on the farm he learned the cooper's trade, but the outbreak of the war caused him to forego his plans for business life, and offer his services to his country. August 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 131st P. V. I., under Capt. J. R. Orwig, with the rank of fourth corporal. He was mustered out May 23, 1863, but re-enlisted in Company I, 192nd P. V. I., and served until the close of the war, receiving his final discharge in August, 1865. Among the important engagements through which he passed were the battles of Antietam, September 17, 1862, and Fredericksburg, and the five-days' struggle at Chancellorsville, beginning May 1, 1863. On his return home he again engaged in farm work with his father, but in the spring of 1867 he rented a farm and began work on his own account. In 1875 he purchased a place in Kelly township, which he still owns and now resides there. In 1879 he removed to Northumberland county, but after three years returned to his old farm, where he remained until his removal, in 1892, to his present home in the same township, near Kelly Point. Always an industrious worker and thrifty manager, Mr. Hafer deserves his success. He is a staunch Republican, and an active member of the Grand Army Post No. 52, of Lewisburg. He and his amiable wife are both connected with the Reformed Church.

Mr. Hafer has been twice married. His first wife, Miss Lucy Grove, to whom he was united in 1866, was a daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Leiser) Grove, well-known residents of Kelly township, Union county. She passed to the unseen life February 22, 1875, aged thirty years, eight months and eleven days, leaving two daughters: Sarah, now the wife of Elmer Smith, a farmer in Kelly township; and Susanna M., who married John W. Crisswell, a carpenter in the same locality. On December 28, 1876, Mr. Hafer was married to his present wife, Miss Mary C. Hottenstein, and three children—Lettie V., Rebecca E. and Frances C.—brighten their home.

Mrs. Hafer was born January 9, 1849, in Northumberland county, Penn., a daughter of Hon. Charles C. Hottenstein, and a granddaughter of Henry and Catherine (Spohn) Hottenstein, of Berks county. Mrs. Hafer's father, who died March 8, 1891, at the age of seventy-nine, was a man of great ability, and held a prominent place in public life. He was a native of Berks county, Penn., where he married Miss Veronica Kaufman, daughter of Daniel and Mary D. (Whitenheimer) Kauffman, both lifelong residents of the same county, where Mr. Kaufman was a leading agriculturist.

Soon after their marriage, Mr. Hafer's parents moved to a farm in Northumberland county and established their home. Mr. Hottenstein followed surveying as an occupation, and his superior judgment in affairs was recognized by his fellow citizens in many ways. For about thirty years he held the office of justice of the peace, in which he was serving at the time of his death. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, at Charleston, S. C., in 1860, and represented his county in the State Legislature in 1859. His wife died in May, 1877, at the age of fifty-seven years and fifteen days.

They had the following children: Allen S., an attorney at Milton, Penn.; Henry K., a retired farmer residing in Northumberland county; Daniel, a resident of Paradise, Northumberland county, who was appointed at his father's death by Gov. Pattison, to fill the unexpired term as justice of the peace, and has since retained that office by the election of the people; Mary C., Mrs. Hafer; Sarah E., deceased, formerly the wife of Jacob K. Stahl, who is mentioned farther on; Susannah E., who married Thomas Long, the proprietor of a sawmill at Williamsport, Penn.; Clara V., wife of Daniel Raup, of Northumberland county; Abraham C. and William P., farmers in the same county; and Clarissa and Catherine, who died in their youth.

Jacob K. Stahl, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Hafer, was for many years a successful farmer in Kelly township, Union county, and is now living retired at Mazeppa. While there are several families of the name in the county, the branch to which he belongs was the first to be represented in Kelly township, his grandfather, Adam Stahl, coming from Schuylkill county, Penn., about 1820, and making his permanent home upon a farm. He was a prosperous citizen, influential in local affairs, and standing high in the esteem of his neighbors. He had eleven children, among whom were seven stalwart sons, each over six feet tall.

John Stahl, the father of the gentleman men-

tioned, was a man of note in his locality, and, although he attended school but very little, about four months in all, he acquired through his own efforts a fair education. His skill in mechanics amounted to positive genius, an examination of a piece of machinery enabling him to duplicate it. He received some regular training as a carpenter, but did not complete a term of apprenticeship, and he was equally competent as a worker in iron with no special instruction. In the shop which he built upon his farm he made wagons, drills and various kinds of tools, and did all his own work in wood and iron. His robust constitution was equal to severe and long continued toil, and until the hour of his death, from heart disease, he was actively engaged in business and other cares. A deep thinker, he was not much given to talking, and in the management of business he displayed the rare executive ability which keeps others employed without friction or perplexing complications. He made his home throughout life upon the farm where he was born, from which he was seldom absent except when business called him. In politics he was a Republican, but while he attended elections regularly, he never sought office, his quiet disposition finding private life more congenial. He was a leading member of the Lutheran Church in his locality. At his death, which occurred February 16, 1884, a large estate was left, including four farms and considerable cash. His first wife, formerly Miss Catherine Kauffman, to whom he was united in the latter '40s, was a native of Buffalo township, and a daughter of Jacob Kauffman, a well-known citizen. She was a devout Christian and a member of the Reformed Church. On October 18, 1850, she passed to the better world, leaving one son, Jacob K. Stahl. By a second marriage, this time with Miss Amelia Kauffman, there was also one son, Aaron C., born December 10, 1856, now a resident of Buffalo township, Union county. Mrs. Amelia Stahl, who resides with her son, was a native of Buffalo township, born in December, 1816. Her father, John Kauffman, was born in Berks county, Penn., July 11, 1764, and her mother, Catherine Wawiller, also a native of that county, was born in Ole township, December 26, 1772. They reared a family of four sons and seven daughters.

MON. JACOB HOWER, mayor of the thriving city of Lewisburg, Union county, is one of the successful business men of that locality, having been for many years a leading furniture dealer and undertaker. He served with distinction in the Civil war, entering Company A, 131st

P. V. I. on August 6, 1862. At the expiration of his term in June, 1863, he re-enlisted in Company F, 125th P. V. I., and remained on duty as long as hostilities lasted, receiving his discharge May 25, 1865. He took part in a number of important battles: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and others, and was promoted for bravery to the rank of first sergeant.

Mayor Hower was born December 16, 1841, in Hartley township, Union county, where his grandfather, George Hower, settled at an early day upon a farm where he lived to the ripe old age of eighty-three. The family is of German origin, and it is probable that George Hower was a native of the Fatherland, but he had resided for some time in Berks county, Penn., before coming to this section. His children were John, George, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Catherine, of whom the only survivor is Samuel.

The late John Hower, the father of our subject, was born June 13, 1806, and passed his life in Union county in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring September 25, 1892. His wife, Rosanah Spigelmyer, was born January 23, 1810, and died March 27, 1880. They had nine children: Charles, deceased; Mary, who has never married, resides in Kansas; John, who resides in Michigan; Catherine, Mrs. Henry Catherman; George, a resident of Kansas; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Huffman, of Hartleton, Penn.; Jacob, our subject; Susan, now Mrs. Cox, of Kansas; and Henry, who lives in Oklahoma.

The schools of his native township provided Mayor Hower with an education of which his practical mind has made good use as a foundation for observation and reading. At an early age he learned the business of cabinet making and undertaking, but his military service in the defense of his country interfered for a time with his business career. On his return from the army he established himself in Lewisburg where he speedily gained a large trade, and an honorable standing. As a funeral director he performs his delicate and important duties with rare tact and discretion.

In 1866 our subject was married to Miss Jennie Berkley, a native of Lewisburg, born January 15, 1841, and five children have blessed the union: Margaret was married to C. E. Stein, of Lewisburg; F. A. is a resident of Chicago, Ill.; C. W., now in business with his father at Lewisburg; Warren E., a traveling salesman, is a resident of Lewisburg; and Nellie E., who is attending school.

In 1894 the people of Lewisburg chose Mr. Hower as their first burgess under the new law, and his administration has fully justified their

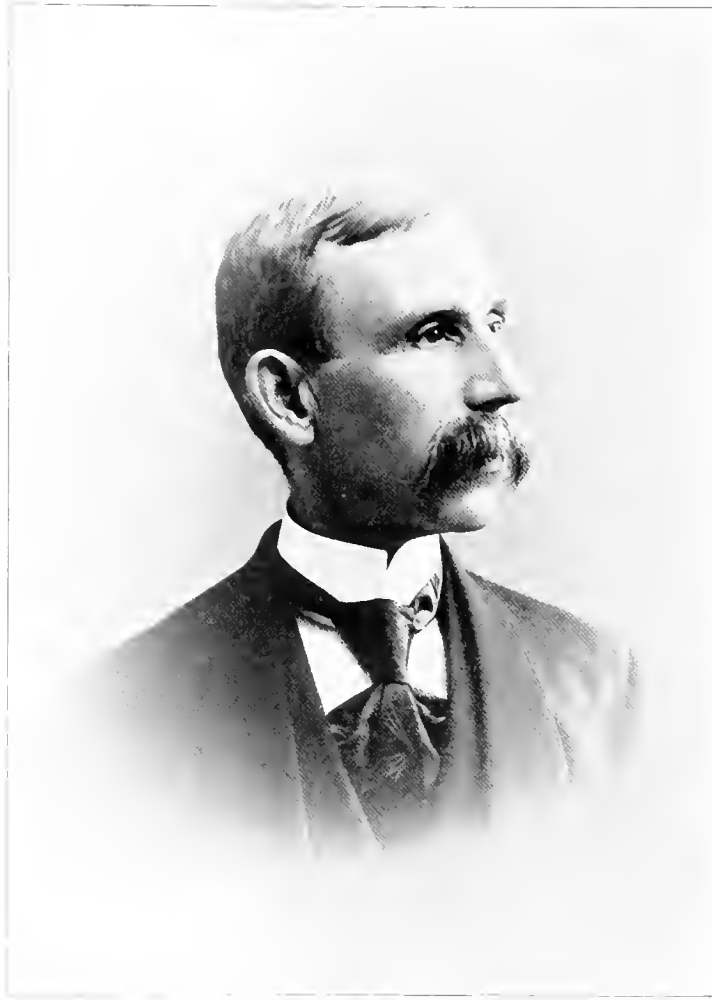
confidence. Mayor Hower is prominent in all local movements, and is identified, socially, with the G. A. R., and the I. O. O. F.; he has been treasurer of the latter organization for twenty-three years. He is a member of the Encampment, and has passed through all the chairs.

WILLARD O. SHAFFER, who is now serving his fifth consecutive term as prothonotary of Union county, is deservedly popular, few men in any public position displaying the unwearied devotion to duty which has characterized his official life.

Mr. Shaffer, unlike many of his fellow workers in the county administration, is a native of Lewisburg, where he was born March 18, 1847. His paternal grandfather, David Shaffer, a native of Northampton county, settled in Union county in early manhood, and became a well-known farmer of "ye olden time." Daniel Shaffer, the father of our subject, was born in Union county, February 5, 1821, and was a prominent resident of Lewisburg, where for many years he had been engaged in business as a marble dealer. He died January 5, 1897. He was married in 1846 to Miss Mary Ogden, a native of Northumberland county, born August 15, 1824, and they passed more than half a century in loving union. Our subject is the elder of two sons: C. F. Shaffer, the younger, is also in the public service as deputy prothonotary of the county, which office he has filled for twenty-one years.

The schools of Lewisburg provided our subject with excellent educational advantages which he was not slow to improve, and in 1872 he was graduated from Bucknell College. He taught for one term in the academy at McEwensville, Penn., and then returned to Lewisburg and began the study of law. On being admitted to the Bar in 1875, he engaged in practice, but since 1883, when he was first elected to the office of prothonotary, his time has been fully taken up with the responsible duties of that post. He is a director of the Home Telephone Company, a director in the Lewisburg National Bank, and is active in the promotion of various movements which are beneficial to the community. Since 1882 he has been a member of the Fire Department, and is treasurer of the organization.

In 1886 Mr. Shaffer married Miss Anna Schreyer, a native of Lewisburg, born August 6, 1859, and three children—Harold A., Mildred J. and Helen L.—brighten their home. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are prominent socially, and are



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leading members of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Shaffer being an active worker in the Missionary Society.

FREDERIC EVANS BOWER, attorney at law, Lewisburgh, Union county, and Middleburgh, Snyder county, was born January 21, 1846, in Selins Grove, Snyder county (then a part of Union county), Penn., where his father, Hon. Thomas Bower, was then engaged in the mercantile business.

On his father's side our subject is of German, Scotch and Welsh descent. His paternal grandfather, Philip Bower, came to America with his brother Lewis at an early day, a German emigrant. After landing, the brothers "hired out," not improbably at farm labor, to pay their passage across the seas. Having faithfully performed their contract of service, they enlisted in the American army during the Revolutionary war, served their adopted country as faithfully as they had their employer, and were honorably discharged at Philadelphia. Their company and regiment have not yet been traced, but a grandson of Philip, Rev. Frederick Bower, a retired Baptist minister, now nearly eighty years of age, has frequently donned the "roundabout" worn by Caspar while in the service.

Lewis remained in Philadelphia, acquiring considerable real estate, part, at least, on Walnut street. So far as known, he never married.

Philip came up the Susquehanna and located in the neighborhood of Sunbury, at Shamokin Dam, where some of his descendants still reside. He married and became the father of several children, among them being John Bower, a man of great energy and thrift. He served a term of three years as one of the commissioners of Union county. His wife, a Miss Barton, was a lady of Scotch and Welsh extraction, by whom he had sons and daughters as follows: Thomas Bower (who died November 3, 1893), the father of Frederic E. Bower; William Bower, who died while a young man; Dr. Charles Bower, who was assistant-surgeon during the Mexican war, also brigade-surgeon during the Civil war, and who died in 1867; Rev. Frederick Bower, still surviving; Sabra, married to the late Dr. Baird, of Huntingdon county; and Harriet, married to the late Maj. John Cummings, of Selins Grove. Both the sisters are deceased. Thomas Bower was a man of intelligence and high character, well known, personally and politically, throughout Snyder and Union counties. When nineteen years of age he served as deputy sheriff of Union county, during the official term

of Maj. John Cummings. He was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature at the general election of 1856, in the district composed of the counties of Union, Snyder and Juniata, over a large adverse majority. While in the House he was Chairman of the Committee on Currency and Banking, and as such favored the granting of a charter to the State Bank at Lewisburgh, which practically became the predecessor of the present Lewisburg National Bank. From 1866 to 1870 he was deputy assessor of Internal Revenue, for the County of Snyder, Pennsylvania.

Hon. Thomas Bower married Miss Catharine Kremer, daughter of the Hon. George Kremer, a man of powerful memory, a constant reader of the best literature of his day, a fluent speaker, and, withal, of superior business qualifications, and of the highest standing in the community. He was born November 21, 1775. His father, Jacob Kremer, was a half brother of Gov. Simon Snyder, and came from the Palatinate in his childhood, with his parents, the father dying on the passage. His mother, Eliza (Fleming) Kremer, was of Irish parentage. Mr. Kremer was, from early youth until well past middle age, engaged in mercantile pursuits, residing for many years at Lewisburgh, Penn. He represented his District in Congress during the memorable contest for the Presidency of the United States before the National House of Representatives between Gen. Jackson, Henry Clay and John Quincy Adams, in which contest he was a prominent and ardent friend of Jackson's. His old age was spent at his hospitable mansion near Middleburgh, Penn. On her mother's side Mrs. Bower descended by two strains from Roger North, an emigrant from Ireland, of high family standing in his native land, of English origin, a lieutenant in the Provincial service of 1748, and the father of thirteen children—eight sons and five daughters. According to family tradition, the eight brothers all served in the American army during the Revolution, and recent searches of historical records have already confirmed this tradition as to five of these brothers. One of them, Caleb, who died November 7, 1860, aged eighty-seven years, held the rank of colonel in the Pennsylvania Line, was the last field officer of the Revolutionary army, and was president of the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati.

Elizabeth North, one of the daughters, married George Evans, Jr., of Welsh lineage, and became the mother of Captain Frederick Evans (born March 30, 1766, died December 16, 1844), who was deputy surveyor-general for Northumberland county, Penn., and surveyed thousands of acres of wild land for applicants in the central

part of the State. He was also captain of an artillery company in the war of 1812, and engaged in the defence of Fort McHenry, Baltimore, during its bombardment by the British. Capt. Evans, on April 2, 1791, married his cousin, Ann North, daughter of John North, one of the eight brothers already referred to, and one of the five whose Revolutionary records have been found. These two, on his mother's side, were the great-grandparents of Frederic Evans Bower, who was named after his great-grandfather.

Mr. Bower, our subject, was educated at the University at Lewisburg, Penn. (now Bucknell University), where he graduated with credit in 1869. He studied law in the office of Hon. John P. Cronmiller, at Middleburgh, Penn., and was admitted to the Bar in May, 1878. In 1882 he was elected district attorney of Snyder county for a term of three years, and re-elected in 1885, both times by good-sized majorities in the face of a large adverse party majority. He is Secretary of the Board of Examiners for admission to the Bar of Snyder County, and is a member of the Committee on Legal Biography of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association.

Mr. Bower is an active, energetic practitioner, and since his admission has been concerned in a large proportion of the most important Civil and Criminal cases tried in Snyder county. In 1893 he moved his residence to Lewisburgh, Penn., for educational purposes, where he has since opened an office, retaining also his Middleburgh office. He has been prominent politically as well as professionally, giving active support to the Democratic party and its candidates until the Presidential election of 1896, when the party went astray on the "free-silver issue," and he thereupon refused to support the platform or the candidates. Mr. Bower is one of the Directors in the First National Bank of Middleburgh, Pennsylvania.

He was a member of Company A, 28th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, in 1863, during the war of the Rebellion, and is a member of Andrew Gregg Tucker Post No. 52, at Lewisburgh, Penn. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Selins Grove, Penn., and a past master by service. Mr. Bower has brothers now living as follows: Charles C., a prominent physician of Elkhart, Ind.; William H., of Cumberland, Md., assistant general manager of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railroad Company; and Edwin, chief clerk in the office of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company at Renovo, Penn. Besides these he had a brother, George Kremer Bower, an ensign in the United States Navy, who was lost on the "Oneida" in Yokohama Bay, January 24, 1870, through the collision of that vessel with the Brit-

ish ironclad "Bombay;" and one sister, Florence, who died while in attendance at school at the University Female Institute, at Lewisburgh, in 1868.

Mr. Bower, on March 31, 1875, married Miss Harriet R. Harris, of Indiana county, Penn., a sister of Rev. John Howard Harris, LL. D., president of Bucknell University. They have eight children—five sons and three daughters. Their eldest son, H. Harris Bower, graduated at Bucknell University in 1896, and has since been engaged in teaching and in the study of the law. The second son, Bryant E., is a member of Company A, 12th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the Spanish-American war. Their eldest daughter, Catharine Ruth, recently graduated from the classical department of the Seminary of Bucknell University. Their other children are attending school or college. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bower, with their entire family, except the youngest, are members of the Lewisburgh Baptist Church.

PPETER BROWN, a successful agriculturist and business man of East Buffalo township, Union county, is the owner of a valuable farm near Lewisburg, and in its management much of his time is spent. Although the snows of seventy winters have passed over his head, time has dealt gently with him, and mentally and physically he is as vigorous as many men who are much younger.

His family is well known in Union county, its founder, John Brown, our subject's grandfather, having settled there at an early day. His early home was in Schuylkill county, Penn., on Sweet Arrow creek, and his son Christian, the father of our subject, was born there, the removal to Union county taking place a few years later.

Christian Brown began farming in a humble way with thirty acres of land, but later he received a few acres from his father's estate. He was at one time engaged in distilling whiskey, and by industry and judicious management he secured a fine property. He was a stout man, with large fists, but was not quarrelsome. Politically he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and he took an active part in all progressive movements in his locality, contributing generously to the Church of which he was a member. He was married in Union county to Miss Elizabeth Wolfe, a daughter of Peter Wolfe, and a member of a prominent family. She died at the age of sixty-eight, and he followed her at seventy-six years of age, both being interred in the Dreisbach cemetery.

Our subject, who was the only child of his parents, was born on the old homestead, August 8, 1826. He attended different schools in the neighborhood during his youth, the Pike schools, Gundy school and Shrock school furnishing him his chief educational advantages. As a farmer's son he became well acquainted with all kinds of agricultural work, but he never learned a trade, the management of the homestead devolving upon him as he grew to manhood. The distillery was abandoned while he was still a young boy. During the life of his parents he remained at the farm, but since their death he has made his home in Smoketown, while still continuing to oversee his estate, which he rents to other parties.

Inheriting a fair fortune, Mr. Brown has added to it by wise investments, and is doubtless one of the wealthiest men in the county, being extensively engaged in loaning money at interest. His dealings are marked by strict honesty, and the better one knows him the more he is esteemed. He is of a retiring disposition, never much away from home, and seldom conversing to any extent with his acquaintances, and, despite his wealth, his expenditures for personal comfort are very small. A kindly heart beats under the rough exterior, however, and he is credited with generous sympathy for the needy. In his business he never was known to foreclose if a debtor seemed in the least inclined to help himself, and, although unmarried and childless, he favors the best schools obtainable for the children of his district, and cheerfully pays enlarged taxes to secure better educational privileges for them.

Politically he is a Republican, and in early years he was a Whig, but, while as an individual he supports his principles steadfastly, he has never taken an active share in party management or sought official distinction.

JOHAN LILLEY. Among the skilled artisans whose work in the material development of this section will furnish an enduring monument to them, is the well-known iron-molder, John Lilley, of Lewisburg, who is now, at the age of seventy-six, enjoying the leisure which a life of industry and thrift has gained. Mr. Lilley was born in Robinson township, Berks Co., Penn., April 14, 1821, the son of John and Sarah (Almond) Lilley, and grandson of Walter Lilley and his wife (who was a member of the old Depew family).

The father of Mr. Lilley, who was a successful molder, died in Pottsville, Penn., in 1858, at the age of sixty-four, from the effects of a

rupture, while on a visit, and his remains were interred there. He was a native of Berks county, as was his wife, whose parents, George and Mary (Mingus) Almond, were born in America of German ancestry. She died in 1872, aged seventy-nine years, eleven months and twenty-eight days. Our subject is now the only surviving member of a family of seven children, namely: Elizabeth, widow of the late Thomas Fair; Samuel; Anna, who married Peter Cox, now deceased; John; Henry; Caroline, widow of the late Henry Green; and Sarah J., wife of H. Worthington, also deceased.

John Lilley's aptitude for mechanical work was displayed at a remarkably early age. When only twelve years old he would prepare the molds for a tin-plate cook stove in a day, but, as he was not then permitted to handle the hot iron, his father would do the casting in the evening. At fifteen he was fully competent to take a place in the molding room, and do a full day's work. Until the age of twenty he remained with his parents, then started to make his own way in the world.

On February 23, 1840, our subject was married to Miss Sarah Heckman, the daughter of John J. Heckman, a native of Berks county, Penn., where Mrs. Lilley was born December 22, 1819. Mr. Lilley's financial outlook was dark at the time of his marriage, times being very hard; so hard that between 1838 and 1840 he received \$1 per day instead of \$1.50, as before, and, in fact, he was glad to get work at any price. He and his devoted wife kept in good cheer, however, sustained by their mutual affection.

In 1853 Mr. Lilley formed a partnership with Henry Frick in a foundry business at Lewisburg, the firm continuing until 1857, when the plant was sold at a loss of \$4,000. Mr. Lilley resumed his work as a molder, which he followed seven years, but in 1864 he entered the employ of James S. Marsh, with whom he spent fourteen years selling agricultural implements. From 1878 to 1890 he was engaged in molding, his last work of that kind being done on the last three spans of the Lewisburg bridge. In 1890 he retired from business, and has since been exempt from the cares which for so many years occupied his time.

His faithful wife passed away on April 1, 1892, and of their six children, one has been taken away. Samuel, the eldest, is a well-to-do farmer in Dakota; Sarah J. married A. M. Pearce, a retired farmer now living in Lewisburg; Alford, a plasterer, resides in Fremont, Ohio; Mary E., widow of Amos Powman, lives

at Linntown, Penn.; Henry, deceased, was a shoemaker at Lewisburg, where his son Walter P. is now a successful business man; and John J. is a farmer in Union county.

Mr. Lilley is deservedly popular among a large circle of acquaintances, his genial nature and sound judgment making an attractive combination. Politically, he is a Republican, and in religious faith is a Lutheran. He formerly belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the United Order of American Mechanics, but withdrew some time ago.

GEORGE CALVIN MOHN, M. D. To the professional or commercial man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputation in his chosen calling, and whose social prominence is not less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts, the world at large instinctively pays deference. Many a man mistakes his life-work, yet by earnest application makes a partial success; but it is only when natural tact is coupled with proper ambition to succeed that anything like eminence is reached in any vocation. Dr. Mohn has not only gained an enviable reputation in the ranks of the medical fraternity, but also stands high in business and fraternal circles.

A native of Pennsylvania, having been born May 24, 1858, in Centreville, Snyder county, our subject is descended on both sides from old families prominent among the pioneers of the State.

Peter Mohn, his great-grandfather, was the third son of Ludwig Mohn, who was born in 1730 at Hanover, Germany, whence he emigrated to America in 1753, and settled in Berks county, Penn., at or near where the city of Reading now stands. Peter Mohn died in that county in 1832.

John Mohn, grandfather of Dr. Mohn, was born September 23, 1788, near Reading, Penn., and was there married to Elizabeth Reppard, of that county, born May 15, 1793. Here their family of six children were born, as follows: Leah, who married Thomas Hartley; Peter, who died a bachelor in 1869; Sallie, who married Noah Kerster, and moved to Ohio; Julian, married to P. H. Markle; Amelia, wife of Isaac Culp; and John, who is the only one of this family now living, and will be spoken of farther on. In 1836 Grandfather John Mohn moved with his family from Berks county to Union (now Snyder) county, and passed the rest of his days there, dying March 2, 1861, at Centreville. His wife passed from earth at the same place August 29, 1868.

John Mohn, the father of our subject, was

born in 1831, in Berks county, Penn., and, as will be seen, was about five years old when the family moved to what is now Snyder county. For a time he followed carpentry, but later has devoted his time and attention mainly to the saw-mill business. As one of the leading Republicans of the community in which he lives, he has filled various public offices in Snyder county, such as constable of his township some eighteen years, and for a time was county commissioner of Snyder county. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. In 1852 he married Miss Barbara Stine, who was born in Snyder county, Penn., in 1829, and they became the parents of the following children: Alice, now the wife of William Hartman, of Centreville; Henry, who is in business with his father; George C., the subject proper of this review; Charles, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, Md., and who is now successfully engaged in practice at Jersey Shore, Penn.; John E., a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and now the owner of two drug stores at Jersey Shore; William, who is in business with his father at Centreville; James O., a physician of St. Mary's, Elk Co., Penn., who graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1894; and Thomas E., a railroad agent at Muncy Valley, Pennsylvania.

Dr. George C. Mohn received his earlier education at Centreville and Selins Grove, Snyder Co., Penn., and completed his literary studies at Valparaiso, Ind., after which he taught school for three winters. After reading medicine for a time at Centreville he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., graduating there with the class of '82, and on the 13th of April, same year, he commenced the practice of his chosen profession at Laurelton, Union county, where his ability soon won him recognition, and where he has built up for himself an enviable record as an eminently successful physician. Possessed of a kindly and sympathetic nature, a keen sense of discrimination, a natural taste for the various branches of the medical profession, coupled with quick intuition and consummate skill, his success and popularity are no surprise to his many friends. For about eight years the Doctor was also engaged in the drug business at Laurelton, and, being a man of more than ordinary business acumen, he soon acquired considerable capital. Desiring to expand his business relations and possibilities, he, in 1892, became a member of the Laurelton Lumber Co., of which he is vice-president, and which concern is now remarkable for having at its head three of the most enterprising young men of the county. He is also a large stock-



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holder in and a director of the Linden Hall Lumber Co., of Linden Hall, Penn., of which concern he is also superintendent.

LAURELTON LUMBER COMPANY, manufacturers of lumber, shingles and lath, shippers of prop timber and ties, with general office at Sunbury, Penn., is one of the largest concerns in that line of business in Pennsylvania. The firm owns some 25,000 acres of timber land, and the executive department at present (1898) consists of S. W. Rutherford, president; Dr. G. C. Mohn, vice-president; and Charles Steele, secretary and treasurer. The Laurelton Lumber Company is remarkable for having at its head three of the most enterprising young men of the county, and own and control seventeen miles of narrow-gauge railroad, called the Laurelton & Pine Creek railroad. The business was built up from the small portable sawmill to the present mammoth concern. Their product is mainly virgin-growth white and yellow pine, and goes to the largest consumers in the country. They trade largely with the anthracite mines, and are noted for quick shipments, their plant at Laurelton, Penn., being on the Pennsylvania railroad, and only forty-nine miles from Shamokin. They have the largest body of white pine, yellow pine, and hemlock in the central part of the State. The success of the company, who have a paid-up capital of \$100,000, has been due to the energetic efforts of its officers; who personally conduct the business and look after its every detail.

LINDEN HALL LUMBER COMPANY, manufacturers of lumber, shingles, and lath, shippers of prop timber and ties, with general offices at Sunbury, Penn., ranks among the most extensive concerns in their line of business in Pennsylvania. The firm own some 10,000 acres of timber land in Centre and Huntington counties, and the executive department at present (1898) consists of M. F. Nagle, of Shamokin, Penn., president; Chas. A. Meek, vice-president; Dr. G. C. Mohn, superintendent; and Chas. Steele, secretary and treasurer. Their plant at Linden Hall, Penn., is busy twelve months in the year, and their customers are the largest buyers of railroad and mining timbers in the country. G. C. Mohn and S. W. Rutherford are large stock holders in the company. They have a narrow-gauge railroad fifteen miles long.

In 1883 Dr. Mohn was united in marriage with Miss Laura A. Showers, a native of Centreville, Snyder county, and a daughter, Ruth B., born March 18, 1892, brightens their home. Fraternally the Doctor is one of the highest, most prominent and zealous Freemasons in the State, having taken all the degrees to and including the

32nd, Scottish Rite, and being a member of the Mystic Shrine, Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia. Politically he is an ardent worker in the ranks of the Republican party, having served as a committeeman continuously since 1884. For four years, during President Harrison's administration, he acceptably served as postmaster at Laurelton.

The Doctor is one who, outside of the esteem in which he is held for his scientific knowledge and business capacity, enjoys the admiration of all for his kindness of disposition and amiability of heart. In manner he is social and friendly, and possesses qualities that readily win popularity and respect. In private life that true manliness of deportment, that genial and kindly nature, which have always characterized him in public, find still more adequate and complete expression, and in the bosom of his family he ever finds his highest happiness.

JOHN B. ZEIGLER, the popular and well-known postmaster of Swengel, Union county, is a native of Centre county, Penn., born November 11, 1843, and is a son of Michael and Lydia (Gephart) Zeigler. He is the second in order of birth in the family of eleven children, the others being as follows: Daniel, now a saddler living in Millheim, Centre county; Sarah J., wife of Andrew Reesman, a tinsmith, of Centre Hall, Centre county; Mary A., wife of Benjamin Arney, a farmer living near Centre Hall; Emma R., wife of Geary Van Pelt, a manufacturer residing in New York; James, a resident of Union county; Alice E., who died in childhood; and four died in infancy.

To a limited extent, Mr. Zeigler attended the public schools, but he is almost wholly self-educated. Until seventeen years of age, his early life was mainly devoted to the work of the farm, but at that time he left the parental roof to make his own way in the world. In 1862, when only nineteen, he enlisted in Company A, 148th P. V. I., and participated in all the important battles in which his regiment was engaged, including those of Reams Station, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Gettysburg. He belonged to General Beaver's command, and when the war had ended he was honorably discharged. Throughout the principal part of his active business career he has followed the carpenter's trade, and is a skillful, painstaking workman.

In 1867 Mr. Zeigler was married to Miss Sarah J. Yarger, who was born January 1, 1849, and is a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Yarger. To them was born one son, Edward Grant,

named in honor of Gen. Grant, but he died at the age of seven years.

On October 31, 1894, Mr. Zeigler was appointed postmaster of Swengel, the duties of which office he has since discharged in a most capable manner. Well posted on the leading issues and questions of the day, he has become a staunch bi-metalist, and as an intelligent, honorable and patriotic citizen, he has gained the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact in either business or social life.

S W. RUTHERFORD, P. O. Laurelton, Pennsylvania, is president of the Laurelton Lumber Company, with general office at Sunbury, Penn. [See description of business on page 821.] He is also a large stockholder in the Linden Hall Lumber Company. [See description of business on page 821.]

J OHN H. MAUCK, as a nurse, and as a veterinary surgeon, has become widely and favorably known throughout Union county, where he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in New Berlin, July 13, 1837.

His paternal grandparents, Conrad and Catharine Mauck, in the early part of the present century came to this section of the State, and located in what was then a part of Union county, but is now Snyder county. There the grandfather followed agricultural pursuits, and reared his family of six sons and three daughters: John and Jacob both died in New Berlin. David, the father of our subject, is next in order of birth. George died in Montgomery county, Penn. Jesse died in Millheim, Centre Co., Penn., where his descendants still live. Thomas died near New Berlin, at the age of twenty-three. Polly married John Siple, and removed to Illinois, where his death occurred. She then returned to Pennsylvania and became the wife of Feldy Hawes, but died in Pekin, Ill. Elizabeth married Abram Frederick, and died in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Penn. Sally married Samuel Wilson, and died in New Berlin. The grandparents were laid to rest in the cemetery at New Berlin.

David Mauck, who was born in Montgomery county, Penn., in 1799, was quite young when brought by his parents to Union county, where he later learned the sadler's trade. On reaching manhood he was married, near New Berlin, to Nancy Shroyer, who was born December 23, 1804, in Lancaster county, Penn., and was a daughter of Conrad and Catharine (Hokelander)

Shroyer. The following children were born to this union: Sally, now the widow of Charles L. Nicholson, of Vicksburg, Union county; James, a saddler of Lock Haven, Penn.; Mary J., wife of Isaac King, of New Berlin; Catharine, who died at the age of twenty-two; John H., of this sketch; Anna, wife of Jacob Cassel, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and one son and two daughters who died in infancy.

After his marriage, David Mauck located near New Berlin, in Snyder county, but later removed to that village, where his death occurred in 1867, and his body was laid to rest. Throughout life he continued to follow the saddler's trade, but also gave some attention to agricultural pursuits, and became quite well-to-do. He was of ordinary height and well built, and in politics was first a Whig, and, later, a Republican. He and his wife both held membership in the Lutheran Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. She continued to live at the old home in New Berlin, which he had erected in 1827, until called to her final rest on March 3, 1887. Although almost eighty-three years of age, she retained her faculties to the last, and was not even gray, her hair being still jet black at the time of her death. Her body was interred by the side of her husband in the New Berlin cemetery.

The educational advantages of John H. Mauck were such as the public schools of his day afforded. His boyhood and youth were spent under the parental roof, and at the age of eighteen he began learning the tanner's trade, receiving no wages during his two-years apprenticeship, but was allowed two weeks time in the harvest and hay-making seasons to earn some money for himself. When he had mastered the business he obtained employment in a steam tannery in McAlisterville, Penn., but as he suffered from rheumatism his work was often interrupted.

During the dark days of the Rebellion, Mr. Mauck joined Company D, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. Dickson, and with his command was sent to Virginia. While stationed at Smoky Hollow, inflamed eyes compelled him to give up regular duty, and for some time he drove a team. He also served as officer's cook for a time. Later he was at home for a while, but in 1865 he went to Harrisburg, where he enlisted in March of that year in Company C, 101st P. V. I., joining the command in North Carolina, and remaining at the front until hostilities ceased. In August, 1865, at Harrisburg he was honorably discharged and returned home.

Mr. Mauck continued to reside with his par-



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ents in New Berlin until 1870, since which time he has made his home in Vicksburg. Before his enlistment he had taken considerable interest in the anatomy of the horse, and had studied under Conrad Mitchell, a skilled veterinary surgeon of New Berlin. Gradually he began practice, and for over a quarter of a century has successfully followed that profession. As an excellent nurse his services are always in demand in his locality, and while in the army he also exercised his ability along that line. He has had much experience in laying out the dead, people coming from miles around to secure his services.

On August 16, 1893, in Buffalo township, Union county, Mr. Mauck was married to Miss Lizzie Weller, a native of Snyder county. As he has no children of his own, he has adopted Verna M., the daughter of Al and Sarah Wittis. She was born in March, 1887, and has practically made her home with him since three weeks old. He has occupied his present comfortable home in Vicksburg since 1887, having erected the same in that year. In early life he was a Democrat in politics, but since Lincoln's second election, in 1864, he has been an ardent Republican. Genial and full of fun, he makes friends wherever he goes, and has the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

WILLIAM STROHECKER. The banks of the Susquehanna present a beautiful panorama with their well-kept fields interspersed among wilder scenes, and with the clustering farm houses here and there adding charming glimpses of home life. Among the best of these estates is that of Mr. Strohecker, of East Buffalo township, Union county, and his home is one where culture and refinement unite with the simple and wholesome surroundings of rural life to make an ideal abode.

It was at this pleasant spot that William Strohecker, on November 14, 1832, was born, and he has always made his home there. His grandparents, Daniel and Leah (Garber) Strohecker, were both natives of Reading, Penn., and remained in Berks county, a large family being reared by them to lives of usefulness, namely: Samuel, who became a prominent physician of Brush Valley, was at one time a representative from Centre county in the State Legislature; David (deceased) was a farmer in Illinois; William died in Sugar Valley, near Booneville; Jacob died in East Buffalo township, Union county; Robert H. (deceased) was a resident of Rebersburg, Penn.; Daniel, Jr., died at the age of sixteen;

Charles (deceased) was a physician at Buena Vista, Ill.; Sarah (Mrs. Samuel Fix) died in Reading; Mary (Mrs. David Miller) died in Northumberland county, Penn.; John is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth (Mrs. Tunis Fisher) died in Lewisburg; and Susan (twin of Elizabeth) died in infancy.

John Strohecker, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, in August, 1803, and, on starting out from the parental roof to make his own way in the world, located for a short time in Northumberland county before settling at the present homestead. He was a short man, heavy set, and possessed a fine constitution, never knowing what sickness was until that which terminated his life fastened upon him. At the time of his death, in October, 1885, he had nearly all his teeth, and showed but few signs of age. His wife, Elizabeth Friedley, died in August, 1881, at the age of seventy-seven years, and both were interred at Lewisburg. She was born in 1804, in Lewisburg, the daughter of John Friedley, and his wife, Elizabeth Layman, a native of Lebanon county, Penn. Mrs. Strohecker became blind in 1837, and, as is often the case with those so afflicted, her other senses gained acuteness, and she could recognize by the voice alone friends from whom she had been separated for years.

Both of our subject's parents were devout members of the Lutheran Church, and the father held the office of elder for many years. He was prominent also in local affairs, and in the Republican organization, of which he was at all times an outspoken champion, although he never sought office. While he had but little schooling in youth, his fine intellect enabled him to gain information from observation and reading, and his judgment in business affairs was unusually good. By trade he was a bricklayer, and in 1856 he built the handsome residence at the homestead, but he did not follow the business regularly except for a few years in early life. He was a natural mechanic, and besides repairing all his farm tools, he used to make rakes, single trees, and do other work in iron and wood. For years previous to his death he was a director in the National Bank of Lewisburg, and his advice was valued in all movements of importance. As a self-made man, the comfortable competence left by him reflects great credit upon him, especially as it was acquired without undue economy. Anything that he wanted he bought, always choosing the best, and he spent much time and money in traveling in all parts of this country. His home, however, was the dearest place on earth to him. His business in town

during later years was always transacted on certain days, and in the intervals he was always to be found at home. Our subject was the elder of two children; the younger, Carrie, widow of Dr. Washington Barr, resides at Lewisburg.

William Strohecker attended the Gundy School, in his native township, in boyhood, but not being of a studious nature he did not like going to school, and did not go oftener than he was compelled to. He was very fond of horses, in which he differed from his father, who stood in fear of them. As he grew to manhood, Mr. Strohecker naturally assumed a responsible place in the management of the farm.

On November 20, 1861, he was married to Miss Josie Sterner, a native of the same township, born July 1, 1843, the eldest of a family of six daughters and four sons. Her father, Isaac Sterner, who was also born in the township, was in early life a tanner and later a butcher. He married Johanna Kelly, who was born in Lewisburg, and about 1848 they removed to that city, where they now reside at advanced ages, Mr. Sterner being seventy-seven years old and his wife seventy-four. They have two great-grandchildren, William F. Strohecker and Leo Rice. Mrs. Strohecker is a lady of rare mental gifts, and, fortunately, she received excellent instruction in youth at Lewisburg, in the public schools and the seminary, three years being spent in the latter institution.

After his marriage our subject began house-keeping in the house where he was born, from which his parents had removed on the completion of the brick residence. In the spring of 1886 he took possession of the brick house, and has since occupied it. His four children were all born during his residence in the old house: (1) John G., born July 30, 1864, now occupies it in his turn, and assists in the management of the estate. He married Miss Minnie M. Fisher, and has one son, William F., who is of the third generation born in that house. (2) Emma S., born June 29, 1867, is a graduate of the Lewisburg High School, and is a fine musician. For several years she was pianist in a Sabbath-school. She married George D. Bertollette, and resides in Lewisburg. (3) Carrie I., born April 30, 1869, married William A. Ritter, of Lewisburg. (4) Anna E., born March 7, 1878, is at home. The family is prominently identified with the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Strohecker is a leading member of the Ladies Aid Society, the Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor Society, and for more than fifteen years she was a teacher in the Sunday-school.

While Mr. Strohecker meets fully all the re-

quirements of good citizenship, as befits a man of his high standing in the community, he has never sought or held office, having enough to do to attend to his own business. In politics he has always been a Republican.

STEANS FAMILY. In the pioneer days of Union county, no name was more widely known or more highly respected than that of Steans. William and Catharine Steans resided in the town of Leicester, Leicestershire, England, where they reared their family, among whom were three sons, John, William and Thomas.

John Steans was born in 1773, and was the only member of the family to come to America. He bade farewell to childhood scenes in 1801, and, alone, set forth to find a new home and fortune in the New World. On arriving in this country, he purchased 300 acres of land near Cowan, in Union county, Penn. No clearing had been done on this tract—in fact, there were no traces of human habitation on all this land, save a rude cabin, that was scarcely fit for occupancy. This afforded him shelter for a time, until he had made his first clearing. This farm he cultivated and improved, and here he died May 27, 1851. He married Agnes Bovard, who was a daughter of James and Hannah (Beatty) Bovard (they had five children: Agnes (Mrs. Steans), Robert, Mary, Jane and Alexander). To John Steans and his wife came children as follows: (1) Hannah became the wife of David Kauffman, and died May 31, 1873. (2) Mary wedded William Mather, and died May 11, 1852. (3) Catharine was the wife of James Mather, and she died in 1834. (4) Jane died unmarried February 8, 1850. (5) Sarah A., a maiden lady, resides in New Berlin, Penn. (6) William (of whom an extended mention will follow) died October 24, 1891. (7) Nancy married Henry T. Cook, and died April 25, 1889. The mother of this family died April 26, 1863. John Steans became a naturalized citizen of the United States August 25, 1808. In his religious belief he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, conscientiously practicing the religion he professed. Though an earnest advocate of all progressive movements, he was modest and retiring in disposition, and never accepted office. His wife and children were all members of the Presbyterian Church. The old "Steans Manor" is yet in the possession of the family.

William Steans was born April 18, 1818, and spent his entire life on a farm. He married Caroline Irvin, and they reared a family of seven



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children: (1) Harriet, who died in girlhood. (2) J. Charlton. (3) Rev. W. Irvin, pastor of the Mahoning Street Presbyterian Church, at Danville, Penn.; he married Miss Wells, of Scranton. (4) Agnes, who died in girlhood. (5) Jennie R., who resides with her mother at Mifflinburg, Penn. (6) Annie, who died in childhood; and (7) Ralph. After an honorable and useful life the father of this family passed away October 24, 1891. He was active in public work, taking an especial interest in educational matters. For one term he held the office of county commissioner, and was school director and justice of the peace almost continuously from the time he arrived at man's estate until his death. In religious matters he was very devout, for thirty years serving as elder in the Presbyterian Church. His widow resides at Mifflinburg.

DR. J. CHARLTON STEANS was born September 20, 1852, and received his primary education in the schools of Union county. At the age of thirteen he entered Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin, Penn., and at the end of one year entered the academy at Mifflinburg. During the following two years he was under private instructors at Columbia, Lancaster county, after which he himself taught for three years. The study of medicine seemed to hold out to the young man alluring possibilities, and he determined to become a follower of Æsculapins. He began reading medicine with Dr. S. L. Van Valzah, of Mifflinburg, and then attended a course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1876. On March 23, of that year, he opened an office at Cowan, Union county, but at the end of the first year he bought the practice, goodwill, etc., of his former preceptor, and located at Mifflinburg, forming a co-partnership with Dr. George S. Kemble, a very distinguished physician and surgeon. After three years of pleasant association, this partnership was dissolved by the death of Dr. Kemble, and until 1891 Dr. Steans continued to practice without an associate, when he was joined by his brother Ralph, and the firm is now known as J. Charlton Steans & Bro. In the spring of 1884 Dr. J. Charlton established a drug store at Mifflinburg, with a complete line of goods. This is a model store, furnace heated, with three large consultation and operating rooms on the second floor. For his prescription clerk the Doctor was fortunate enough to secure the invaluable services of Merrill Linn Steadman, a courteous gentleman, and a careful and competent druggist.

On February 5, 1884, Dr. J. Charlton Steans was married to Miss Elsie C. Foster, daughter of

Robert and Helen (Chambers) Foster, of Mifflinburg, where the former still resides; the latter died April 17, 1887. To Dr. Steans and his wife have come four interesting children: Sarah Foster, born December 21, 1884, now a student at the preparatory school of Lewisburg, Penn.; Robert Espy, born May 14, 1888; William Bovard, born December 10, 1890; and John Charlton, Jr., born May 28, 1895. For sixteen years the Doctor has been a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society, and regularly attends the meetings at Williamsport; he is also a member of the State Medical Association. In his religious belief he inclines to the faith of his father, and has long been an earnest instructor in the Sunday-school. Kindly and charitably inclined, he has long been looked upon as one of the benevolent men of the place, and his honorable business principles have won for him a place among that class of men whose traits of character are most exemplary, tending to the spreading of the beneficent lights of broader Christianity.

DR. RALPH STEANS obtained his literary education at LaFayette College, class of '87, and his medical education was secured in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1891. After spending early summer in Mifflinburg he went to Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, D. C., in September. Returning to Mifflinburg in 1892, he has since practiced medicine with his brother, and has greatly distinguished himself in his chosen profession. In the comparatively short time he has been practicing he has taken high rank, especially as a diagnostician.

On October 10, 1895, Dr. Ralph Steans was wedded to Miss Carrie Lall Hoffa, a daughter of Hon. Cyrus Hoffa. Dr. Ralph has always been an active Church worker, and succeeded his father as elder in the Presbyterian Church. He is conscientious and faithful in the discharge of every duty, and the unfortunate never fail to find in him a helping friend.

The firm of Steans Bros. enjoys a most extended practice, proving alike their ability as physicians and their worth as men.

JACOB H. SMITH. A true educator leaves upon the plastic material with which he deals an impress which is none the less powerful because its results are intangible and may, indeed, be unrecognized by those who are most benefited by his labors. The late Jacob H. Smith, of Kelly township, Union county, who was for twenty years a teacher in that locality, is held in grateful remembrance by many for whom he

smoothed the path of knowledge, but no one can fully estimate the good which he accomplished during his career.

Mr. Smith was born in 1836, in Hartleton township, Union county, and was the son of a well known farmer, George Smith, who with his wife, Catherine Hoff, came from their birthplace in Berks county, Penn., to this section early in their married life. At that time they had one child, Benneball (now deceased), and eight others were born to them at the old homestead at Hartleton, namely: John (deceased), Rachel (widow of Jonathan Clingman, a noted lime manufacturer, of Buffalo township, Union county, where she still resides), George (deceased), Sarah (who married Aaron Miller, both now deceased), Jacob H. (our subject), Henry (deceased), Hannah (now of Tiffin, Ohio, widow of John Smith, who was no relation), and Frank, an extensive land owner and agriculturist of Clay county, Kans. The father of this family died at Hartleton, in 1870, having then attained the allotted limit of three-score years and ten. The mother survived him and spent her last days at the home of our subject, where her death occurred in 1884, at the age of seventy-one.

Jacob H. Smith became familiar with the details of farm work in his youth, and was always more or less engaged in agriculture. He began teaching at the age of nineteen, and so marked was his success that his services were always in demand, nine years being spent in one school at Black Run. After leaving the profession he continued to show a keen interest in educational progress, and for six years he served as a school director in his district. He was a man whose influence was felt in public affairs, and he was twice elected supervisor, and also held the office of tax collector for two terms. Financially he was regarded as one of the substantial men of the township, and at his death he left a fine estate.

In the fall of 1856 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Elizabeth Miller, with whom he passed nearly forty years of wedded life before he was called from earth, his death occurring January 22, 1894, at the age of fifty-seven years, eight months and twenty-two days. Mrs. Smith now resides at Taylorville, Union county, and four children of their union also survive: Allen M. lives in Colorado, where he is engaged in farming and trucking; Franklin Linn, now of Los Angeles, Cal., is an agent for a mineral spring company; George E. manages the old homestead, in Kelly township, Union county; and Margaret E. resides with her mother.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Buffalo township,

Union county; born January 9, 1836, and her parents, George and Sarah (Marts) Miller, were lifelong residents of that county. Her ancestors on both sides came to this section at an early period, and her paternal grandfather, George Miller, Sr., lived and died upon a farm which lay on the line between Union and Snyder counties, while her maternal grandfather, Peter Marts, had his home in Snyder county. Her father owned and operated a distillery in Buffalo township during his early manhood, but later located on a farm in Buffalo township, Union county, where he died in 1850, at the age of sixty-one years and three months. Her mother survived him until 1864, when she breathed her last at seventy years of age.

Thirteen children were born to their union: George (a farmer, died in Ohio), Catherine (married Samuel Bickel, both now deceased), Peter (who died in Union county, was a farmer until his retirement from active business), John (deceased, was a farmer in Union county), Henry (is now deceased), Aaron (deceased, was a carpenter in Union county), Sarah (deceased, was the wife of Howard Anderson, the owner of a chopmill at Taylorville), Edward, a retired farmer of Kelly township, Union county), Levi (deceased), Mary P. (married Richard Bickel, a farmer in Seneca county, Ohio), Elias (a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county), Elizabeth (Mrs. Smith, was the twelfth in order of birth), and Benjamin (an engineer in a sawmill at Fremont, Ohio).

A E. GROVE, freight and ticket agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Millmont, Union County, Pennsylvania.

SOLOMON K. DREISBACH (deceased), who at the time of his death was the oldest male representative of the honored pioneer family of that name, was born September 17, 1825, on the old Dreisbach homestead in Buffalo township, Union county.

The estate came into the possession of the family before the Revolutionary war, having been purchased in 1773 from Dr. William Plunkett by our subject's great-grandfather, Martin Dreisbach. This pioneer was born in Weisbaden, Germany, about 1717, and came to America in 1752, locating first in the vicinity of Reading, Penn. About twenty years later he removed to his new home, in what is now Buffalo township, Union county, and the remainder of his life was



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spent there in the care of his extensive estate. In 1788 he donated seven and one-half acres of land, near his home, in order to encourage the building of the Lutheran church, and the log structure then erected became a historic landmark. The site has ever been sacred to religious uses, and Dreisbach Church will doubtless serve as a memorial to its founder through all future time. He was one of the first elders, and at his death, February 18, 1799, at the age of sixty-seven years, he left a large family. Of the four sons, Henry went to Ohio in 1804, and laid out the town of Circleville; Jacob died in Union county, Penn.; John lived and died in Mifflinburg; Martin, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. There were two daughters, Mrs. Henry Aurand and Mrs. Peter Fisher.

Martin Dreisbach was born about 1764, and was but a child when he accompanied his parents to Union county, where he remained, agricultural pursuits occupying his attention. He died at the old farm on October 20, 1831.

Among his children was Martin Dreisbach (our subject's father), who was born December 6, 1800, and attained a position of marked influence in the political, social, and business affairs of the community. On February 3, 1865, he was appointed, by Gov. Curtin, to the office of associate judge of the county, and a few months later he was elected to succeed himself, his term beginning November 6, 1865, and expiring in December, 1870. He was a Democrat until the Civil war, when he gave allegiance to the Republican party. By occupation he was a farmer, the greater portion of his life being spent on the homestead, although he resided for a time on a farm just south of it; but his last days were passed in Lewisburg, his death occurring March 15, 1880. On October 14, 1824, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Kleckner, who was born in Union county about 1802, the daughter of Solomon Kleckner, and his wife, a Miss Hoover. Mrs. Dreisbach passed away October 2, 1875, and the remains of both parents now rest in the churchyard where so many of the name sleep. Seven children were born to this honored couple, namely: (1) Solomon K., our subject; (2) Cyrus, who followed farming for some years, and then removed to Lewisburg to engage in the hardware business; he died at the age of sixty-eight years; (3) Charles, who died at the age of thirty-two years, at Vicksburg, Penn., where he was building a large hotel; (4) Hiram, who owns and operates a planing-mill at Sunbury, Penn.; (5) William, a manufacturer of shoes and shoe findings, with residence at Philadelphia; (6) Mar-

tin, a resident of Wilkes Barre, Penn., who was formerly a coal operator, and is now a clerk in the office of the commissioners of Luzerne county; (7) Miriam, who died in Lewisburg.

The venerable subject of this sketch was an eye witness to great changes in the locality where his youth was spent. He was reared as a farmer boy, and attended a subscription school in a log cabin on the homestead, Daniel Breyfogle being his first teacher. On leaving the parental roof he took charge of a farm in Hartley township, Union county, belonging to his father, and on March 18, 1849, he was married to Miss Susannah Shoemaker, who was born March 2, 1827, near Vicksburg, Penn., daughter of Benjamin and Susannah (Ludwig) Shoemaker. The first year of their wedded life was passed at the farm in Hartley township, but in the spring of 1850 Mr. Dreisbach formed a partnership with Joseph Forey, and became the owner of the mill and part of the machinery. After four years in this business he gave it up and engaged in preparing sumach for market; but after a time the repeated cutting of the plant brought about its extinction, and he found his occupation gone. His factory near Laurelton had fine water power, which he used in various profitable ways, and at one time he manufactured farmers' supplies of different kinds. In 1863 he moved to New Berlin, and began the manufacture of blasting powder in partnership with B. F. Potts, their establishment being the only one of the sort ever founded in the country. On abandoning this business a few years later, our subject embarked in the grocery business at Sunbury with his brother Hiram, under the firm name of Dreisbach Bros., and continued for about twenty-five years. From the year 1893 he lived in retirement in New Berlin, where he owned a comfortable and handsome home recently remodeled. He had other valuable real estate in New Berlin, with other property in Sunbury, Lewiston and Laurelton, including some business blocks. He also owned a farm in West Perry township, Snyder county, and the care of his investments kept him in touch with the business world in which he was so long an active figure. Of his two children, Charles W., died at the age of four years; Agnes married William Davenport, and died near Beach Haven, Luzerne Co., Penn., leaving one daughter, Ella, who is now attending school at New Berlin. Mr. Dreisbach was called from earth March 20, 1898.

Our subject never entered the political arena as an office-seeker, but he took keen interest in the various issues which came up for discussion and settled during his long life. In his early days he gave his support to the Democratic party,

but his anti-slavery sentiments led him to join the Republican organization as soon as it was formed.

WH. ROTHERMEL, dealer in boots and shoes, Kelly Cross Roads, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

JEREMIAH MUSSER, who has now laid aside the cares and responsibilities of business, is numbered among the elderly residents of Mifflinburg, Union county, by whose people he is held in that reverence and respect tacitly accorded those whose lives have been distinguished by integrity and usefulness.

Mr. Musser was born March 6, 1817, in Snyder county, Penn., which at that time was a part of Union county, and he is a son of John and Debora (Stetler) Musser, natives of Berks and Snyder counties, Penn., respectively. The paternal grandparents spent their entire lives in Berks county. The parents of our subject were married in Snyder county and reared a family of ten children, namely: Henry, George, Adam, Jeremiah, Reuben, Sarah, Lydia, Amelia, Matilda and Sophia, all of whom grew to maturity and became heads of families with the exception of the youngest—Sophia, who died in childhood.

On reaching manhood Jeremiah Musser began learning the carpenter's trade, serving a two-years' apprenticeship, and he continued to successfully follow that occupation until 1858, when he purchased a farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Upon that place he continued to reside until the spring of 1873, when he retired from active labor, and has since lived in Mifflinburg, occupying a comfortable and pleasant home.

At the age of twenty-four, Mr. Musser was married to Miss Mary Dennis, who was born in Berks county, November 8, 1822, and when a mere child was brought to Union county, by her parents, John and Elizabeth (Aker) Dennis, natives of Berks county. The father, who was of Irish origin, died at the age of eighty years, and the mother, who was of English descent, at the age of eighty-eight, both passing away in Union county, and their remains were interred at Ray's Church in Lewis township.

Mr. and Mrs. Musser have six children, who in order of birth are as follows: John, a resident of Mifflinburg, is married and follows the occupations of farming and burning lime; Robert, who was a Union soldier, laid down his life on the

altar of his country during the war of the Rebellion; Matilda is the wife of Jacob Rudy, a carpenter and builder of Mifflinburg; Elizabeth is the wife of Harry De Long, a carpenter residing in Philadelphia; Daniel is married, and is engaged in the lime business in Mifflinburg; and Charles is married, and operates his father's farm in West Buffalo township.

By honest toil and habits of economy, Mr. and Mrs. Musser have accumulated considerable property, as on starting upon their married life they had very little of this world's goods. She made their carpets from flax which they raised, and the secret of their success was their ability to manufacture with their own hands everything necessary for the sustenance of their family. It is their opinion that the inability of the young people of the present day to acquire homes of their own may be laid to the fact that they are not satisfied to begin life as their parents did. Although Mr. Musser is now eighty years of age and his wife seventy-five, they are still well preserved and active, doing their own work without hired help. They are widely and favorably known throughout Union county, where they have so long made their home, and no couple is more deserving of mention in a work of this character than Jeremiah Musser and his estimable wife.

HENRY BROWN. The Brown family is an old and numerous one in Union county, and has contributed many prominent and worthy citizens to this section of the State, among whom is our subject, who is entirely deserving of all the respect and esteem invariably tendered the name. The family, while not the oldest, or even among the oldest, has ever since its advent in Union county, in the spring of 1804, been actively identified with the development of this region, and been instrumental in placing the county in the lofty position it occupies in the magnificent galaxy of Pennsylvania's counties.

From his old home in Pine Grove township, Berks Co., Penn., John Brown, the grandfather of our subject, came to Union county, in 1804, and located in Buffalo Valley. He was born in 1756, in this State, of German parentage, and aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence. Near what is now Smoketown, he purchased what was known as the Andrew Edge warrantee for eight pounds per acre, and about the only improvement upon the farm was an old log cabin. He died December 13, 1838, his wife in 1806, and both were buried in the Dreisbach cemetery. In their family were nine children,

namely: John, who migrated to Ohio; Elizabeth, who married Simon Crist, and moved to Ohio; Christina, wife of Philip Frederick; Peter, who became a resident of Ohio; Abraham, of Pennsylvania; William, father of our subject; Christian, of Pennsylvania; Michael (deceased), who at one time served as county commissioner of Union county; and Jacob.

William Brown was born in Berks county in 1792, and when twelve years of age took up his residence in Union county, where he later married Barbara, a daughter of Henry Getz. They began their domestic life upon a part of his father's land in East Buffalo township, and, in connection with its operation, he also engaged in the distilling business for some time in partnership with his brother Abraham. Later he purchased fifty acres, which forms a part of our subject's farm, and gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a robust man and did considerable hard work. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and took quite an active interest in public affairs, while, religiously, he was a prominent member of the Reformed Church, in which he was serving as elder at the time of his death, September 29, 1875. He was at that time eighty-four years of age; his wife had died at the age of sixty, and the remains of both were interred in the Lewisburg cemetery.

Eight children were born to this worthy couple, namely: John, who died at the age of twenty-two; Peter, who died in childhood; William, who died in Kansas; Henry, of this sketch; Mary, who became the wife of Charles Yoder, and died in Wichita, Kans.; Abram, a resident of East Buffalo township, Union Co., Penn.; Matilda, wife of Jonas Hoy, of Buffalo township, the same county; and Isaac, a minister of the Reformed Church, who died in Wichita, Kansas.

During his boyhood Henry Brown attended the Turtle Creek school, which was conducted on the subscription plan, but at that time one month's schooling a year was considered sufficient. His training at farm work, however, was not so limited, and, with the exception of five years, his entire life has been passed on the old homestead, where his birth occurred September 25, 1820.

In East Buffalo township, Mr. Brown was married December 22, 1846, to Miss Rachel Gundy, who was born in that township, October 16, 1829, and is the oldest of the four children of Georgé and Catharine (Zentmeyer) Gundy, having two brothers and one sister. For four years after his marriage Mr. Brown operated rented land, but in the spring of 1851 he returned to the

old homestead, having purchased fifty-six acres of land from his father. Eight years later the old one-story-and-a-half house was replaced by his present substantial brick residence, and he has made many other valuable and useful improvements upon the place. He has also enlarged the boundaries of his farm, which now include eighty-four acres of rich and arable land.

For over half a century Mr. and Mrs. Brown have now traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. Their home has been brightened by six children: William George, born January 1, 1848, died July 12, 1870; Franklin W., born December 31, 1849, is now the minister of the Reformed Church at Aaronsburg, Penn.; John E., born August 30, 1852, is a resident of Snyder county, Penn.; Simon P., born June 5, 1855, is a farmer of Freeport, Ill.; James S., born October 21, 1859, is a photographer of Lewisburg, Penn.; and Isaac C., born May 31, 1862, is at home. He married Miss Marsche Wetzel, and has two children—Rue E. and Charles W.

Mr. Brown has lost considerable by going security for others, but has mainly prospered and his word is considered as good as his bond. As a staunch Republican he has been elected to a number of official positions of honor and trust, including those of school director and supervisor. He is an active and prominent member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as elder for about twelve years, while his estimable wife holds membership in the Lutheran Church.

ADAM MUSSER. There are few men more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than the subject of this biography, who is passing the later years of his life in retirement at his pleasant home in Laurelton, Union county. His has been a long and busy career, rich with experience, and in which he has established himself in the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Of German descent, Mr. Musser was born in Snyder county, Penn., April 3, 1815, a son of John and Deborah (Stetler) Musser. His father and grandfather both spent their entire lives in that county. In the family of the former were ten children: Henry, who died in Juniata county, Penn., at the age of eighty-four years; George, who, at the age of seventy-two, was killed at Franklin, Snyder county, left a family; Adam, of this sketch; Jeremiah, who is married and lives in Mifflinburg, Penn.; Sarah, who became the wife of Jacob Gloss, died several years ago; Ly-

dia, who lives in the West; Amelia, a resident of Mifflinburg, Penn.; Reuben, who makes his home in Ohio; Matilda, deceased wife of John Miller, of Buffalo Valley, Penn.; and Sophia, who died at the age of two years.

The first twenty years of his life Adam Musser spent upon the home farm, and then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he successfully followed for many years, being a thorough and skillful workman whose services were always in demand. He was also interested in farming, and he is still the owner of considerable real estate in Hartley township. In the common schools he received a good practical education, which well fitted him for the responsible duties of business life, and his career has been characterized by habits of industry and frugality, which have been important factors in his success.

On September 20, 1835, Mr. Musser was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Solomon Gloss. Ten children graced their union: Hugh, born April 22, 1836, lives in Ohio; Reuben, born June 28, 1838, is married and lives in Toledo, the same State; Sophia is the wife of Jacob Long, of Centre county, Penn.; Lydia is the wife of Henry Rearick, of Lewis township, Union county; Levina is the wife of Charles Teighman; Delilah is the wife of George Vonada, of Hartley township, Union county; Deilma, who married George Zimmerman, died at the age of thirty-five, leaving five children; Isaiah is married, and lives in Ohio; Amelia is the wife of Samuel Long; and Nathan is married, and he lives in Bellevue, Ohio. The wife and mother passed away December 26, 1888, and was laid to rest in the Dunkard cemetery, near Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

For many years Mr. Musser was a member of the Dunkard Church, but at present is connected with no religious organization. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party, but has never desired official honors. He enjoys the friendship and acquaintance of a large number of the best people of Laurelton and vicinity.

A BRAHAM G. BROWN. If one desires to gain a vivid realization of the rapid advance in civilization which the last few decades have brought about, he can listen to the stories that men, who are still living among us, and by no means overburdened with years, can tell of their boyhood. The log cabin home in the clearing, the still ruder school house with its rough seats made of slabs, its limited range of studies and its brief terms arranged on the sub-

scription plan; the routine of work at home unrelieved by any of the modern devices by which machinery is made to do in a short time what formerly occupied the entire year; these and similar descriptions will bring up in sharp contrast the advantages of to-day.

The subject of this sketch, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Union county, residing near Lewisburg, has many interesting reminiscences of this sort. In his boyhood, threshing was done by the old-fashioned method of treading out the grain on a floor, and it became his regular winter's work to ride the horses at this task, as he could thus save a man's time. His father, who was a weaver by trade, prepared the cloth for the family, and his mother made it up without the aid of Paris fashion plates.

Mr. Brown is a member of an old and now numerous family. He was the fourth son and fifth child of John and Barbara (Getz) Brown, well-known residents of East Buffalo township, Union county, and was born June 10, 1823. His early education was mainly acquired in the old Turtle Creek School, near his home, but farm work ever interfered sadly with his attendance there, a few months in winter being all that he could secure. He had always lived at the old homestead (an addition being built to the house on his marriage in order that he might remain and conduct the farm). Until the death of his father he managed the place on shares, but he then acquired the title by will. It is a fine estate of 120 acres, situated less than a mile from Lewisburg borough, and under his management it has been greatly improved, all the buildings, except a portion of the old homestead, having been erected by him. In addition to this fine property he owns fifty acres of timber land.

On June 1, 1854, in White Deer township, Union county, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Susanna Heverling, who has proved herself one of the best of helpmeets, assisting him in every way. She is of an old "Pennsylvania-Dutch" family, and as a girl worked in the harvest field, doing the work of a regular hand. Her parents, John and Susan (Barrier) Heverling, were both natives of Schuylkill county, Penn., and she was born there on June 1, 1830, the fourth child and first daughter in a family of eight children; but while she was still an infant her parents removed to Union county, and settled upon a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two sons, both of whom reside at the homestead: (1) John W., born May 31, 1855, married to Miss Emma Biddle, and has one son, Raymond W. (2) James C., born December 21, 1859, is not married.

Mr. Brown is a man of influence in his local-

ity, and his manner, though quiet and unassuming, conveys the impression of a strong character. He and his family belong to the Reformed Church, in which he held at one time the office of deacon. Politically, he was first a Whig, and, later, a Republican, and while an earnest supporter of his principles, he does not confuse national with local issues, and in township and county elections votes for "the best man." He is not a man to seek office for the honor of it; as school director he has shown himself a firm friend of education, seeking to improve the facilities for the rising generation of his locality.

HARVEY E. FRANTZ, a general farmer residing at Spring Garden, in Gregg township, Union county, was born August 12, 1850, in Penn township, Lycoming Co., Penn., and is of German descent, his paternal grandparents, Peter and Elizabeth (Beaver) Frantz, having come to America at an early day and taken up their residence in Pennsylvania. The former was accompanied by his two brothers, John and David, all of whom spelled the name Frantz, but the descendants of John have changed the spelling to Frantz. The maternal grandparents of our subject, Daniel and his wife, were also natives of the Fatherland, where the grandmother died, but the grandfather came to the United States, and spent his last days upon a farm in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob and Elizabeth (Good) Frantz, the parents of our subject, were natives of Lycoming county, Penn., and Germany, respectively, and were married at the former place, where the father died in March, 1876, at the age of seventy-eight years, nine months and seven days. He was a farmer by occupation, and, as an ardent Democrat, he took quite a prominent part in local affairs, serving in several township offices of honor and trust. In religious belief, he was a Lutheran, to which Church his wife also belongs. She was born in November, 1820, and now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Amanda Vandervilt, in Lycoming county.

In the family of this worthy couple were six children, namely: Peter, now a farmer of Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county; Daniel G., a farmer of the same county; Amanda, widow of John Vandervilt, of Lycoming county; Harvey E., of this sketch; William B., an agriculturist of Lycoming county; and Elias, who was killed by a runaway horse.

During his boyhood and youth, Harvey E. Frantz attended the local schools and worked on his father's farm or at teaming. On attaining

his majority he left the parental roof, and for two years boarded with his sister, Mrs. Vandervilt, while he operated her farm. He then purchased a tract of land a mile and one-half from that place, in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, buying eighty acres at \$120 per acre. There he made his home from 1876 until the spring of 1886, when he sold out and went to Brown county, S. Dak., where he purchased a farm and also took up some government land, which he improved with new buildings. In the fall of 1889, however, he returned to Pennsylvania, and after a few months spent in Northumberland county while looking up a location, he bought his present farm of seventy-eight acres at \$80 per acre. Industrious and persevering, he has placed the land under a high state of cultivation and made many excellent improvements thereon, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Frantz was married in Lycoming county, December 23, 1873, the lady of his choice being Miss Alice Beaber, who was born in Wolf township, that county, February 14, 1854, a daughter of George and Charlotte (Shipman) Beaber, of Lycoming county, where the father followed farming and the tanning business throughout life. In his younger years he also engaged in teaching, and he was called upon to fill a number of township offices. He died May 14, 1888, aged sixty-two years, his wife on November 13, 1887, aged fifty-nine. His parents were John and Hannah (Shaffer) Beaber, natives of Berks county, Penn., who removed to Lycoming county, at an early day. There the grandfather followed farming until his death. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Frantz, Jacob and Caroline (Britton) Shipman, were born in New Jersey, but died in Lycoming county, Penn., where the former followed agricultural pursuits for many years.

Mrs. Frantz is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being: Thomas J., who died at the age of thirty-three years; Mary J., who died unmarried at the age of forty-one; M. Alice, the wife of our subject; John J., a farmer of Northumberland county, Penn.; George M., a dealer in wire fences at Potts Grove, Penn.; Margaret E., the wife of I. V. Sudam, a farmer of Michigan; and Amon B., an agriculturist of Lycoming county.

Eight children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Frantz, namely: Charles D., born October 1, 1874, died at the age of eighteen years; Cyrus B., born January 8, 1876, is at home; Jacob M., born October 9, 1878, is a saddler residing in Milton, Penn.; George S., born July 28, 1881, died at the age of nine years; Edward

L., born August 25, 1883, and Ralph, born January 21, 1890, are at home; and Harvey D. and Emma A. (twins) were born October 27, 1892, the former dying in infancy.

Our subject takes an active interest in the success of the Democratic party, with which he has always been identified, and on that ticket was recently elected supervisor of his township. He is also serving acceptably as overseer of the poor, and is recognized as one of the representative and valued citizens of Gregg township. Prior to coming to the county, he and his estimable wife held membership in the Lutheran Church. They are widely and favorably known, enjoying the respect and confidence of all with whom they come in contact.

ADAM KIMPEL has now laid aside business cares, and is enjoying a well-earned rest on a part of the old homestead farm in West Buffalo township, where his birth occurred January 1, 1820.

The family was early established in Union county, his paternal grandparents locating there when it was almost an unbroken wilderness, inhabited mainly by the Redmen. The heavy forests were the homes of many wild animals, and game of all kinds could be found in abundance. The grandfather, Henry Kimpel, was a native of Germany, while his wife was born in England. Their marriage was celebrated in New Jersey, where they continued to make their home for a number of years; and on coming to Union county were accompanied by their sons, Philip and John. The former, who was the father of our subject, became one of the prosperous farmers of this region, where he died many years ago, respected by all who knew him. His wife passed away in 1823, our subject thus being deprived of a mother's tender care at the age of three years. The other children were: John, Sarah, Samuel, Philip, Rebecca and Peter.

Amid rural scenes Adam Kimpel was reared, receiving his education in the subscription schools near his home. As soon as large enough he began to assist in the work of the farm, and he never left the old homestead, but continued to devote his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement throughout his active business career. For several years he has now lived retired, leaving the management of the farm to his only child, Henry Philip. In 1867, Mr. Kimpel was joined in wedlock with Miss Susanna Noll, a daughter of Henry Noll, an agriculturist of West Buffalo township. She died in 1880, leaving one son, Henry Philip, who was born January 10, 1869, on the old home farm where he and his

father still reside. On March 14, 1889, he was married to Miss Emma Nickel, who was born March 2, 1870, a daughter of George A. Nickel, a prosperous farmer of West Buffalo township. One child graces their union—Charles Elmer, born July 12, 1894.

Mr. Kimpel has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and take a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. Although a believer in Christianity he is a member of no particular Church, but he has led an honorable, upright and conscientious life, never wronging any one to promote his own selfish interests. He has traveled in six different States of the Union.

GEORGE W. SCHOCH, editor and proprietor of *The Mifflinburg Telegraph*, Mifflinburg, Union county, was born in Mifflinburg, Union Co., Penn., May 1, 1842, and is a son of George Schoch, who was a son of Michael Schoch, the son of Mathias Schoch.

The latter, with his brothers, John and George, and two sisters, came to this country from Germany in the eighteenth century, locating in Berks county, Penn. The sisters married—one a Mr. Spangler, the other a Mr. Saltzgeber, both of Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Penn. Mathias was born in Germany, December 16, 1738, and died in America, May 12, 1812. He was twice married, and had children as follows: John, Henry, Michael, Jacob, Peter and Catharine, by his first wife; and George, Daniel and Rebecca, by his second wife.

Michael Schoch, son of Mathias, was born June 20, 1769; was twice married: first to Miss Ann Books, and after her death he wedded a widow named Dreese. By his first wife he had the following children: Catherine, born September 14, 1796, married a Mr. Kocher, of Circleville, Ohio; Leah, born July 14, 1800, married John Craft, of Circleville, Ohio; Elizabeth, born November 24, 1801, married Adam Boyer, of Circleville, Ohio; George, born January 1, 1804, died March 28, 1888; Samuel, born July 14, 1806, died May 15, 1892; Susan, born January 28, 1809, married Thomas Craft, of Circleville, Ohio; and Lydia, born May 31, 1811, married Samuel Getgen, a leading citizen, and for six consecutive terms, of five years each, justice of the peace of Mifflinburg, Penn. She died February 26, 1882. Michael had no children by his second wife. He was a carpenter by trade, was one of the builders of the old St. Elias Church in Mifflinburg, used conjointly by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations for many years, he being an ardent Lutheran. He also followed farming, and at his death, which



George W. Schock.

occurred March 19, 1853, when he was aged eighty-three years, eight months, twenty-nine days, he left an estate of considerable acreage, the proceeds of the sale of same being divided equitably among his surviving children, in accordance with his will. His remains and those of his two wives are buried in the old graveyard in Mifflinburg. His first wife died October 4, 1823, aged fifty-four years and three months.

George Schoch, son of Michael and grandson of Mathias, was united in marriage April 23, 1826, with Harriet Warley, a daughter of Henry and Mary Warley, of Philadelphia. Their children were as follows: Mary Ann, born March 31, 1827, died October 27, 1882; Catharine, born October 27, 1828, intermarried with Dr. Andrew J. Crotzer (she died March 8, 1851, leaving one child—William Herbert Crotzer, who was born February 28, 1851, died January 13, 1898, and buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia); Henry M., born August 3, 1830, a prominent merchant of Danville, Penn.; Harriet, born October 17, 1832, intermarried with John Neyhart, residing at Lewisburg, Penn.; Elizabeth, born July 3, 1835, died June 29, 1887; Gilbert, born July 31, 1837, a leading merchant tailor of Mifflinburg, Penn.; John Calvin, born March 17, 1839, residing in Edwardsburg, Mich., of which place he was postmaster during Cleveland's first term as president; Emeline, born February 7, 1841, residing in Lewisburg, Penn.; George W. (the subject of this biography), born May 1, 1842; and Milton M., born December 24, 1849, foreman of the *Telegraph* printing office, Mifflinburg, Penn. The father of the children just named was born January 1, 1804, as before stated, and died March 28, 1888. The mother was born August 10, 1805, and died June 7, 1870. Both are buried in the cemetery at Lewisburg, Penn., as are their children—Mary Ann, Catharine and Elizabeth.

Henry Warley, hereinbefore mentioned, was born September 4, 1775, and his wife Catharine (Pfelegor) was born in 1785. Their children were as follows: Mary, born December 2, 1802; Harriet (wife of George Schoch, as before stated), born August 10, 1805; Ann (wife of E. Gilbert Giles), born July 26, 1808; Samuel (married to Rebecca Pfelegor), born December 24, 1811; Reuben, born June 27, 1814; Henry, born November 22, 1816; Rebecca, born July 15, 1819; Catherine, born May 1, 1823; George (married to Emma Miller), born June 9, 1826; and John, born June 5, 1832.

Accordingly, from what has been written, it will be noticed that George W. Schoch was a great-grandson of Mathias Schoch, grandson of

Michael Schoch, and son of George Schoch. His education was solely acquired in the free or public schools of his birthplace, supplemented with a few terms in the Mifflinburg academy, his teachers in the latter institution being, successively, Henry G. McGuire, Aaron C. Fisher, Robert C. Allison and the latter's assistant, Mr. Hartman. His tuition under teacher Fisher was paid for by his personal services as janitor—making the fire, sweeping the school room and ringing the bell at school time. Shortly after arriving at the age of thirteen years he entered the printing office of the *Union County Star*, then published in Mifflinburg, to learn the art of printing. Here he worked a few months, when the office passed by sale from the owners—Drs. A. J. Crotzer (his brother-in-law) and Chesselden Fisher—into the possession of Reuben G. and Thomas G. Orwig, brothers, for whom, also, he worked a short time. Subsequently he went to Lewisburg, Penn., to which place his parents had removed shortly after the division of the county, which took place in 1855, his father having been chosen one of the county commissioners. Here he secured employment in the office of the *Lewisburg Argus*, published by Franklin Ziebach, working there for about six months, when Mr. Ziebach removed to Sioux City, Iowa, taking the material of the office with him. Shortly thereafter he secured employment in the office of the *Lewisburg Chronicle*, published by O. N. Worden & J. R. Cornelius, where he remained until the Civil war broke out in 1861, when he "ran away from home," and on August 12, that year, enlisted in Company D, 5th Regt. Penn. Res. Corps, serving with said command until its discharge on June 11, 1864. He participated in the following battles: Mechanicsville, Va., June 26, 1862; Gaines' Mill, Va., June 27, 1862; New Market Cross Roads, Va., June 30, 1862—(McClellan's campaign); Bull Run, Va., August 28, 29 and 30, 1862—(Pope's campaign); South Mountain, Md., September 14, 1862; Antietam, Md., September 16 and 17, 1862—(McClellan's campaign); Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862—(Burnside's campaign); Gettysburg, Penn., July 2, 3 and 4, 1863; Bristoe Station, Va., October 14, 1863; Mine Run, Va., November 27–30, 1863; Wilderness, Va., May 5, 1864—during Grant's campaign, with Meade as commander of the Army of the Potomac. This (the Wilderness) was the last engagement he took part in, being unable to endure further marching on account of an injury to his knee, which he incurred at Miner's Hill, Va., a few months previous, and was obliged to go to the rear, being so ordered by his captain, William

H. H. McCall. About a month later, June 11, 1864, he was discharged with his regiment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Schoch then returned to Lewisburg, resuming his position in the *Chronicle* office, remaining there until January 1, 1873, at which date he purchased *The Mifflinburg Telegraph*, which he has conducted ever since. On May 1, 1892, he also became the owner of *The Lewisburg Chronicle*, which has been published under his supervision up to the present time. Both publications are ardently Republican. He has labored faithfully for the success of the party; was delegate to State Conventions a number of times, and served as secretary of the Republican County Committee for twelve consecutive years. In 1885 he was assistant sergeant-at-arms, and, in 1887, messenger of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania; also postmaster of Mifflinburg under President Harrison, and re-appointed by President McKinley, under the latter taking charge of the office on February 15, 1898. For these respective official positions he was very strongly endorsed by his home people and others.

With the Grand Army of the Republic Mr. Schoch has been connected since the year 1867—first as charter member of Andrew Gregg Tucker Post No. 52, of Lewisburg, Penn., with which he continued membership until the organization of William R. Forster Post No. 247, of Mifflinburg, Penn., of which, also, he is a charter member, being at this writing its adjutant—a position he has occupied many years. He has been a delegate to the State Encampments of the order very many times, also a delegate to the National Encampment. For the welfare of the old soldier he has ever manifested the utmost interest, both in his newspaper and by personal effort, especially in the securing of pensions for worthy comrades, for which service he never would accept pay. Every public enterprise for the good of his town and county found in him an ardent supporter. This he notably demonstrated in his zealous advocacy of the water-works for the borough, the expense to be equitably borne by the taxpayers. The question was submitted to a vote of the people, the result of said vote being largely in favor of borough construction and ownership of said plant; accordingly, Councils by ordinance resolved to have the plant constructed in the spring and summer of 1898.

On April 28, 1870, George W. Schoch was joined in marriage with Isabella Derr Kelly, who was born November 1, 1850, a daughter of Josiah and Frances Yentzer (Derr) Kelly. To Mr. and Mrs. Schoch were born two children, namely: Harriet Mae, born February 17, 1871, and

George Warley, born October 17, 1875. The daughter was married May 27, 1896, to Franklin McCreary Earnest, son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John A. Earnest, and they have one child, Franklin McCreary Earnest, Jr., born April 25, 1897. The son, George Warley, was joined in marriage March 17, 1898, with Emma Brown Cook, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cook. Josiah Kelly, father of Mrs. George W. Schoch, was a son of James Kelly, who was noted in the olden time as an earnest, radical Abolitionist—a hater of human slavery—and a zealous advocate of temperance. His son, Josiah, inherited and entertained the same principles, and was a faithful soldier in the war for the Union. He died December 13, 1895, aged seventy-five years, nine months and twenty-five days. Frances Yentzer (Derr) Kelly, the mother of Mrs. George W. Schoch, was a daughter of Lewis and Charlotte (Stoner) Derr, granddaughter of George Derr, and great-granddaughter of Ludwig Derr, the founder of Lewisburg, Penn. She died April 25, 1895, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months and three days. Both Mr. Josiah Kelly and wife are buried in the Lewisburg cemetery.

Mr. Schoch is a man of fine as well as forcible intellectual qualities, an extensive reader and close thinker. In manner he is social and friendly, and possesses qualities that readily win admiration and respect.

G W. FOOTE, the able and courteous editor of *The Times*, Mifflinburg, Union county, was born in that borough October 5, 1840, a son and now the only survivor of the family of Asa and Hannah (Reichley) Foote, the latter of whom was a daughter of Christian Reichley.

Asa Foote, father of our subject, was a son of Oliton Cushman Foote, who was a son of Ephraim Foote, No. 250 in line of descent from Nathaniel Foote, who was born in England, came to this country, and in 1633 took the oath of Freeman in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay.

Our subject was reared in his native village, receiving his education in the public schools, quitting school at the age of fourteen years. In June, 1855, he became a "printer's devil" and learned the "art preservative of all arts." During the Civil war he first enlisted in Company G, 4th P. V. I., serving three months, and then re-enlisted, this time as a member of Company E and Company H (respectively), 51st P. V. V., for three years; participated in the battles of Roanoke Island, N. C., February 8, 1862; Newbern, N. C., March 14, 1862; Camden, N. C., April 19, 1862; was in the skirmishes along the

Rappahannock with General Pope, where for twenty-six days the command and men were sleeping under arms and not given time to change their clothes; Second Bull Run, August 30, 1862; Chantilly, September 1, 1862; South Mountain, September 14, 1862; Antietam, September 17, 1862; Wilderness, May 6, 1864; Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864. He was wounded in the head and face at Antietam, and in the right forearm at Spottsylvania Court House. He was with Company C, commanded by Captain Franklin, 12th United States Infantry, through the draft riots in New York City in July, 1863.

On September 10, 1867, he married Augusta P. Coy, of Sinclairville, N. Y., and two daughters were the result of this union: Alice, born August 14, 1868, and Amy Louisa, born February 12, 1872, died August 27, 1873.

In May, 1885, Mr. Foote established *The Times* in Mifflinburg, and conducted it as a Democratic journal until 1896, when it became independent, and now advocates the cause of honesty and morality in government. Under Mr. Foote's able management the paper has prospered, and is regarded as a wholesome, clean, newsy sheet.

WILLIAM S. RAUCH. The ancestors of this gentleman settled in eastern Pennsylvania in pioneer times, and his grandparents, Peter and Mary (Sipe) Rauch, were both natives of Lehigh county, the birth of the former occurring about 1793. Like many of the immediate descendants of the early settlers of the State, they desired in turn to open up new lands on the frontier, and in 1820 they removed to Union county, where the grandmother died in 1827. In 1836, Peter Rauch, who was a farmer and miller by occupation, removed to Williamsport, Penn., where his death occurred in 1877, at the age of eighty-four years. He was married three times, but the second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Geyer, and the third, Mrs. Tray, who now resides at Williamsport, bore him no children. Three sons and one daughter blessed the first union: Jonas, who is mentioned more fully below; Tilman, a miller and farmer, now deceased; John, deceased, formerly a carpenter in Missouri; and Mary, who married Robert Homler, a farmer of Clinton county, Penn., and died there some years ago.

Jonas Rauch, the father of our subject, was born in Lehigh county, July 5, 1815, but has been identified with this section from early childhood. Despite his advanced age he enjoys good

health, and all who have come within his cheery influence can but wish that he will be spared for many years and show to other generations what manner of men were bred in pioneer days. He has always been engaged in milling, and at the age of eighteen began an apprenticeship of three years in the roller and chop mill near Kelly Cross Roads, White Deer township, Union county, which is now owned and operated by his sons. For some time he lived in Clinton county, but in 1856 he settled at White Deer Mills, Union county, and remained nine years, when he removed to the present homestead. In 1862 he purchased the plant which is adapted to either water or steam power, and has a capacity of twenty-five barrels per day. He also owned and operated a farm, and still resides there with his sons, although he has delegated the business to their hands. Public affairs are watched by him with intelligent interest, and he is a steadfast supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In religious faith he is a Methodist.

In 1856 Jonas Rauch was married, in Clinton county, to Miss Eleanor Shaw, a native of Lyscoming county, and a daughter of William and Jane (Moyer) Shaw. She passed to her eternal rest in 1885, at the age of sixty-seven, while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Bennage, of White Deer township, Union county, and her remains were interred in the White Deer cemetery. Five children were born to this union: (1) Mary, wife of David Bennage, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county, has had four children. (2) William S., our subject, will be mentioned at length below. (3) Peter H., who is in partnership with our subject, married Miss Izora Gemberling, and has had two children—Myron and Carrie. (4) John R. died at an early age. (5) Agnes, deceased, was formerly the wife of William Stutzman, who is married again and resides in Philadelphia.

William S. Rauch was born November 18, 1844, at Rauch Gap, Clinton county, and much of his time in youth was spent in assisting his father in the mill and on the farm, as business might require. His educational opportunities were hardly such as to be satisfactory to a clever and ambitious lad, and he soon passed beyond the help of the local schools. In October, 1864, he left home to enter the service of the government as a member of the 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery, under Capt. L. B. Richardson and Lieut. Cameron. He went to the front, and, although he was never wounded, the privations and exposure to which he was subjected brought on an attack of yellow jaundice, and he was obliged to spend eight weeks in a hospital near

Washington. As long as there was any prospect of fighting he remained in the army, but on being mustered out, June 13, 1865, he returned home and resumed his studies, attending Bucknell Academy one term.

In 1867 Mr. Rauch taught school at Kelly Cross Roads, but one term convinced him that the occupation was too confining for one of his state of health, and he entered the employ of his father at a salary. Later he and his brother purchased the mill, as has been said, and it is now operated under the firm name of P. H. Rauch & Brother. While Mr. Rauch is well known as a substantial business man, he is no less prominent in local affairs, being especially active in educational advancement. Since 1894 he has been a school director, having been re-elected at the end of his first term of three years, and, in 1896, he was chosen treasurer of the school board. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church, and has held the office of elder for three years, and he also belongs to the Grand Army Post No. 52, at Lewisburg.

On November 27, 1873, Mr. Rauch was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Hafer, and two children, Annie B. and Gilbert W., brighten their home. Mrs. Rauch was born in Kelly township, Union county, May 16, 1843, the daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Gilbert) Hafer. Her grandparents, Jacob and Rebecca Hafer, came from Berks county, Penn., at an early day, and located upon a farm near Lewisburg. Her father was born in Berks county, but coming to this section in childhood, remained, and engaged in farming, and for some time in weaving. He was prominent in local affairs, and in politics was a steadfast Republican. He and his wife, who was born in Schuylkill county, were members of the Lutheran Church. Both lived to a good old age, the former dying in 1874, at the age of seventy-nine years and four months, and the latter in 1885, at the age of eighty-four. They had the following children: William, deceased, formerly a physician at Marshallville, Ga.; Henry, a retired farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Andrew, a farmer of Ouray county, Colo.; Daniel, of Lewisburg, Penn.; Jonas and Harrison, who are both farmers in Kelly township, Union county; and Rebecca, Mrs. Rauch.

CHARLES SEEBOLD (deceased). Among the early settlers of Union county was Christopher Seebold, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who located in 1793 about two and one-half miles west of New Berlin, purchasing a mill and a tract of farming land.

Mr. Seebold had come to this country when but seven years old, and was reared to manhood in Lebanon county, Penn., where he was married to a Miss Spade, and remained some years, several children being born there. His death occurred about 1806, and he was buried at New Berlin, in a lot which has since been abandoned as a cemetery and laid out as a portion of the town, an alley running across the spot where his grave was made. His wife survived him, and was also interred at New Berlin. They had three sons: Christopher, Jr., who is mentioned more fully below; John, who succeeded to his father's mill; Michael, who died unmarried; and several daughters, among whom were: Otilia, who married Michael Greenhoe, and died in Ohio; Maria, Mrs. Henry Hassenplug, who died in Mifflinburg; Barbara, Mrs. Auble, of Mifflinburg, who was blind for many years before her death; and Margaret, wife of Andrew Wagner, at one time a hotel keeper in New Berlin.

Christopher Seebold, Jr., the grandfather of the subject of this memoir, was born September 3, 1763, in Lebanon county, and was married in Lancaster county, April 8, 1788, to Miss Anna Eva Hochlander, of Manheim, who was born August 29, 1769. After the removal of the family to Union county, he assisted his father in the mill for a time, but in 1795 or '96 he settled at New Berlin, and became one of the leading citizens of the growing town. He followed boating as an occupation at first, running a small boat between New Berlin and various points on the Susquehanna river and Penn's creek, which was found to be navigable for such craft, horses being employed to pull them up stream. He carried produce to the markets down the river, and on his return trip brought up articles of merchandise. Later he kept a tavern, and as the town developed, certain real-estate investments became profitable. When Union county was organized, New Berlin was made the county seat, and the court house and county offices were built upon his land, his donation towards the cost of erection being \$200. In 1813 he was appointed justice of the peace, and in 1820 he was elected county treasurer. Politically he favored the Democratic party until the anti-Masonic agitation, and in religious faith he was a Lutheran. He died May 6, 1839, his wife surviving him until November 3, 1857. Of their nine children, our subject's father, Philip Seebold, was the eldest. Elizabeth, born December 2, 1791, married Jacob Long, and died in Perry county, Ohio, March 29, 1880; Christopher, born August 25, 1794, was a carder and manufacturer of linseed oil near New Berlin, and his death occurred

in that vicinity April 3, 1870; Catherine, born March 3, 1797, married Thomas Hummel, and died at Homer, Ohio, July 1, 1882; Mary, born January 15, 1800, married Conrad Pontius, and died in May, 1877, in Ross county, Ohio; John H., born June 14, 1802, is still living (1897) in New Berlin, where he has spent his entire life. For many years he was a leading hotel keeper and druggist, and notwithstanding his advanced age, he is well-preserved and has the full use of his faculties; Nancy, born May 4, 1806, died April 27, 1828, unmarried; Sally, born November 3, 1808, married John Dieffenbacher, and died at Selins Grove, Penn., February 19, 1828, she was buried at New Berlin; Hannah, born November 14, 1815, married Abraham Schoch, and died at New Berlin, December 9, 1875.

Philip Seebold, the father of our subject, was born January 19, 1789, in Lebanon county, and was but a child when he was taken to the new home near New Berlin. He learned the potter's trade with Adam Maize, of that place, and followed that business for many years, but in later life he moved to a country home in the same township, where he died July 25, 1874. He was a well-known citizen, highly respected and influential, and was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church. In early years he was a Democrat, and later a Know-Nothing, but the anti-slavery controversy led him to become a supporter of the Republican party. His first wife, Rachel De Haas, of New Columbia, Penn., died at New Berlin, where the remains of both now rest. His second wife was a widow, Mrs. Stuck, of Selins Grove, who died in Limestone township, Union county. He had eight children, all by the first marriage: Polly, wife of Samuel Weirick, an attorney at New Berlin, died at Middleburg, but was buried at her home; Anna married (first) Daniel Holt, and, after his death, Allen Dorsey, resides at Baltimore, Md.; John is a resident of Yellow Creek, Stephenson county, Ill.; Charles, the subject proper of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth; William lives at Hartleton, Penn.; Sarah, widow of Mr. Hutchinson, resides in Baltimore, Md.; Harriet, Mrs. Thomas Hassenplug, lives at Mifflinburg; Lizzie (deceased) never married.

The late Charles Seebold was a man of keen judgment and strong character, one who could plan and carry to successful completion business plans of more than ordinary scope. As a pioneer in the business of tomato canning, now a leading industry at Baltimore, Md., his name became widely known. He was born Nov. 20, 1814, at New Berlin, and at an early age began to learn the printer's trade, his parents being then in

comfortable but not affluent circumstances. For some time he conducted a printing office of his own and published the *Anti-Masonic Star*, but in the early '50s he sold the business and moved to Baltimore to engage in the canning trade. The idea occurred to him during the visit of a brother-in-law, Daniel Holt, an oyster merchant of Baltimore, who, while eating some canned tomatoes at our subject's table, remarked upon their excellence and spoke of the prolific growth of that crop near Baltimore. Mr. Seebold saw at once an opening for a new and profitable venture, and going to Baltimore he purchased twelve acres of land which he devoted to tomato growing, the entire crop being canned for market. The experiment proving a success from the start, he continued and rapidly enlarged the scope of his operations buying from other growers to meet the demands of the trade. He took his brother, Henry, into partnership, and some years afterward, having acquired a handsome fortune, he sold out his interest in the business to this brother who still conducts it. Returning to his native place, Mr. Seebold passed his remaining years in well-earned leisure, and in 1882 he built there the most substantial, artistic and expensive residence to be found in the locality. He also invested largely in real estate, and at the time of his death owned two farms in Union township, Union county. He was a public-spirited citizen, a staunch Republican in politics, and while never a politician was interested in the issues of the day.

On February 1, 1836, Mr. Seebold was married at New Berlin to Miss Mary Franck, a native of that town, born May 9, 1818. Her father was born near Hagerstown, Md., but the family came at an early period to Union county, meeting with some losses from Indian raids in the pioneer days. Philip Franck, who was a clock maker by trade, died at the age of seventy-one, and his wife, Salome Schreffler, passed away at eighty-five, both being buried at New Berlin. They were highly respected by all who knew them, and were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Of their twelve children the following lived to adult age: Margaret, widow of John Teats, of Bellefonte; Catherine, who married Jacob Hubler, and died at Pittston, Penn., in December, 1896; Mary, Mrs. Seebold; Elizabeth, who married John Burkert, and died in December, 1896, at Indianapolis; Sarah, Mrs. Henry Heckman, who died at Annville, Penn.; Permilla, who married Dr. Harshberger, and died at New Albany, Penn.; Jane, widow of Michael Fetterhoff, of Huntingdon, Penn.; Harriet, widow of John Freet, of Reading, Penn., and Miss Anna, a resident of New Berlin.

Mr. Seebold passed to the unseen world July 5, 1886, his death causing sincere grief throughout the community where his family has so long been known, and where so many years of his own life were spent. His widow still lives in the elegant home which his thoughtful affection provided. She takes much interest in the work of the Lutheran Church, of which her husband was also an active member, and is one of the most esteemed residents of the city. A family of which any parent might be proud attests the loving care bestowed upon them. Of nine children, the eldest, Rachel A., born January 20, 1837, married Henry Vogler, and died in Baltimore April 24, 1887; Philip D., born May 28, 1839, died at Washington, D. C., October 9, 1868; Sarah A., born May 20, 1841, died January 2, 1844; Mary E., born June 30, 1844, is the wife of Charles Pearson, of Washington, D. C.; Henry F., August 10, 1845, resides in San Diego, Cal.; Samuel W., born May 14, 1848, died October 24, 1849; Charles S., born December 5, 1850, is a dentist at Baltimore, Md.; Emma, January 17, 1853, married Judge J. J. Dobler, a prominent citizen of Baltimore; Franck, November 26, 1859, is a dentist in Washington, District of Columbia.

WL. KURTZ, editor and proprietor of the *Lewisburg Journal*, Lewisburg, Union county, was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1862; graduated from Bucknell College in 1885; purchased the *Lewisburg Journal* in 1895, and has successfully continued its publication to the present time.

MRS. CARRIE (STROHECKER) BARR, of Lewisburg, Union county, widow of the late Dr. Washington Barr, is a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of that section, and her own personality has won for her a high place in the esteem of her large circle of acquaintances. She was born in July, 1830, on the old Strohecker homestead, on the banks of the Susquehanna river, in East Buffalo township, Union county, and was the eldest child and only daughter of John and Elizabeth (Friedley) Strohecker.

Mrs. Barr gave early signs of the mental ability which has since made her prominent in social circles, and after pursuing her studies as far as the local schools would permit, attended school for a time in Lewisburg. In 1867 she was united in marriage with Dr. Barr, and went to Harrisburg, Penn., to reside, their home be-

ing situated at the corner of Second and Locust streets.

The Doctor was a man of more than ordinary intellect, and was widely known, not only in professional life, but in social movements, being an active member of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Order of Red Men, the Sons of Temperance, and the Good Templars (Washington Lodge). In political faith he was a Republican. His death occurred April 30, 1876, at Harrisburg, where his remains were interred.

After the Doctor's death, Mrs. Barr returned to the home of her childhood and remained there until May, 1886, when she moved to her home in Lewisburg, a pleasant residence, located on Brown street. She is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and her comfortable competence enables her to carry out the plans for intellectual and social activities which appeal most strongly to her refined taste.

LEVII ROOKE, M. D. This name is a familiar one in this section, having been associated for years past with many of the leading business enterprises of the time. In finance, commerce, and the various industrial movements which have served to develop resources, Dr. Rooke has easily held a foremost rank. He was the first to carry on the iron business successfully for any considerable time in Union and Snyder counties. Others had attempted it as far back as 1824, but failure and disappointment had inevitably resulted, and at the time that Dr. Brooke engaged in it but few would have dared to hazard the necessary capital. Difficult as was the enterprise, he succeeded notably, and in this connection we may mention the significant fact that he gave constant personal supervision to the work of his furnaces, while the same is true of his other lines of effort. Our subject comes of good old Colonial stock, the first of the line being Rev. George Rooke, an Irish clergyman, who came to America about 1700. Of the next in order of descent nothing is now known, but the third generation is represented by Thomas Rooke, our subject's grandfather, who resided in Chester county, Penn., first in East Nantmeal township, and later in East Vincent township, where he died.

James Rooke, father of Dr. Rooke, was born in the former locality, and married Miss Mary Murray, daughter of a prominent agriculturist there, who was of English descent. Of their four children the Doctor was the youngest, and was the only one to establish his home outside of East Nantmeal township, Chester county. Eliz-

abeth, widow of Thomas Frickland, now resides there. Catherine (who married Edwin Morris) and Jonathan both died there, the latter at the old family homestead.

Dr. Levi Rooke was born July 22, 1826, and was reared at the old farm, receiving the best educational advantages that the locality afforded. After attending a grammar school conducted by Benjamin Tucker, he pursued a course in Unionville Academy under John Gause, and then taught for two years. His medical studies were begun in the office of Dr. Stephen M. Meredith, and completed in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he received his degree in the spring of 1848. For three years he practiced his profession, but finding it less congenial than he had hoped he decided to give it up. He then removed to Union county and engaged in manufacturing iron at the Berlin Iron Works on Penn's creek, four miles west of Hartleton. Later he formed a partnership, and built a large anthracite furnace, known as the Union furnace, situated on the Susquehanna river four miles from Lewisburg, and here he acted as manager and superintendent from 1853 to 1891, when the furnace was abandoned. During this time he was also engaged in the iron business in Snyder county, and had an interest in similar works at various points. In 1896 he purchased the interests of James S. Marsh and Peter Beaver (his partners) in the furnace and lands, but has now retired from this business. The Doctor's ability as an organizer and manager of large enterprises was speedily recognized in business circles, and he has been constantly urged to lend his aid to new undertakings. In this way he has become financially interested in many companies, especially in a number of incorporated banking firms, in which he is a director. He was one of the first subscribers to the stock of the Union National Bank of Lewisburg, and is now one of the largest stockholders. In 1892 he was elected president of the institution, and served until 1895. In 1893 he purchased a general store at Winfield, including all the personal property of said firm, which he still conducts in addition to his extensive coal yards there, and he is heavily interested in the firm of C. M. Rooke & Co., known as the Dry Valley Lime Manufacturing Co., located at Winfield. He built his first kiln there in 1875, and the firm now has seventeen in steady operation. He has also been extensively interested in the manufacture of lumber, owning more than 700 acres of land in Union county. In 1868 he purchased the old homestead in Chester county. As an employer Dr. Rooke has always been popular, and some of his workmen have been in his serv-

ice for forty-three years. He is not a politician, office having no charms for him. In early life he was a Whig, and warmly advocated a protective tariff and the abolition of slavery. Naturally he joined the Republican party on its organization, and has since been its steadfast supporter. In 1872 he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of this State.

Dr. Rooke has a handsome brick residence on the main road from Lewisburg, which he built at a spot that would give him a view of his furnace. This location was objected to by some of his neighbors, but a lawsuit settled the matter in the Doctor's favor. In 1849 he married Miss Elizabeth H. Church, of Churchtown, Lancaster Co., Penn., by whom he had four children: Mary R. (Mrs. Morris Reagan), now residing with her father; Frances A., married to J. Russell Youngman, an attorney of Lock Haven, Penn.; Laura, married to William Vance, of Kearney, Neb.; and Charles M., a resident of Winfield, in partnership with his father in the lime business. The mother of this family died in 1879, and August 31, 1882, Dr. Rooke married Miss Anna E. Kreamer, of Winfield. She is an active worker in the Evangelical Church, and the Doctor, though not a member, is in sympathy with her generous efforts.

Mrs. Rooke is a daughter of Illis Kreamer, a well-known agriculturist and dairyman, who owns a fine farm in Union township, Union county. The Kreamer family in that section is descended from Daniel Kreamer, a native of Berks county, Penn., who settled in Centre county when a young man and engaged in farming. He died at the age of eighty-six, and his wife (formerly a Miss Kern) passed away within two weeks of his death. Their son, Col. Daniel Kreamer (the grandfather of Mrs. Rooke), was born in Centre county, and remained there, following agricultural pursuits. His title of colonel was derived from a militia regiment which he commanded. He married Miss Catherine Neece, a daughter of Henry Neece, a well-to-do farmer of Centre county. Col. Kreamer was a religious man, but made several changes in Church membership, being a Lutheran first, then a member of the Evangelical Church, finally joining the United Brethren Church. His wife was a member of the Evangelical Church all her days; she died in 1847, at the age of fifty-one. His death occurred in 1885 when he was eighty-six years old, and of their eight children only three are now living. Jacob (now deceased) settled in Nebraska; John, an Evangelical minister, lived in Kansas during the latter part of his life; William died at his home in Iowa; Jonathan died in Cen-

tre county, Penn.; Daniel, a minister of the United Evangelical Church, resides at Shannon, Ill.; Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of William Gertillius, a painter of Mifflinburg; Elias is mentioned more fully below; and Henry is a farmer and painter residing near Brooklyn, Illinois.

Elias Kreamer was born January 28, 1831, in Penn township, Centre county, and his education was obtained in the local schools, while he assisted his father on the farm. At the age of twenty-three he rented the place, but after five years he moved to Snyder county, purchasing a farm of 236 acres for \$8,000. Eight years later he sold this for \$13,000, and purchased 114½ acres in Buffalo Valley, Union county, at \$129.50 per acre. Six years later he sold this and returned to the old homestead, which he rented for six years. Since then he has made his home on his present farm of 179 acres, which he bought at \$150 per acre. For the past thirteen years he has been extensively engaged in dairy work in connection with general farming, and at various times he has been identified with important business ventures. In 1871 he united with John C. Moots, John Keene and Albert Walker in organizing the Millheim Bank, but sold his interest before moving to his present homestead. Politically he is a Democrat, and has held several township offices. He is a leading member of the United Evangelical Church, and at present is a trustee.

On October 13, 1853, Elias Kreamer was married in Union township, Union county, to Miss Fannie I. Eyer, a native of Winfield, born January 6, 1831. Her father, Isaac Eyer, who was also born in Winfield, died in that vicinity in 1878, his wife, Elizabeth (Kleinfelter), passing away at Mr. Kreamer's home in 1887. Their courtship was a peculiar one. Mr. Eyer had heard of the charms of Miss Kleinfelter, then residing in York, York county, their native State, and being fascinated with the account, went to see her. The result was that soon after his return to Winfield he made another journey to that place and brought home his bride, the trip being made on horseback. It is proper to add that, notwithstanding their limited acquaintance, they proved well adapted to each other and "lived happily ever after." They had nine children: Abram, a retired farmer of Kansas; Catherine, wife of Martin Dunkle, a farmer of Buffalo township, Union county; Isaac and Jacob (both deceased); Miss Elizabeth, who resides at the Kreamer home; Fannie I. (Mrs. Kreamer); Susan (deceased), formerly the wife of George Smith, a farmer of Elkhart county, Ind.; Jonathan, a

a farmer of Buffalo Valley, Union county; and Joseph (deceased).

To Mr. and Mrs. Kreamer eight children were born: Isaac, a contractor in Chicago; Anna E., wife of Dr. Rooke; Daniel, who died September 12, 1859; Westley, who is in partnership with his brother Isaac; Abram, who married Rose Couser, and resides at the homestead; Ada, wife of Alford Reed, a merchant of Call county, Neb.; Olive, who married Charles M. Rooke, of Winfield; and W. Charles, a dentist in Chicago.

MON. HORACE P. GLOVER, a leading citizen of Mifflinburg, Union county, is not only a successful lawyer, but he has been for many years prominently identified with The Mifflinburg Bank, of which he is now the president, having succeeded his father, the late Robert V. Glover.

The Glover family is one of the oldest in this section, our subject's great-grandfather, John Glover, Sr., having settled in what is now Hartley township, Union county (then Buffalo township, Northumberland county), in 1772, locating about one and one-half miles west of Hartleton to the south of the turnpike, where some of his descendants still reside. His ancestors migrated from England to the North of Ireland in the days of Cromwell, during the seventeenth century, and the above named American pioneer was always proud of the fact that in his veins flowed the blood of sturdy Protestant stock which, two generations before him, had taken part in the defense of Londonderry and had survived that famous siege.

Born in Ireland, December 25, 1744 (O. S.), John Glover, Sr., came to America in 1766, landing at Baltimore and locating near Winchester, Va. He was accompanied by two nephews whose names are not certainly known, but it is family tradition that one of them settled in Kentucky and the other in New York. He was married to Sophia Duncan, born February 13, 1749 (O. S.), with whom he was probably acquainted before leaving Ireland, and who shared with him all the privations of early frontier life in this country. In 1778 occurred the "big runaway," when the Indians drove all the settlers out of Buffalo Valley, and John Glover, Sr., took his family back to Virginia for safety, returning to Hartley township in 1789, where his subsequent life as a farmer was without special incident. He is taxed with one slave in the assessment books of 1804. His death occurred in 1825, and his remains, together with those of his wife, are buried at Laurelton.



W. Glover



Wm. H. Glover

John Glover, Jr., son of the preceding, who was born in 1782, near Winchester, Va., inherited the homestead in Hartley, and became a man of influence in his locality. In 1822 he was appointed a justice of the peace by Gov. Hiester, holding that office until 1838, when the constitution of that date went into effect; and in the following year was elected register and recorder of Union county. In 1806 he married Elizabeth Gray (b. 1785, d. 1856), a native of Ireland, who came to America when about nine years of age. They had eight children: One daughter, Sophia, wife of Dr. Uriah Reed, of Jersey Shore, Penn., and seven sons, to wit: William, who was sheriff of Union county from 1837 to 1840; Andrew; John (3d), a farmer of near Hartleton; George Gray, who remained on the old Glover homestead, where he died in 1885, and on which his descendants still reside; Thomas; Robert V., mentioned more fully below; and James, a farmer of near Laurelton, holding the southern portion of the old farm. John Glover, Jr., died in 1862, and is buried at Hartleton.

The late ROBERT V. GLOVER, the father of our subject, was born December 1, 1821, at the old homestead, and was educated in the local schools and at Mifflinburg Academy. After teaching school for a few years he engaged in mercantile business at Hartleton, continuing forty-five years. He was also identified with other business enterprises, notably The Mifflinburg Bank, of which he was the first cashier and afterward president. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and for thirty years held the office of ruling elder in the Church at Hartleton. He was married in Union county to Miss Helen Pellman, a native of Berks county, Penn., born May 3, 1827. She died November 13, 1893, and his death occurred on December 8 of the same year. Our subject was the eldest of their six children; James Oliver resides at State College, Penn.; Mary married James C. Hayes, of Polk county, Minn.; Samuel P. is a physician in Altoona, Penn.; John Newton is a farmer in Union county; and David L., now district attorney of Union county, is in partnership with our subject.

On the maternal side Mr. Glover is descended from Arnold Pellman, who was born near Maastrecht, Holland, and his wife, Maria Van den Vaero, a native of Grubben Vorst, Gelderland, both of whom lie buried at Meerloe. Their son, Conrad, was born February 2, 1751, in Vankum, Holland, studied medicine at Amsterdam, and during the American Revolution came to this country as a surgeon in the Anspach regiment of Hessian troops. He was a man of great ability, and was noted in his profession as is shown by memorials

and certificates written by men high in authority in the English government. It seems that he had thought of settling in Nova Scotia, but in 1783 he returned to Holland and two years later came to Pennsylvania, locating in Berks county, where he continued in practice until his death, which occurred December 29, 1803. He took the oath of allegiance in Oley township, October 10, 1786. On the 19th of September, of the same year, he married Miss Mary Kline, who was born in Amity township, Berks county, November 30, 1763, and died in Union county, January 29, 1850. Their children were John, Jacob, David, Samuel, George K., Charles, Maria, Cornelius and Rebecca, the last named being the wife of the late Michael K. Boyer, of Reading, Penn. David served in the United States navy in the war of 1812, and in 1815 shipped in the merchant marine, and was never heard from afterward.

Samuel Pellman, fourth son of Conrad, was born September 23, 1794, in Amity township, Berks county, and, after the death of his father, resided with an uncle, Abraham Kline. During boyhood he attended the district schools, and, after attaining his majority, studied for some time in the schools of Reading, thus acquiring a good education for that day. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it for a few years in his native township, but later settled upon a farm there, where he remained until 1832. He then moved to Union county, and bought a farm in Limestone township, where he made his permanent home. He was a successful farmer and held in high esteem; industry and integrity being marked elements in his character. He was a member of the Lutheran Church; in politics he was a Democrat.

On February 5, 1825, Samuel Pellman married Mary Wolff, who was born August 19, 1806, the daughter of Abraham and Rebecca (Shatz) Wolff, prominent residents of Hamburg, Berks county, where the ancestors of both had settled on coming from Germany. Mr. Pellman died July 25, 1875, his wife in 1887, and both are buried at Mifflinburg. They had six children: Helen, who married Robert V. Glover; David Wolff; Anna, who married Richard V. B. Lincoln; Rebecca, who married James Glover; Lewis Conrad; and Oliver Kline.

Horace Pellman Glover was born December 10, 1852, at Hartleton, Penn., the eldest son of Robert V. and Helen (Pellman) Glover. After an attendance at the common schools of his town and at the old Union Seminary at New Berlin, he entered Lafayette College, Easton, Penn., graduating with the class of 1871. In the fol-

lowing year he became cashier of the Mifflinburg Bank, and while there, having decided upon the legal profession, he pursued the required course of study under the direction of the late J. Merrill Linn, of Lewisburg, and at the March term, 1878, was admitted to the Bar. He then opened an office in Mifflinburg, where he won prompt recognition, and four years later was admitted to practice before the supreme court. On entering the profession he relinquished his position as cashier, became a director, and in 1893 succeeded his father as president of the bank. Mr. Glover has always taken a moderate interest in politics, and in 1886 was elected from Union county, on the Republican ticket, to the legislature, serving one term. He was delegate from his county to the Republican State Conventions of 1877 and 1883.

On November 30, 1886, he married George Anna Kemble, daughter of George S. Kemble, M. D., a noted physician and surgeon of Mifflinburg, Penn., who had served with distinction during the Civil war, holding the rank of corps surgeon and medical director. Mr. Glover is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Mifflinburg Lodge No. 370, F. & A. M., at Mifflinburg. He has one son, Robert Van Valzah, born September 27, 1887.

David L. Glover, youngest son of Robert V., was born December 17, 1866, at Hartleton, and after a preparation at Bloomsburg, Penn., he entered Lafayette College, where he graduated with the class of 1890. Having studied law with his brother, he was admitted to the Bar of Union county at the September term, 1893, and in 1895 was elected district attorney of the county, which office he still holds, and is enjoying a successful practice of the law in association with his brother, Horace P., under the firm name of Glover & Glover, at Mifflinburg.

WILLIAM SHIELDS, Register and Recorder of Union county, is an able official, whose faithfulness in the discharge of his duties has won appreciation from the public, as is shown by his recent re-election to his post at the expiration of his first term of three years. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and is also a prominent business man, having been engaged in wagon-making in Kelly township, Union county, for many years previous to his election as above, and consequent removal to Lewisburg.

Mr. Shields is a native of Union county, having been born June 23, 1841, and is of Irish descent. His grandfather, William Shields, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1776, and was

married in the Old Country to Mary Thompson, also a native of Ireland, born in the same year. She was a sister of James Thompson, a noted scholar, who was at one time president of Belfast Institution, now known as Queen's College, Belfast. William Shields and his wife crossed the Atlantic in 1805, and settled in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Penn., where he followed the weaver's trade for many years, his death occurring in 1858. His wife died March 6, 1853. They had a large family, of whom only three survived infancy, viz.: James, our subject's father; Ellen, married to Andrew Magee, who died in 1876; and Catherine, who married Robert Strayhorn, and is at present residing in California. The last two were born in America, but James Shields, who was born in 1804, was a native of Ireland. He was reared in Buffalo Valley, attending first the local schools, later the academy at Mifflinburg, and then began an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade. An injury which crippled his arm caused that work to be abandoned, and after a course at Mifflinburg Academy he engaged in teaching. Having a natural talent for mechanics he later became a gunsmith, then a chairmaker, and finally a cabinetmaker, and he also followed wagonmaking successfully. In religion he was a Presbyterian, while politically he affiliated with the Republican party. He was married in Union county to Miss Esther Lucas, who was born September 20, 1807, and died September 6, 1853; his own death occurred March 24, 1864. Of six children, four lived to adult age: (1) William, our subject; (2) Mary Ann, who married John Irvin, and died February 2, 1892, leaving two children—Jennie G. and William L.; (3) Nancy E., born January 27, 1845, married R. Wesley Harris; and (4) Hannah C., born March 20, 1847, died single November 12, 1891.

The early life of our subject was spent at the old home in Kelly township, Union county, where he attended the district school. Through assisting his father in the wagon shop, he became familiar with all branches of the trade, and had already engaged in it as a workman when he attained his majority. The Rebellion was then in progress, the need of soldiers becoming more and more urgent as the resources of the enemy were realized. Mr. Shields enlisted, in 1862, in Company E, 142nd P. V. I., and remained in service until after hostilities ceased, being mustered out June 26, 1865. He saw much severe fighting at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Bethesda Church, Petersburg and other places which are made forever memorable by that struggle. On March 11, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of

sergeant major, and on February 6, 1865, he received a wound, a token of courage and gallantry which was even more distinctive, though less agreeable, than the other. On his return to the paths of peace, Mr. Shields resumed his business, and continued it until elected to his present office in 1894; his re-election coming in 1896, he entered upon his second term in January, 1897. In politics he is a Republican. He is identified with the Presbyterian Church, and, socially, with the G. A. R. As a citizen he has always been prompt to aid in local advancement.

On December 26, 1867, Mr. Shields married Miss Katherine Angeny, a native of Bucks county, Penn., born September 18, 1844, and seven children have blessed their union, their names with dates of birth being as follows: Esther L., December 26, 1868, a graduate of Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, is a trained nurse by occupation, and now in the Royal Hospital in Seoul, Korea, having been sent in August, 1897, by the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church; the others—Lillian, December 12, 1870; Ellen, January 31, 1873; William Scott, April 11, 1875; Edgar Thomson, September 24, 1877; Charlotte E., May 4, 1880; and James Leigh, January 27, 1885, are all at home.

HON. D. F. GUTELIUS. In the early days of Mifflinburg there appeared in her business life an energetic, progressive young man, Fredrick Gutelius by name, who came from Lancaster county, Penn., and established his permanent home in this then thriving village. He married Miss Goodyear, and by her became the father of twelve children: Frederick, William, Israel, John, Henry, Joseph, George, Andrew, Rev. Samuel, Elizabeth Catharine and Sarah.

Fredrick Gutelius, the eldest in the above mentioned family, and the grandfather of the worthy gentleman whose name appears at the opening of this review, was born in 1796, and died in 1865. He was one of those versatile men who find their work in various lines of effort crowned with equal success. His list of occupations were varied, including the weaving of a fine grade of linen and carpets, then for a time he followed butchering in Milton, Penn., later returning to his native city. He married Miss Lydia Crotzer, also a native of Mifflinburg, and had ten children. (1) Thomas is a retired carriage maker in Mifflinburg. (2) William is a painter and paper hanger in the same city. (3) John, our subject's father, is mentioned below. (4) Caroline is the widow of William, Shriner (her daughter, now Mrs. Chambers, of

Denver, Colo., is a writer of unusual merit, and received the national prize for the best poem on Pike's Peak). (5) Catherine, widow of Samuel Faust, resides at Renovo, Penn. (6) Jacob, one of the pioneers in the coach-building business at Mifflinburg, died in 1897. (7) Samuel, a dentist at Millheim, Penn., died in 1896. (8) Charles Henry is a dentist of Mifflinburg. (9) Joseph, a soldier of Company D, 150th P. V. I., the famous "Bucktail Regiment," was killed at Gettysburg on the first day of the fight; he was in command of the color guard, and after all the others had been shot he clung to the flag, though wounded; when our forces were driven into the town of Gettysburg, he sat down on a door step, weary and faint from loss of blood, and was there bayoneted by a Rebel soldier, and the flag taken from his body. (10) Miss Lydia resides at the old home in Mifflinburg.

John Gutelius, our subject's father, was born in 1826, and grew to manhood in Mifflinburg. He married Miss Catherine Kenn, a native of Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Penn., born in 1828, and after residing for a time in Millheim, Penn., located in his native city. By trade he was a millwright, but for eleven years he assisted his brother Jacob in the wagon and carriage-making business, and in 1875 he opened a shop of his own, in which he has since manufactured carriages, sleighs, wagons and all kinds of light vehicles. He now has an extensive trade and employs twenty-five hands, most of his stock being sold in this State. Since 1881 our subject has been in partnership with him. The following ten children were born to John Gutelius: (1) Thomas O., who is employed in the shop, married Miss Jemima Thompson, and has three children—Clark, Katie and Anna. (2) H. L. (died in 1896) married Miss Alice Moyer, and became the father of five children—Wells, Merrill, Florence, Horace and Warren. (3) David Fredrick. (4) Charles A. married Miss Ella Badger, and has ten children—Charles L., Anna M., Eva, Harry, Vernie, Stella, Grace, Edna, Susa and one unnamed. (5) Joseph, who works in his father's shop, married Miss Minnie Hough, and has two children—Clarence and Sarah. (6) John, Jr., who is also employed in the shop. (7) Annie married F. E. Leitzel, of Scottsdale, Penn. (8) Sarah Jane, (9) Ida and (10) Lillian are at home.

D. F. Gutelius, the subject proper of this sketch, was born January 17, 1855, and was educated in the public schools. When quite young he entered his father's employ, and soon had acquired a complete and thorough knowledge of the business. On coming of age he was made man-

ager, and later accepted as a partner. He is regarded as an able business man, and by close application to his work he has well earned the respect and admiration of the entire community. In 1894 he was nominated on the Democratic ticket for burgess, and, in spite of the customary Republican majority, he was elected. A thorough acquaintance with the people in whose company his whole life has been passed has served to strengthen the confidence in his ability to discharge any duty that might become his. That he has fully met the expectations of his constituents is a well-known and indisputable fact evidenced by his popularity with all classes, irrespective of party.

On February 27, 1879, Mr. Gutelius was married to Miss Clara Zimmerman, a daughter of Jacob Zimmerman, a well-known resident of Mifflinburg. Three children—Edythe, Lucy and Nelson—have lent their cheering presence to this happy home. On July 19, 1888, the wife and mother was called from earthly cares and joys, and for a time the bereaved father and children boarded with Mr. Jacob Zimmerman; but as the children became older, Mr. Gutelius moved into his beautiful residence, where, with the assistance of a housekeeper, the little family are passing a contented home life. The eldest daughter, Edythe, graduated from the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Penn., in June, 1898, and the two younger children are in school. Fraternally, Mr. Gutelius is a member of the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge, in which he is past master, and he is also a member of the Royal Arcanum. Socially, Mr. Gutelius and family are prominent factors, and in their abundant hospitality often open wide their doors to their many friends.

JOHAN HOWARD HARRIS, LL. D., was inaugurated president of Bucknell University in June, 1889. He entered upon the labors of many eminent and devoted men, who laid the foundations wisely, and to whose services and merits the new president always gives generous recognition. One part of his work, not the least important, has been the rallying of old friends to the institution. He has spoken in over 130 different Churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey; has lectured in all of the Normal Schools of the State except two, and has brought many academies and high schools into close affiliation with the college. In all his efforts, the president has been ably and cordially aided by the Board of Trustees, the Faculty and the Alumni. Two buildings, the gymnasium and laboratory, have been erected during his administration; nearly

\$100,000 added to the endowment; the library increased from 9,000 to 18,000 volumes, the number of courses from fifty-one to one hundred and fifty-two; and the attendance in the college from seventy to two hundred and forty-seven, and to four hundred and thirty in all departments.

Dr. Harris was born in Buffington, Indiana Co., Penn., April 24, 1847. On the paternal side, he is of Welsh descent, his father, Reese Harris, born in 1804, having come to America in 1830, and served as mine superintendent until 1844, when he purchased a farm in Indiana county from the proceeds of the sale of his Welsh freehold, which he had inherited from his father. On the maternal side Dr. Harris is partly of English descent, his ancestor, James Coleman, having been an officer with Capt. Brady in the old French war. On another side he is of German descent from a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

Dr. Harris spent the first years of his life attending the public and subscription schools of the neighborhood, evincing at the age of nine an appetite for historical reading which in the four succeeding years led to the reading of all the histories which were to be had from the scant private libraries of the neighborhood. In 1860 he entered a local academy to prepare for college, and continued his studies in that direction till the school was broken up by the enlistment of the principal, A. J. Bolar (afterward Major Bolar), and about all of the students who were old enough for service. Dr. Harris was among those who volunteered; but was rejected on account of age. His first public speech aside from efforts in the debating societies was one in favor of the Union at the fall of Sumter. His studies were again interrupted, in 1862, by the head teacher and most of the pupils responding to the call of President Lincoln. Dr. Harris again volunteered, but was again rejected. In the fall and winter of 1862-63, he taught his first school. In 1863, he had his experience repeated in the breaking up of the school, but was himself accepted among the volunteers, serving as a private in the Second Battalion, P. V., in West Virginia.

After his discharge, he continued his college preparation, and had all arrangements made to enter Bucknell College in 1864, but the call of the President for volunteers again led to his offering himself, and he served as sergeant in the 206th P. V. I., until the close of the war. In 1865 he entered Bucknell College, and graduated in the course in Arts in 1869. He has received the degree of Master of Arts from Bucknell, that of Doctor of Philosophy from Lafayette, and



*John H. Harris,
President of Bucknell
University.*

that of Doctor of Laws from Dickinson College, Penn., and also from Colgate University, New York.

Dr. Harris intended almost from childhood to follow the legal profession, and in 1863 was enrolled as a law student in the office of Hugh W. Wier, of the Indiana Bar. He completed all the course except the office work, but from lack of funds after graduation he entered upon the work of teaching. He took charge of a subscription school in Factoryville, near Scranton, which he developed into Keystone Academy, an institution, when he left it, with fine campus of twenty acres, three large buildings, costing \$75,000, a good library, and over 200 students, three-fourths of them being boarders. In 1869 he decided to devote himself to the work of the ministry and teaching. He followed closely the course of study laid down in Crozer Theological Seminary, doing all of the work of the course except Hebrew. He has devoted special attention to New Testament study having read it all in Greek ten times, and most of it thirty times. In 1872 Dr. Harris was ordained, and served the West Abington Church nine years as pastor. In that time the Church increased its benevolent contributions, enlarged its edifice and nearly doubled its membership.

His first wife, Miss Mary Mace, who was born in Wyoming county, Penn., August 24, 1855, died leaving two children, Mary and Herbert. By a second marriage, with Miss Lucy Bailey, born in 1858, he has seven sons: Reese, George, Spencer, John, James, Walter and Stanley.

WILLIAM C. BARTOL, Ph. D., was born in Huntingdon, Penn., November 24, 1847. He was prepared for college in the public schools of his native town. At the age of nineteen he entered the University at Lewisburg, now Bucknell, and was graduated with honor in 1872. He immediately entered upon educational work. His first five years as teacher gave him an experimental knowledge of almost every phase of school instruction. During this period he was successively professor of mathematics in the Salisbury Academy, Conn; principal of the Centre Hall high school, Penn.; superintendent of the public schools of Union Grove, Wis.; and principal of the Huntingdon Academy, Penn. Thus he gained a most valuable experience and training for his work as a public teacher. Afterward he became professor of mathematics in the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Mansfield. During his stay of four years at Mansfield, he

gained such a reputation as a mathematical instructor that, upon the resignation of Dr. George M. Philips from the chair of mathematics and astronomy in Bucknell University, August, 1881, he was immediately chosen his successor. Dr. Bartol entered upon his duties as professor of mathematics and astronomy in Bucknell University, September 8, 1881. Some years later the college astronomical observatory was built, largely through his efforts. He was then made its director, though retaining his former duties as a professor. He is an assiduous worker, and has found time to publish a number of brief studies in the science of perspective and of the calculus. He assisted Dr. French in the revision of his mathematical works, published by Harper & Brothers. He is also the author of a solid geometry which has had a large sale.

The ancestors of Dr. William C. Bartol were German. His grandfather, John Barthold, was born, where he spent his entire life and died, on a farm near Klecknersville, Northampton Co., Penn. The farm was located about one and a half miles from the village, north toward the Blue mountains, and about three-eighths of a mile nearly northeast from the site of the old Indian defense called Peter Doll's block house. John's father had lived upon and owned this farm for many years. He died here probably in the year 1783, at which date John was sixteen years old. John Barthold was accustomed to relate that his father had been a German soldier for five years, and that upon being discharged from military duties he and his younger brother, not yet of age, came to this country, landing in New York. Both were unmarried. Shortly after landing the brothers became separated, and since have had no knowledge of each other, nor have their families ever had knowledge of each other. This could not have occurred later than 1750, and possibly ten years earlier. The children of John Barthold by his first wife were Peter, Paul, John, Abraham, Jacob, Johnstine, Christina, Catharine and Barbara. He married, after the death of his wife, a Mrs. Beer, whose maiden name was Staley. Their children were Simon, Henry, Elizabeth, and Elias, who was the father of the subject of this sketch. John, Sr., died in 1843, when he was about seventy-five years old.

When Elias was nineteen years old he left home with his brother Henry, and located in Boalsburg, Centre Co., Penn. About this time he began writing his name Bartold, and a few years later the brothers in Boalsburg changed their name to Bartol, dropping the h and the d, because, as they said, they were silent letters as

the name was pronounced. All other members of the family retain the original spelling. Elias Bartol married Bathsheba Wieland, of Boalsburg, August 19, 1841. Their children were Sarah, Lilia, William Cyrus, Anna and Thomas Edgar.

The mother of Dr. Bartol traces her ancestry to Michael Weyland, the pioneer in this country, who came from near Stuttgart in Wurtemberg, or from the city itself, about the year 1737, perhaps a few years earlier or later. In 1754 we find Michael Weyland in Bethel, the northwest township of Berks county, Penn., and by the same authority (J. B. Linn's Annals of Buffalo Valley) we find him, in 1769, settled in Buffalo Valley, Union county, on what is now D. B. Miller's farm. This was the site of the old Indian town, Shikellimy, near West Milton. Michael Weyland was married to Magdalena Baker. Their children were Michael, Jr., Jacob, George, John, Samuel, Mary, Margaret, Catharine and Magdaline. Michael, Sr., died in 1771, and was buried on the place, in an old graveyard, a little way up the road running from the river. John in some way changed the name to Wheland. He married Christina Oberlin, whose father was Michael Oberlin. Her mother's maiden name was Zwecker. Michael Oberlin lived in Earl township, Lancaster Co., Penn., and was one of the original members of the old Bergstrass Lutheran Church there. John Wheland and his wife, Christina, lived in this neighborhood for some years. They afterward, in 1800, moved to Lycoming county, Penn., and later to a farm near Tusseyville, Penn. Their children were: Michael, Hannah, John, Christina, Frederick and Lydia. John, Sr., died near Tusseyville, and is buried in the old churchyard there. His wife died in 1845, and is buried at Boalsburg.

The oldest child of John and Christina Wheland was Michael, born in Lancaster county, Penn., about six miles from the village of New Holland. At the early age of eight or nine years, Michael was accustomed to attend divine services in New Holland, traveling the six miles often alone and on foot, running at times for fear of missing the music of the organ which was then in the church. Michael Oberlin, the grandfather of Michael Wheland, gave his little namesake some silver buckles and a silver spoon when the grandson was perhaps two years old; some of these keepsakes are yet in the possession of his descendants. Michael Wheland married Sarah Becht. They were taken or confirmed into the Old-school Lutheran Church by the Rev. Frederick Haas, somewhere in Mifflin county, Penn. Sarah Becht was born January 23, 1793, and died July 24, 1836. Her husband Michael died Sep-

tember 19, 1871. They are both buried at Boalsburg, Penn. The children of Michael Wheland were: Hannah, Lydia, Benjamin, Rebecca, William, Bathsheba, Sarah, Lucy, Washington, Anna, Drusilla Christina, and Daniel.

Elias Bartol married Bathsheba, at Spruce Creek, Penn., and directly they moved to Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, and after a short stay here, they moved to Manor Hill, from which place they came to Huntingdon in 1844. Here they settled; and spent the remaining years of their lives. Their oldest son, William Cyrus, the subject of this sketch, married Martha Belle Africa. The paternal ancestor of Mrs. Bartol, pioneer in this country, was Christopher Africa. He was (according to the family tradition) born in the Kingdom of Hanover, and came to America when yet a young man. He was by trade a miller. He settled at Germantown, Penn., and there married an "English woman" (but we are to bear in mind that, at that time, every person not born in the Fatherland, was regarded by the German as English). At least two of their several children were born at Germantown—John Michael and Jacob.

Before the breaking out of the American Revolution, Christopher Africa and his family moved to the vicinity of Hanover, York Co., Penn. While residing there the two sons and two or more of the daughters married. John Michael married Catherine Graffius, of York, born October 23, 1765, died February 12, 1830. Jacob married Catherine Geiger. One daughter married George Louckert. Another, Rosina, died unmarried about 1807, and was interred in the German Lutheran Church-yard in the borough of Hanover. When the church was about to be enlarged, about fifteen years ago, it became necessary to remove the remains to another part of the yard. The grave was marked by neat head and foot stones in excellent preservation, and the inscription was remarkably distinct. John Michael's eldest child, Elizabeth, was born in 1790. In 1791 he removed to Huntingdon, having purchased the lots of ground, Nos. 320 and 322 Penn and Nos. 321 and 323 Alleghany street, whereon he resided until his death, June 30, 1822, when he was aged sixty-five years. Jacob's eldest children, John and Jacob were born in Hanover. Jacob, Sr., moved to Huntingdon a few years after Michael had become a resident there. Christopher remained in York county until after the death of his daughter Rosina, when he followed his sons to Huntingdon, where he died and was interred in the Lutheran Church-yard, northeast corner of Fourth and Church streets. Michael dropped the prefix John about the time

he was married. From descriptions of his personal appearance given by old citizens who knew him, he was six feet in height; had blue eyes; was neither corpulent nor lean, and wore his dark hair in a queue. Jacob was shorter in stature, and more corpulent than his brother Michael. His children were: John, Jacob, David, Samuel, Mary, Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Harry and Daniel.

Christopher Africa had charge of a gristmill at or near Germantown, and his two sons were employed in the mill. On going to York county he bought a mill and paid some money thereon. The title proving defective, he lost the property and his investment therein. After this misfortune Michael became a brickmaker, to which he added a winter occupation, that of dyer. His brickyard in Huntingdon extended eastward from Sixth street three lots, of fifty feet each, and northward from Mifflin street to Moore street. There the brick for all the brick houses erected in Huntingdon for over two-score years were made. Hon. J. Simpson Africa, from whom these narrated facts were obtained, says "at one time I was inclined to believe the family name we bear was an English corruption of a German patronym, but I since learned from four different German immigrants that they knew the name in Germany. One mentioned the city of Coblenz on the Rhine, another Augsburg in Bavaria, another Berlin, and the locality mentioned by the fourth has escaped my recollection." Jacob Africa, Jr., married Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman, December 7, 1819. They had a number of children—William Stevens, Eliza Ann, Andrew Jackson, John H., Letitia M., Robert Wesley, Eunice M. and Anderson. Andrew Jackson Africa married Maria King, and their children were: Martha Belle (Mrs. Bartol), William Carey, Thomas Edgar and Vinton Zimmerman.

Mrs. Bartol traces her ancestry on the maternal side to Alexander King, who is described by those who knew him as a Scotch-Irishman; a strict Scotch Presbyterian; in personal appearance a man of medium height and weight. He came from Ireland to America probably in the year 1774. About two years later, on January 10, 1776, he enlisted as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, under Capt. Henry Darby in the Delaware regiment commanded by Colonel Haslett. He was then a young man, presumably twenty-five years of age, and served under these officers for one year, during which time he was in the disastrous battle of Long Island, after which, retreating with his regiment, he fought at White Plains under Washington. Here he received a slight wound from a bayonet in the

hands of a Hessian. He continued with his regiment in the perilous flight through New Jersey, and was at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton, after the famous crossing of the ice-drifted Delaware. The time of his enlistment having expired, Alexander King remained at home for a few months and then re-enlisted in Capt. Benjamin Fishborne's company of the Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Col. William Butler. His re-enlistment was probably from New London, Chester Co., Penn. Under Fishborne he served with some distinction, being promoted from corporal to sergeant of his company. He fought in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and afterward at Monmouth on the memorable sultry day in June. Marching with his regiment to Schoharie, where the winter was passed, he was ordered the following summer to join the expedition under General Sullivan against the Indians in the Genesee country, and upon his return he, together with his company, joined the main army. He remained in the service until the month of January, 1781, when he was discharged on account of sickness and returned home.

Alexander King made an application for a pension on April 14, 1818, at which time he was residing in Huntingdon county, Penn., and was sixty-four years of age. His pension was allowed for five years actual service as corporal and sergeant in the Revolutionary war. He came to Huntingdon not later than 1796. This we may safely conclude from the fact that the county records give Alexander King, of Huntingdon, as the purchaser of lot 181 on January 30, 1797. He probably came direct from Chester county to Huntingdon. He died August 8, 1826, and was buried in the Riverview cemetery, Huntingdon. He was admitted to membership in Lodge No. 55, Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons at Huntingdon June 24, 1800, and was buried with the usual Masonic honors. Alexander King married Nancy Jackson probably before coming to America. Their children were John and Thomas. John married Christine Berkstresser. They settled in Bedford county, Penn. Their children were William R., James, Harry S., Caroline, John, Margaret, Thomas, Nancy, Alexander and Elizabeth. Thomas King, Sr., spent his life in Huntingdon, Penn., where he followed the occupation of his father Alexander, that of a tailor. He was also, like his father, a member of the Masonic order there. He served for a short time (three months) in the war of 1812 under Captain Robert Allison.

Thomas King was married in Huntingdon, in 1803, by the Rev. John Johnston, to Martha

Norris, and their children were William H., Ann, Margaret, Catherine, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah and Maria. Thomas King died March 9, 1838, aged fifty-seven years, his wife, Martha Norris, on June 22, 1855, aged seventy-five years. Their daughter Maria was married to A. Jackson Africa, in Huntingdon, by the Rev. Jesse Williams, October 28, 1852. Their oldest daughter, Martha Belle, married William C. Bartol, April 13, 1875. Their children are Mary, Belle, William A. and Helen King.

BECK FAMILY. Among the German immigrants who left their homes along the Rhine during the great migration of German Protestants to Pennsylvania in the last century was Johann Thomas Beck. He came from the Duchy of Hanau, and embarked from the port of Rotterdam, in Holland, in the year 1752, with his wife Esther, his son Henry and his daughter Margaret. He did not live to see the New World, for he died on the voyage and the Atlantic became his burying place. His widow and children reached Philadelphia, from whence they went to Berks county, Penn., where they settled, and where the widow subsequently married one McMullen.

Henry Beck, the son of Johann Thomas Beck, was born in the Duchy of Hanau about the year 1748, and was four years of age when he came to Pennsylvania with his mother. He grew up in Berks county, and in the year 1775 married Margaret Wolfgang. Like almost all the Pennsylvania Germans, he was engaged in farming, which he varied occasionally by superintending the wood-cutting for one of the local furnaces. The Revolutionary war came on shortly after his marriage. In the militia companies which were formed from time to time for short terms as the war progressed, and were composed chiefly of the farming population who attended to their farms in the summer and went into the army in the winter, he went out three different times, first as orderly sergeant and subsequently as lieutenant, and was in one of the commands that failed to cross the Delaware at the time when Washington captured the Hessians at Trenton. He remained upon his farm in Berks county until his removal to a farm near Pottsgrove, in Northumberland county, Penn., where he died in the year 1824. Both he and his wife Margaret are buried in the old Lutheran graveyard at Milton, Pennsylvania.

Henry Beck, by his wife, Margaret, had seven children, all of whom were born and reared in Berks county, on their father's farm. They were

Henry, George, Thomas, Sophia, Elizabeth, Mary and Catharine. Henry Beck, the eldest son, was born July 10, 1776, and was married to Hannah Ludwig, of Berks county. George Beck was married to Mary Greiner, and had the following children, William, Susan, Jeremiah, Henry and Mary Ann; he remained in Berks county until his death in May, 1854; his son, Henry Beck, with his family, resides at the present time at Pottstown, Berks county. Thomas Beck removed to Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y., where he resided until his death. Sophia married William Gross. Elizabeth married David Kaufman, who settled in Union county, Penn. Mary married Steph Glaize, who settled in the northern end of Northumberland county, Penn. Catharine married John Hill, and resided upon the homestead near Pottsgrove until her death. After his marriage, Henry Beck settled upon a farm in Earl township, Berks county, where he followed farming and tanning. In the year 1813 he removed with his family to a farm adjoining (and now a part of) Lewisburg, Union Co., Penn., which place he had previously visited with a view to settlement. Here he built a new tannery, which he carried on in connection with his farm. The large brick house at the upper end of Second street in Lewisburg was built by him in 1823, and was occupied by him and his family. By his wife, Hannah, he had six children, one of whom, named Daniel, died in infancy. The others were Samuel L. Beck, born April 6, 1802; Rebecca L., born November 30, 1807; Isaac L., born May 5, 1811, died May 20, 1856; Mary Ann, born October 19, 1815; Lydia L., born April 12, 1818. Hannah Beck died November 19, 1839, aged fifty-seven years. Henry Beck died January 2, 1846, aged sixty-nine years. Both are buried in the cemetery at Lewisburg, Penn. Henry Beck was a member of the Lutheran Church at Lewisburg, while his wife, Hannah, belonged to the German Reformed Church. He took an active part in town affairs, and in politics was a Democrat.

Samuel L. Beck, his eldest son, was eleven years old when his parents moved to Lewisburg, and here he grew up on his father's farm. He had little taste for farming, but a great aptitude for study. One of his tutors was Samuel Kirkham, the author of the famous old English grammar. Mathematics and surveying were taught by his uncle, Daniel Ludwig, who resided near White Deer Mills, in the same county. For a short time he taught school and kept his father's books. Having decided to take up the profession of medicine, in which his uncle, Dr. Michael Ludwig, of Berks county, had won con-



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siderable reputation, he studied for some time in the office of Dr. VanValzah, of Lewisburg. In 1825 he entered, as a student, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he remained until he graduated in 1828, having, as a classmate, Dr. Samuel Gross, the famous surgeon. After his graduation he returned to Lewisburg, where he settled permanently and took up the practice of his profession. On April 12, 1842, he married Anna Stitzel, the youngest daughter of Adam Stitzel (whose father, Johannes Stitzel, came to America in June, 1735), and his wife, Sarah (Levan), of McEwensville, Penn. Anna Stitzel was born October 3, 1814.

Of the other children of Henry Beck, Rebecca L. married John K. Housel, and died near Freeport, Ill., in 1892; Issac L. married Mary Dreisbach July 7, 1839, and died at Mifflinburg, Penn., in 1856, leaving two children, Henry and Kate; Mary A. married Thomas Reber, and died at Lewisburg in 1896; Lydia L. married Daniel Zeller, and still resides at Lewisburg.

Dr. Samuel L. Beck was a Whig in politics until the disruption of that party, when he became a Republican. He died at Lewisburg November 1, 1882, and was buried in the Lewisburg cemetery. His wife, Anna, died in Lewisburg March 2, 1885, and was buried by the side of her husband. By his wife, Anna Stitzel, Dr. Beck had five children: William H., born February 28, 1843; Samuel L., born September 14, 1844; Valeria R., born July 29, 1846; Thomas Romeyn, born March 17, 1848; Mary, born July 28, 1849.

Of these WILLIAM H. BECK, the eldest son, received his education at the University of Lewisburg, Penn., where he graduated in the class of 1862. He entered the army during the Civil war, and was a member of Company C, 131st P. V. I. He was admitted to the Bar as a lawyer in Lewisburg in 1865, and since that time has resided in Winchester and Alexandria, Va., New Orleans, La., and Washington, D. C., which last place is his residence at this writing.

Samuel Ludwig Beck, the second son, married Miss Susan Case, of Trenton, N. J., and has a printing office in Philadelphia, where he resides. Valeria R. Beck married David Myers January 3, 1871. They resided for some years on his plantation near Talladega, Ala., whence they removed to Lima, Ind., and thence to Lewisburg, Penn., where she now resides. Thomas R. Beck resides in Lewisburg, Penn. Mary Beck married J. N. McCoy, the son of Col. DeWitt Clinton McCoy, of the 83d Penna. V. I. She now resides with her husband in Reading, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE GROSS, a highly respected resident of New Berlin, Union county, can look back over more than seventy years of life, during which his retentive memory has treasured many interesting reminiscences of the past. During the greater portion of his life he has been identified with the mercantile and agricultural interests of this section. At present he is living in retirement and enjoying the fruits of his past labors.

Mr. Gross is a member of an old Pennsylvania family, his ancestors having settled in Montgomery county in an early day. Henry Gross, his grandfather, was born there, being one of a large family of children, several of whom left the old home to locate elsewhere. One brother moved to the western part of Pennsylvania, another lived in Dauphin county, Penn., a sister died in Mifflin county, another brother died in New Orleans, a sister died in Franklin county, Penn., and still another brother at Beavertown, Snyder Co., Penn. Henry Gross was married in York county, Penn., to Miss Phœbe Havice, and came on horseback with his bride to what is now Beaver township, Snyder county, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He established a mercantile business at Middleburg, but in 1801 his store was burned, and he then engaged in farming, purchasing land below MeKees Half Falls. In 1814 he bought the land upon which New Berlin now stands, and he followed farming there for a number of years. This land formerly belonged to George Long, and the village, when first laid out, was called Longstown. At one time Henry Gross owned six farms. His death occurred in 1842, when in his eighty-third year. His wife died in 1837, as the result of injuries received from an accident in falling down stairs. Henry, his eldest son, who served as justice of the peace and surveyor in Snyder county in an early day, in 1830, went west, locating in Seneca county, Ohio, where he died sixty-five years ago. The children of Henry and Phœbe (Havice) Gross were as follows: Henry (mentioned in the foregoing), Elizabeth (Mrs. George Herald), Sarah (Mrs. John Hilbish), Catherine (Mrs. Jacob Dubbs), Philip (father of our subject), John (who died near Chattanooga, Tenn.), Polly (Mrs. Cpl. Henry Royer) and Barbara (Mrs. George Kleckner). None of these children are now living. Mrs. Kleckner died one year after her marriage.

Gen. Philip Gross, the father of our subject, was born in 1797, in Middleburg, and his educational opportunities in youth were limited to the schools of that place. He always resided upon the old homestead, following agriculture as an occupation, and at times did considerable business as

an administrator and executor in the settlement of estates. He was a robust man, well-proportioned, and was seldom ill. Throughout his life he took keen interest in military affairs, and, only his ineligibility on account of age, prevented him from serving in the Civil war. He filled every office in the home militia from private to general, and was the last to serve in that rank under the old regime in the brigade of Union and Northumberland counties. He was a stanch Democrat, as was his father before him, and he held a number of offices, serving one term as county treasurer before the separation from Union county, when the county seat was at New Berlin. For more than forty consecutive years he served as justice of the peace. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and for many years held the office of trustee in the Church. He died in 1879. His wife, who died in 1894, at the age of ninety-one years, was Elizabeth Schoch. She was born March 31, 1803, in Snyder county, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hendricks) Schoch. Her remains now rest beside those of her husband in the cemetery at the old homestead. They had the following children: Henry died in Philadelphia, in February, 1890; George is our subject; Jacob died in infancy; Jacob (2) died in 1889, in Limestone township; Phoebe is the widow of Thomas Yearick, of Aaronsburg, Penn.; Mary J. married John Stauffer, and died in Boyertown, Penn.; Elizabeth C. is the widow of Rev. George B. Dechant, of Catawissa, Penn.; Benjamin F. died at the age of nineteen; John died in childhood; an infant son died unnamed; Elmira died in childhood; Susan married Dr. Jerry Hay, and died in Bloomville, Ohio; Laura is the widow of Marion Schnure, of Selins Grove, Union county; and John died in infancy.

George Gross was born August 23, 1823, at the old homestead, and his education was begun in the schools of New Berlin, his first teacher being Mr. Hague. After attending the common schools until he was nineteen years old, he spent two years at the Lewisburg Academy, and, although qualified to teach, he never cared to do so. On leaving school he returned home to engage in farm work. In the fall of 1844, he, with three other young men, went to Seneca county, Ohio, driving the entire distance. He had relatives in that locality, and for a year was employed as clerk by an uncle in Bellevue. Later he worked in the same capacity for a time at Tiffin, Ohio, and then returned to Pennsylvania, and entered the employ of his brother Henry, then a merchant at Aaronsburg. On August 13, 1846, he was married at New Berlin, to Miss Elizabeth C. Nettle, a native of Carlisle, Penn., and a daugh-

ter of Isaac Nettle. He then located on his father's farm for a year, whence in 1847 he removed to Rebersburg, where he established a general mercantile business. In 1848 he started a branch store in Loganton, Sugar Valley, under the firm name of Gross, Bogar & Co., Mr. Gross owning a half interest. For some time, in addition to his other work, he held the office of postmaster at Rebersburg, but, in 1858, he sold his store there and returned to the old homestead. In 1858 he disposed of his interest in the Loganton store, and, in 1861, he bought out John D. Bogar, of New Berlin, and continued business for six years under the firm name of Gross & Lutz, and afterward as Gross & Wilson, until 1878, when he sold out and retired from active business in that line. In May, 1859, he became a director in the Lewisburg National Bank, and he has attended every meeting of the board since that time with possible exceptions of three or four regular weekly meetings in a year. He is the surviving executor of his father's estate, and for years he looked after his mother's interests. Since 1861 he has occupied his present home at New Berlin, a beautiful place, which was at one time owned by Hon. Joseph Casey, who afterward became Judge of the Court of Claims at Washington, D. C., and who died in that city February 10, 1879. His wife was a sister of Mrs. Gross. Mr. Gross, in religious faith, is a Lutheran, but as his wife is a Presbyterian, he attends that Church regularly. They have had three children: William G., now a resident of Philadelphia; and two, George A. and Rosa K., who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Gross has always been a Democrat, and has held numerous offices in the borough of New Berlin. He was a senatorial delegate to the State Convention held at Erie, Penn., in 1875; he was also a member of the State Democratic Committee during the year 1879.

HARRY P. RANCK, a progressive and successful agriculturist of White Deer township, Union county, is a descendant of a well-known pioneer family, and now owns and occupies a farm near New Columbia, which has been in the possession of the family for more than a century. It was purchased about 1797, by our subject's great-grandfather, John Ranck, who, with his second wife, Barbara, came from Lancaster county to make his permanent home, his death occurring there in 1820, at the age of seventy-eight. His widow survived him until March 27, 1830, when she passed away, aged seventy-five years.

Jonathan Ranck, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Lancaster county, born July 1, 1789, but the greater part of his life was spent in Union county, where he became a prominent farmer. He died May 5, 1856, leaving a large family. He was married three times, (first) to Miss Catherine Long, (second) to Miss Margaret Dieffenderfer, our subject's grandmother, and (third) to Mrs. Harriet (Kline) Dieffenderfer, the widow of a brother of his second wife. Margaret Dieffenderfer was born in Union county, then Northumberland county, in January, 1798, the daughter of Jacob Dieffenderfer, and died in February, 1844. By the first of these three unions there was one son, Joseph, born March 15, 1816, died in May, 1895. By the second there were ten children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Sarah, January 17, 1819, Mrs. Daniel Bennage (deceased); Moses, September 4, 1820; Susannah, January 14, 1822, Mrs. J. J. Brown; Jacob, January 28, 1824 (deceased); Edward, December 31, 1825; Solomon, September 9, 1827; Mary, August 14, 1830, Mrs. Charles C. Wetzel; Levi, January 9, 1833 [see farther on]; Jonathan, April 2, 1834; and Ellen, January 18, 1837.

The late Levi Ranck, the father of our subject, was a prominent citizen of White Deer township, and during his active life followed agricultural pursuits at the old homestead where he breathed his last April 29, 1866. His wife, Charlotte Ranck, who was also a native of White Deer township, was born August 7, 1834, and died October 5, 1881. They had the following children: Florence, born December 24, 1853, married Charles Baskins, a railway engineer residing at North Platte, Neb.; Virginia, born January 15, 1856, married David Gross, sheriff of Union county, who resides at Lewisburg, Penn.; Norman L., born December 4, 1857, is a farmer of Gregg township, Union county; Anna E., born November 23, 1861, married Addison Koch, who is now engaged in trucking at New Columbia, Penn.; Mary E., born April 6, 1864, married Howard Carson, a farmer and dairyman of Lycoming county, Penn.; Harry P. will be mentioned more fully below; Carrie C., born May 18, 1869, resides in Lewisburg with her sister, Mrs. Gross; Violet P., born July 16, 1872, married Howard Reed, of Benton, Penn.; Charles W., born April 28, 1874, resides with our subject; Daisy D., born March 29, 1876, is with her sister, Mrs. Baskins, in Nebraska; and Levi R., born January 1, 1879, is attending school in Lewisburg.

Harry P. Ranck has always had his home at the old farm, where he was born May 19, 1866,

and it is now owned by him in partnership with his sister Florence. The residence is a handsome stone structure of old-fashioned style, and the whole place shows the occupancy of a genial, hospitable family. He has a reputation as a good manager, and as a citizen is prominent in local affairs. In politics he is a Republican, and in February, 1897, was elected supervisor and served one year, and was re-elected, in February, 1898. He is an active member of the Grange of his township.

On April 7, 1889, Mr. Ranck was married to Miss Sallie R. Becker, and their home has been made brighter by three children: Russell R., born March 1, 1892; Violet V., born February 6, 1894; and Charles L., born October 19, 1897. Mrs. Ranck's paternal grandfather, Jacob Becker, a wagon maker by trade, was a native of Berks county, Penn., but settled upon a farm at the present site of New Columbia about 1818, and there he and his wife, Margaret Long, passed their remaining years, the latter dying October 13, 1862, aged sixty-two years and eight months, and the former passing away November 27, of the same year, at the age of sixty-seven.

Of their ten children, Rachel died in infancy; Mary married Fred Ludwig, a farmer in Ohio; Levi, who married Eliza Miller, is a farmer of Montgomery county, Penn.; Charles, a blacksmith by trade, married Miss Elutz; Margaret married Charles Corp, a carpenter at Lewisburg, Penn.; Catherine (deceased) was the wife of James Taylor, a farmer of Minnesota; Jacob left home, and his present location is unknown; William, who died in 1895, was twice married, (first) to Matilda Peters, and, after her death, to Carrie Haynes, also deceased; Sallie married a farmer; and Amos G. (Mrs. Ranck's father), who was born at New Columbia, November 25, 1840, and is still residing in his native township. For fifteen years he followed the sawyer's trade but at present is not engaged in any regular business. In 1864 he enlisted in Company I, 202nd P. V. I., under Capt. Jacob Neighbert, and, although he took part in several important engagements, including the second battle of Bull Run, he was not wounded. He belongs to the Grand Army Post at Milton, and, in politics, is a steadfast Republican.

Amos Becker was married to Miss Margaret J. Beckheimer, a native of White Deer township, born December 24, 1842. Her father, Samuel Berkheimer, a farmer by occupation, was born in Chester county, Penn., and died in White Deer township, Penn. He and his wife, Mary Cattler, reared a family of four children: Margaret (Mrs. Becker); Joseph (a farmer near

Mazeppa, Penn.); Eliza, (who married Levi Keefer, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county); and William (a resident of the same township).

Mr. and Mrs. Becker are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have always been in hearty sympathy with progress in all lines. They have five living children: (1) Elmer, born September 24, 1862, married Miss Maize Keefer, and has had three children—Lula, Lee, and Hazel. (2) Lida, born May 11, 1866, married Samuel Bennage, a carpenter of White Deer township, Penn., and has one son, Albert. (3) Sallie O., born March 8, 1870, is the wife of our subject. (4) Samuel, born February 10, 1868, is a railway employee, and resides at Shamokin, Penn. He married Miss Mary Cornelius, and has one daughter, Sadie. (5) Miss Clara, born May 27, 1878, resides with her parents.

CHARLES W. THOMAS, a leading citizen of West Buffalo township, Union county, is an honored member of the Thomas family which traces its ancestry back to the earliest period of Colonial history, and is one of the oldest families in the State of Pennsylvania. Greek scholars have agreed that the name comes from Thomas, named Didymus, the twin. At first it was probably assumed as a surname by some one whose father's name was Thomas, though in some instances it may have been chosen by one whose patron saint was St. Thomas. If the father and son were both named Thomas, the latter was called Thomasson, the son of Thomas, to distinguish him from the former. The name has been less changed than any other in modern language. We find it therefore unaltered in every Germanic country. It exists in Germany and England, but is particularly common in Wales, where the language is, of course, Celtic.

That the first Thomas came to Pennsylvania before William Penn we have conclusive evidence. History informs us that in 1681 John Thomas and Edward Jones, of North Wales, purchased from William Penn a tract of 10,000 acres of land extending westward from the Schuylkill river. This land was afterward included in what was known as the "Welsh Settlement." On August 14, 1682, these gentlemen, with forty colonists, arrived at the Schuylkill, and immediately proceeded to found a settlement. Penn did not arrive until the following October. The Thomas family has therefore been identified with the history of the State for 215 years. Coming down to later times we find that George

Thomas was lieutenant-governor of Penn's Colony from August, 1738, to May, 1747.

"Iron" John Thomas, the grandfather of our subject, was the ancestor of the majority who bear the name in central Pennsylvania. He was so called because he was early interested with his step-father in the manufacture of iron, and also to distinguish him from Rev. John Thomas, the third child of Henry, the pioneer. He was born in 1770 and was rocked in the cradle of the Revolution, being a child of six years when independence was declared. He located on Larry's creek, and in early life seems to have become a representative of the family. His education was limited to the meagre facilities of the time in which he lived, but being possessed of an executive mind and thrown early into the society of men, he rapidly developed into an active and energetic business man. In 1816 he and his brothers, Jesse, Samuel and William, formed themselves "into a company or co-partnership in all of the concerns of the furnace, forge and smith-shop," and under this agreement carried on business until 1821. He was evidently a man of great force of character and took a leading part in the affairs of his locality. He was rugged and strong physically, aggressive, enterprising and clear-headed, and in religious belief was a Methodist, that being the Church to which most of the early members of the family belonged. Two of its members became Methodist Episcopal ministers.

On December 24, 1797, "Iron" John Thomas wedded Mary Murphy, who was born July 25, 1781, and tradition says she was the first white child born on Larry's creek, where Millville now stands. Her father, John Murphy, was a famous clockmaker of his time, and an early settler on Larry's creek. Mr. Thomas died February 20, 1843, aged seventy-three years, and his wife passed away June 26, 1857, at the age of seventy-five. In their family were the following children: George, born August 28, 1798, died July 21, 1877; Charles, born August 31, 1800, died March 7, 1879; Elizabeth, born March 12, 1804, died April 16, 1826; Maria, born May 19, 1807; Margaret, born July 8, 1809, died April 9, 1855; John, born June 15, 1811, died February 18, 1891; Sarah, born July 14, 1813, died June 29, 1860; Ellen is deceased; Gideon D., born August 3, 1818, is still living; Julia A., born in 1820, died in childhood; Jane Knox, born May 11, 1822, died February 17, 1893; and Martha, born February 15, 1825, died August 17, 1879.

Charles Thomas, the second son of John, and the father of our subject, was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Tackaberry, who was born February 6, 1806, in Ireland, and is a descend-

ant of Lord Grey, of England. When only two years of age she was brought to this country by her parents, William Tackaberry and wife. Her death occurred on the 4th of December, 1874. Our subject is the third in order of birth in the family of ten children, the others being as follows: Allen; William; John; Mary A., wife of Wilson Doane, of DeKalb county, Mo.; Jane, widow of John King; Margaret, wife of John Kline; Frank; George; and Alice, who died at the age of twenty-seven.

In the public schools, Charles W. Thomas, of this review, acquired a good practical education, and was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, where he continued to work with his father until attaining his majority. He then began learning the miller's trade, but before he had completed his apprenticeship, he started for California, and remained upon the Pacific slope for six years. Returning to Pennsylvania, he engaged in farming and lumbering in Lycoming county for eleven years, but since that time has made his home in Union county, where he is accounted one of the most valued and honored citizens, having the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

Soon after his return from California, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Miss Calphurnia L., daughter of Rufus Rockwell, a farmer of Bradford county, Penn. Four children bless this union, namely: Clarence, who is married and lives in Wausau, Wis., where he is interested in the lumber business; Wilson, a merchant of Mifflinburg, Penn.; Emma, who resides with her parents at their beautiful home in West Buffalo township; and Jessamine, wife of Edwin Brubaker, a Methodist minister now living near Marksville, Virginia.

JAMES M. PAWLING. The Pawling family, which has long been prominently identified with this section, is descended from English ancestry, and the first of the name crossed the ocean while this country was still a dependency of the British Crown. He located in Chester county, Penn., but his son, Joseph, the great-grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, removed early in the present century to what is now Snyder county, and purchasing a tract of 400 acres of land near Selins Grove, engaged in business as a farmer and hotel keeper. He was twice married, but his first wife died leaving one son, John, who moved to the West, and his descendants now live in Kentucky. By his second wife, Mary Shannon, he had four sons and four daughters.

One of the latter became the mother of Judge H. P. Ross, president judge of Montgomery county.

Samuel Pawling, the eldest son of Joseph and Mary Pawling, and the grandfather of our subject, was born February 9, 1794, and was married January 24, 1815, to Elizabeth Woodling, who was born February 5, 1797, the daughter of John Woodling. Eleven children were born to this union, their names with dates of birth being here given: (1) Harriet, December 31, 1815, married David Schoch, and died in 1840. (2) Maria, December 4, 1817, became the second wife of David Schoch, and died November 2, 1870. (3) Susan, February 25, 1819, married Jacob Hilbish, died March 16, 1897. (4) Levi, July 27, 1820, married Margaret C. Weaver, born March 17, 1831, died January 16, 1880, and had seven children: Margaret S., Allen Francklin, Jefferson Samuel, Nora Elizabeth, Melinda J., Ida C. and Anna S. (5) John, October 21, 1823, married Barbara Gemberling (born March 31, 1831) and had nine children: West W., Sarah E., Christopher G., Mary L., Emma F., Catharine J., Bertha A., Alice R., and Melinda R. (6) Jane, June 15, 1825, married Lewis Gemberling, and died October 1, 1856. (7) Samuel Benjamin, September 14, 1828, is mentioned more fully below. (8) Rebecca, December 25, 1830, married James Biehl. (9) Angeline, September 22, 1834, married Benjamin Ulrich. (10) Charles W., May 31, 1837, married Lydia C. Long, and had two children: Charles W. and Cora E., both now deceased. (11) Lewis E., December 10, 1839, married Amanda Schoch (born June 1, 1844), and had five children—Albert S., Samuel J., Emanuel E., S. Alice and Della E. The parents of this large family attained a good old age, spending sixty years of their lives together in happy wedlock. The father died November 23, 1874, and the mother October 9, 1883, and their descendants numbered at that time fifty-five grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, making one hundred and seven direct descendants.

The late Samuel B. Pawling was born and reared at the old home near Selins Grove, and received a common-school education. January 18, 1853, he was married to his first wife, Miss Leah Huffman, daughter of John and Mary Huffman, and in that year he moved to Union county, where he spent his remaining years. His wife died February 11, 1855, leaving one son, James Calvin, born November 8, 1853, who did not long survive his mother, passing away May 29, 1855. On November 10, 1856, Mr. Pawling was

married to Miss Sarah Jane Marshall, by whom he had the following children: James Marshall, our subject, who is mentioned more fully farther on; Elizabeth Jane, born September 11, 1858, died June 28, 1890; Samuel Albert, who was born February 3, 1860, and died April 28, 1875, his last words being "Jesus is here;" Sarah Agnes, born June 4, 1862, died May 27, 1865; John Correy, born February 8, 1865, died June 11, 1865. The mother died May 21, 1865, from the effects of diphtheria, from which all the children were suffering, two of them following her shortly afterward, and the others being saved with difficulty through the devoted care of the father and physician. On May 15, 1866, Mr. Pawling formed a third matrimonial union, with Miss Hester Ann Long, born September 9, 1826, the daughter of Benjamin Long. Two sons were born of this union—Harry Jackson, February 25, 1867, and West Clide, February 20, 1870, died January 10, 1895.

Samuel B. Pawling was eminently successful in business, and at his death was the owner of a fine farm, comprising about 120 acres and a considerable personal estate. He was a cheerful giver to all worthy movements and especially to the cause of religion. Early in life he united with the Lutheran Church, in which for many years he held the office of deacon. During that period, in 1877, St. John's church, at White Deer, a handsome and commodious edifice, was built by the congregation, his time and means being given liberally to the enterprise. Political honors had no charms for him as he declined all solicitations to become a candidate for office, considering his duty fulfilled by a proper care for the other interests in which he was concerned.

James M. Pawling was born July 21, 1857, at the old homestead. He was educated in the local schools and at Bucknell College. After through school, from 1874 to 1881, he was engaged in teaching school at a time when in that locality there were not many school houses, but there were a good many scholars, the roll often containing upward of eighty, ranging in age from five years to twenty-two. He had the honor of having the first class of scholars to graduate in White Deer township under the grade adopted by the common-school system at that time. On becoming of age, Mr. Pawling received an estate from his grandfather, the late Hon. James Marshall, which he invested in a farm, purchasing what was known as the "Squire Ranck farm," one of the oldest settled places in White Deer township, where he now resides. The place has been greatly improved since it came into the possession of our subject, to such an extent that

connections of the Ranck family say that they hardly know it. A commodious and massive barn and shed have been built, running water put into the house, a large lawn, beautifully arranged in front with gardens at either side fronting on the public road, made, all of which have greatly added to the attractiveness of the farm. Mr. Pawling takes a great interest in public affairs, having inherited largely the traits of his grandfather, who was one of the leading politicians of his day. This inheritance seems to come to the surface at the opening of each campaign where there is any issue involved. In religious belief the family are all Lutherans, Mr. Pawling having for a decade or more been director of music at White Deer Church. He is one of the county's most progressive, intelligent and public-spirited citizens.

On February 7, 1884, our subject was married to Miss Mary Catherine Lahr, daughter of N. C. Lahr, and has had seven children: Edna Lahr, born December 25, 1884; Clara Jane, born February 27, 1886; Mary Alverna, May 4, 1887; Harold Marshall, August 26, 1889; Foster S., July 8, 1891, died September 23, 1892; Paul Justin, January 6, 1894; and Warren John, November 24, 1895.

BENJAMIN HARRISON LONG. Few, if any, men can point to more valuable and more numerous evidences of their skill and energy than can the subject of this sketch, a well-known contractor and brick layer residing near West Milton, Penn. It would be difficult to make even a mere list of the handsome structures erected by him, many of them being from his own designs; but we may mention the two churches at White Deer, the Music Hall at Lewisburg, the Happenstein Opera House at Shamokin, the Baptist church at Montandam, the Union National Bank at Genette, Penn., the woolen-mill at Lewisburg, and the large three-story brick block at Freeburg, Snyder county, for Professor Moyer. He also worked for twelve years on the Huntingdon Reformatory, at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

The following brief review of Mr. Long's history and family connections will be of interest among his large circle of friends. He is a native of Union county, born at the old homestead in East Buffalo township, December 3, 1849. His father, Benjamin Long, was born upon the same farm, and made his home there all his life, his death occurring in 1880, at the age of seventy-six. He added the business of contracting and brick laying to his agricultural work, and continued them all successfully until old age compelled

him to retire. He was a man of influence in his locality, a Republican in politics, and for many years an active worker in the Lutheran Church. His wife, Mary Dabler, a native of Snyder county, died in 1883, aged sixty-five years, the remains of both being laid to rest in the cemetery at Lewisburg. They had ten children: John, a brick layer, residing in East Buffalo township, Union county; Matilda, wife of William Schofield, an engineer at Milton, Penn.; Benjamin H., our subject; Jacob, who occupies the old homestead; Mary, wife of Charles Isley, a farmer of Clay county, Kans.; Zachariah, of Danville, Penn.; Caroline, who resides with her brother Jacob at the homestead; and three others, Daniel, Isaac and Emanuel, who are deceased.

Benjamin H. Long's ability and inclination for his present work became apparent at an early age, and at twelve he began his apprenticeship under his father's tuition. As failing health caused the latter to leave more and more of his work to younger hands, Mr. Long took his place and until his twenty-seventh year he resided at home, caring for his parents and looking after the business. For one season he was employed as foreman for David White, of Tyrone, and during that time he built a three-story brick block at Genette, Pennsylvania.

Notwithstanding Mr. Long's extensive business operations he has never had but one lawsuit, and that involved a claim for a barn wall, for which he was compelled to sue twice in order to get his dues, which he finally won. He was never a witness in a suit but once, and, in fact, has kept remarkably clear of disputes and entanglements. Mr. Long resides upon a farm, but, as his other interests require his time, he does not have the active management of the place, which he rents to another party. He is highly esteemed by all classes wherever he is known, and has much influence in his community, especially in the local Republican organization, and in the Reformed Church, of which he is a leading member.

On May 1, 1895, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Sadie Hendershott, an amiable lady. She is a daughter of Albert and Margaret (Watson) Hendershott, and was born at Muncy, Penn., where her mother was born December 27, 1841, and which has been the home of her maternal ancestors from an early period, her grandparents, Hugh and Sarah (Sidles) Watson, having spent their lives there upon a farm. Her paternal grandfather, William Hendershott, was a farmer near Jerseytown, Penn., and his remains were interred at that place. Albert Hendershott, Mrs. Long's father, was born at

Jerseytown, March 1, 1845, and after many years of successful work as an agriculturist, is now living in retirement in Union county, Penn. Mrs. Long is the younger of two children born to Albert and Margaret Hendershott, and is now the only living child, their first born, Hervey, having died at the age of fourteen.

JOSIAH SHOWALTER, who at the time of his death, April 6, 1897, after a long and active life was spending his declining days in the midst of ease and plenty, on his fine farm at Glen Iron, Hartley township, Union county, was born in Adams county, Penn., December 4, 1815. He reached the ripe old age of eighty-one years, four months and two days. His position, socially and financially, was the result of his own unaided industry, coupled with the sound sense and excellent business capacity with which nature endowed him. His remains were buried in Lincoln cemetery in Hartley township, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

John and Elizabeth (Rote) Showalter, parents of the deceased, were natives of Lancaster county, Penn., and came to Union county, in 1821, locating near Laurelton, in Hartley township, upon a farm, which the children cultivated, while the father worked at his trade of carpentering. The family were comprised of the following named: Jonathan, who made his home in Union county, died at the age of eighty-eight; Johanna is the widow of Peter Boop, who died in 1881, and she resides on a farm in Hartley township; Cyrus, who was married, died in 1876; Josiah was next in order of birth; Elizabeth is the wife of Samuel Shirk; Lydia married John Shirk, who died some years ago, and she now lives in Laurelton, Penn.; Samuel, a carpenter by trade, went west, and died in Ohio; and Peggy, who married and went west, has not been heard from for several years.

The subscription schools furnished our subject his educational privileges, and his business training was obtained upon the home farm, where he early learned habits of industry and economy. Throughout his active business career, he followed the occupation, to which he had been reared. As a Republican, he formerly took quite an active interest in political affairs, and acceptably served as supervisor of his township for two terms. Religiously, he was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and he was a man of unswerving integrity and honor.

On May 31, 1838, Mr. Showalter was married to Miss Hannah Miller, a daughter of John Miller, who was engaged in the distillery business.

They became the parents of eight children: (1) John W., born March 3, 1839, served for three years as a Union soldier during the Rebellion. He is married, and has six children. (2) William and (3) Mary, twins, born September 18, 1840, grew to manhood and womanhood, and the former is now a farmer living in Glen Iron, Union county, while the latter is the wife of Cyrus Durst, of Centre county, Penn. William has four children, and Mary three. (4) Samuel, born February 2, 1842, lives in Cowan, Penn., and has five children. (5) Catharine, born July 25, 1843. (6) Rachel K. (Mrs. Grove), born October 26, 1848, has three children. (7) Hannah E. (Mrs. Katherman), born February 26, 1854, has two children. (8) Martin enlisted in Company F, 195th P. V. I., and gave his life in defense of his country dying August 27, 1864, at the age of eighteen years, and was buried at Frederick City, Md. The wife and mother, a most estimable lady, departed this life July 22, 1891, and was buried in Lincoln cemetery, Hartley township, Union county.

MON. SAMUEL H. ORWIG, of Lewisburg, Union county, one of the ablest and most distinguished lawyers of this section, is deserving of a prominent place in these memoirs, not only through his own ability and achievements, but through the interest attaching to two lines of pioneer ancestry.

The Orwig family is of German origin, and our subject is of the fourth generation in descent from Godfrey Orwig, who was born in the Fatherland in 1719, and came to America in 1741, accompanied by his wife, Clara. Their sixth child, George, the grandfather of our subject, was born March 11, 1758, and passed his life in Pennsylvania. He and his brother Peter laid out the town of Orwigsburg, in Schuylkill county, in 1796; but later he came with his wife, Maria Magdalena Gilberdin (Gilbert), and their family, and located in Buffalo Valley, in what is now Union county. His last years were spent in Mifflinburg, where he died March 2, 1841. Of his twelve children: (1) George, born January 17, 1780, built a mill in New Berlin, which he operated for some time, but he finally removed to Ohio. (2) John, born July 21, 1781, was a merchant of Mifflinburg for several years, and went to Ohio with his brother. (3) Jacob, born April 18, 1783, died in New Berlin. (4) Isaac, born February 27, 1785, died at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. (5) Abraham, born February 26, 1787, built a gristmill on Buffalo creek in 1817, which remained in the Orwig fam-

ily for over half a century. He had four sons—William W., who became an eminent divine in the Evangelical Association, and was made bishop, his residence in later years being at Cleveland, Ohio; Henry, who succeeded his father in the ownership of the old homestead and mill, and died in Mifflinburg; Elias (deceased), late of Hartleton, Penn.; and Abraham (deceased), late of Kankakee, Ill. (6) Henry, born January 27, 1789. (7) Maria, August 27, 1791, and (8) Mary Magdalena, December 5, 1793, are all deceased. (9) Rebecca, born February 1, 1796, married Thomas Crotzer, and died in Mifflinburg. (10) Samuel, born April 6, 1798, is mentioned more fully below. (11) William, born March 22, 1800, died in Lewis township, Union county, leaving a farm which is now operated by his son—Edward. (12) Hannah, born July 1, 1802, died in Mifflinburg.

Samuel Orwig, the father of our subject, received a good elementary education in the schools of that day. He served an apprenticeship at saddle and harness making in Mifflinburg, where he afterward followed the trade for some time, but later in life he devoted his time wholly to agriculture. He was a man of fine physique, and his strong character and excellent judgment gave him great influence in the community. For many years he was a leading member of the Lutheran Church, and he was prominent in official affairs, holding local offices. Politically he was a Democrat until the organization of the Republican party, which he was among the first to join.

On September 22, 1829, Samuel Orwig married Miss Mary Myers, who was born June 16, 1803, and died July 10, 1867, his death occurring August 7, 1874. They had eight children, of whom six are living: (1) Mary J. married J. C. Hendricks, of Decatur, Ill. (2) Reuben G. is a real-estate dealer in Chicago, Ill. (3) Thomas G., now an attorney in Des Moines, Iowa, was captain of Battery E, 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery during the Rebellion. (4) Samuel H. is the subject proper of this biography. (5) Joseph R. was captain of Company A, 131st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, is now the assistant State librarian at Des Moines, Iowa, and is a recognized authority on books, having devoted his life to them. (6) Benjamin M. was studying law in the University of Pennsylvania when the Civil war broke out, but patriotically offered his services as a soldier, enlisting as a private in the battery of which his brother Thomas was captain. His preceptor, a distinguished attorney of Philadelphia, had made him a proposition by which one of them could be exempted from military service, but the young student rejected the



Samuel S. Orwig.

well-meant offer, saying "No act of mine shall tend to lessen the number of Union soldiers." He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and at the expiration of his first term he re-enlisted, January 1, 1864, for "three years or the war," serving until mustered out July 24, 1865, at Philadelphia. Orwig's battery played a prominent part in the service, and on July 26, 1862, the inspector-general pronounced it superior to any other volunteer battery in the army. On his return to the paths of peace, Lieut. Orwig completed his preparation for his profession, and located in Des Moines, Iowa. But hardships incident to a soldier's life had undermined his delicate constitution, and he died at Des Moines, October 28, 1867; his remains rest in the family lot in the Mifflinburg cemetery. When he entered the army he took with him a Bible, and, at the solicitation of his friends, a bottle of brandy. The book returned well-worn, but the bottle remained unopened. (7) Sarah Louise died at Mifflinburg at the age of thirty-seven. (8) Miss Rebecca resides with her brothers in Iowa.

On the maternal side, also, Mr. Orwig is of German descent. His great-grandfather Myer or Myers came to America in 1743. After his arrival in this country he married, and established his home in Berks county, Penn. He had three sons, John, Henry and Yearick, of whom the eldest and the youngest located in the Miami settlement in Ohio. In order to keep his son Henry at home he deeded him the Berks county farm, but in 1805 they sold out and purchased a farm in Union county, a few miles northwest of Mifflinburg, where our subject's great-grandfather died in 1816. Henry Myers, Mr. Orwig's grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He died in 1806, and his wife, Elizabeth (Ulrich), in 1814. They had nine children, of whom our subject's mother, Mary Myers, was the youngest. (1) Eve, the eldest, born in 1785, married Henry Royer, of Hartleton. (2) Henry, born in 1787, married Betsy Spiegelmyer, and removed to Ohio. (3) Margaret, born in 1789, died when about two years old. (4) Daniel, born May 28, 1791, was a very large man, weighing 240 in his prime, and 300 pounds when fifty years old; he married Esther Kauffman, who was born December 9, 1793. (5) Valentine, born March 3, 1793, was also a large man, over six feet in height, and weighing over 200 pounds. He was married April 5, 1814, to Elizabeth Hoy, who was born September 2, 1792. They lived and died in Clinton county, Penn. (6) William, born in January, 1796, was a physician of Buffalo Valley; he died in 1823, unmarried. (7) Elizabeth, born May 28, 1798, married Benjamin

Heiser, and then moved to Stephenson county, Ill. (8) Catherine, born February 26, 1801, was married August 23, 1832, to Andrew Ohl, of Jefferson county, Penn. (9) Mary, born June 16, 1803, married Samuel Orwig, September 22, 1829, and died July 10, 1867.

Samuel H. Orwig was born in Mifflinburg, Penn., August 18, 1836, and was reared in that village, his education being obtained mainly in the public schools at the Mifflinburg Academy, and at the University at Lewisburg. He afterward turned his attention to teaching, filling acceptably the position of principal of an academy at Hollidaysburg, Penn. We next find him a proof-reader in a publishing house in Philadelphia, his spare time being given to the study of law under the direction of Judge William D. Kelly. Later he pursued a course in the law school of Yale College, and on graduating in 1857, with the degree of LL. B., was admitted to the Bar of Union county, and located at Lewisburg, where he soon gained a good practice. The University at Lewisburg (now Bucknell University) conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts. In 1860 Mr. Orwig was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State, and in 1869 to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1860 he formed a partnership with Alfred Hayes, Esq., who was then admitted to the Bar. This partnership continued until Mr. Orwig retired from the Legislature, after which he removed to Philadelphia and engaged in the practice of law in that city until the death of his wife in 1875, after which he returned to his native county. His practice since then has included some of the most important matters in litigation in this section. A thorough student of the law, he has an unusual grasp of legal principles, and his bearing is courteous, dignified and impressive.

He is well-known in the political arena also, his services as an orator being in demand whenever occasion demands an able plea. There have been but few campaigns since the Civil war in which he has not been active as an expounder of the principles of the Republican party, and his speeches have been widely published. In 1864 he was elected a member of the State Legislature from the district of Union, Snyder and Juniata counties, and in 1865 he represented the district composed of Lycoming, Union and Snyder counties. After these two terms he refused further honors in that direction, and declined a renomination. While in the Legislature he served on the committees on Ways and Means, General Judiciary, and was the chairman of the Local Judiciary. He was largely instrumental in repealing the law taxing real estate for State pur-

poses, and inaugurated the present system of taxing corporations for State revenue. He ably championed the bills for establishing the Soldiers Orphans' Schools, for extending the right of soldiers to vote in the field, reviving and extending the charter for the Lewisburg & Spruce Creek railroad, in addition to much other work of a general nature. He served his constituency with fidelity, and the State with marked ability. In 1882 he was the nominee of his party for Congress against ex-Gov. A. G. Curtin. Although he received more than his party vote he did not overcome the normal Democratic majority in the Congressional District. He continues actively engaged in the practice of his profession, leads an unobtrusive and exemplary life, and is noted for his generosity. During the invasion of the State by Lee's forces, Mr. Orwig enlisted as an "emergency man," serving as a private in Company D, 28th Regiment.

In January, 1860, Mr. Orwig married Miss Margaret A. McFaddin, daughter of the late Col. Jackson McFaddin, of Lewisburg. She died June 7, 1875, and in 1878 he married Miss Margaret Barber Hayes, a great-granddaughter of John Hayes, an early settler at Donegal, Lancaster Co., Penn., who married Margaret, daughter of Capt. William Gray, an officer in the Revolutionary army. Their son, Robert Goodloe Harper Hayes, married Esther Renick, and their son, John Hayes, married Ellen Mary Barber, and their children are Margaret Barber (now Mrs. Orwig); Robert G. H., a physician in Bellefonte; John C., a druggist in Pittsburg; and Mary Elizabeth Hayes, of Mifflinburg. On the maternal side Mrs. Orwig is a great-granddaughter of Dr. Robert Van Valzah. They have no children.

GEORGE G. SCHNURE is one of the most thrifty young farmers and highly educated young men of New Berlin, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

Born in Selins Grove, Penn., February 23, 1870, Mr. Schnure is a son of Francis M. and Laura (Gross) Schnure. The father was born in the same place, November 13, 1845. The grandfather, George Schnure, was born in Penn township, Snyder Co., Penn., December 23, 1811, and his grandfather, according to the records of the Church at Dudenhopen, Hesse Cassel, Germany, was John George Schnure, who in that country married Anna C. Mennor. Their son, John Christian Schnure, was born at Dudenhopen, July 2, 1763, and in 1781 sailed for America. In this country he was bound out by

the captain of the vessel in order to pay his passage, serving for a term of years with a farmer in Berks county, Penn. When his term of service had expired he removed to Snyder county, where he married Elizabeth Pontius, who at an early day had accompanied her parents from Philadelphia to that place. She was born February 19, 1776, and died September 17, 1852, in Union county. John Christian Schnure died July 27, 1827. Their children were Catherine, who married Tobias Miller, and located in Venango county, Penn.; Henry, whose descendants live in Michigan and Indiana; Elizabeth, who married Charles Smith; Christian and Michael, whose descendants live in Union county; Mary; George; Levi; and Margaret, wife of Robert Lucas.

In early life George Schnure, the grandfather of our subject, assisted his father on the farm, and for about two or three months in winter attended school, where both German and English were taught. At the age of nine years he entered the employ of Robert Foster, a merchant of Hartleton, Penn., and after a short time returned to his father's farm, but his mercantile experience had awakened a desire for that life and he soon entered the store of A. D. Hahn, a merchant and hotel keeper of Hartleton, in whose service he remained four years. In 1825 he accompanied his employer to New Berlin, continuing his clerkship there for a year, after which he spent three years as a clerk in a store of John A. Sterrett, of Northumberland, and nine months with Mr. Sterrett's successor, John Guyer. In 1833 he removed to Selins Grove, and at the age of twenty-two entered into partnership with his former employer, John A. Sterrett, their store being at the corner of Market and Walnut streets. After three years Mr. Sterrett sold his interest to Henry C. Eyer, and the firm of Eyer & Schnure did business for seven years. Two years after that period Mr. Schnure formed a partnership with James K. Davis, Jr., and opened a general store at the corner of Market and Pine streets. He then bought property on the opposite corner, and at the new location carried on business as dealers in grain and general merchandise for twelve years, when the store was sold to Charles S. Davis, and Lewis R. Hummell. About 1860 Mr. Schnure purchased Mr. Davis' interest, and carried on business with Mr. Hummell for four years, when he withdrew. In 1868, in partnership with Daniel Carey, he purchased the Maine sawmill from Scribner & Perkins for \$22,000, and was in the lumber trade until 1873, when his partner died and he gave his time unto the settle-

ment of their business affairs and of Mr. Carey's estate.

In September, 1879, Mr. Schnure bought an interest in a flouring-mill, in which his son, H. D. Schnure, was interested, and together they carried on business, rebuilding the mill, putting in new machinery, erecting a grain building and laying a railroad track. About 1850 George Schnure, Sr., was elected a director of the Northumberland Bank, and continued to serve in that capacity until his death, although the bank was removed to Sunbury. On January 21, 1864, he was elected the first president of the First National Bank at Selins Grove, and filled that position for a number of years. He was very successful in business, and accumulated considerable property. He was president of the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad, frequently served as school director, as chief burgess, and as councilman, and for many years was president of the board of directors of Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University.

On September 23, 1841, George Schnure, Sr., was married to Cordelia, daughter of James K. Davis, and a granddaughter on the maternal side of Anthony Selin, the founder of Selins Grove. She died March 1, 1859. Their children were: Francis M.; John S., who was born January 21, 1848, and died March 15, 1881; Howard D., who was born at Selins Grove, October 30, 1850, and is president of the First National Bank of that city; Mary Elizabeth, who was born January 12, 1853, and died June 5, 1884, the wife of Ira C. Schoch, of Selins Grove; and Emma C., who was born January 4, 1857, and is the wife of H. Harvey Schoch, of Selins Grove. For his second wife the father of this family married Amanda Spyker, of Lewisburg. They were married April 15, 1863, and she died January 11, 1877. In the various walks of life Mr. Schnure was ever held in the highest esteem. His opinion and advice were frequently sought, and his honorable example has been followed by many who revere his memory. He had a sympathetic, kindly nature, and was very charitable. At his death he left a valuable estate.

Francis M. Schnure was reared in his native town, attended the seminary there, and when a young man entered the bank at Selins Grove, of which his father was president. Later he was with the firm of McCarty, Moyer & Schnure, general merchants, and was in the mercantile business up to the time of his death. On November 11, 1868, he was married to Laura M. Gross, who was born in Limestone township, Union county, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Schoch) Gross. Mr. Schnure was a Democrat in

politics, a Lutheran in his Church relations, and, socially, a Mason. He died October 5, 1871, and was buried at Selins Grove, since which time his widow has made her home in New Berlin. She is also a member of the Lutheran Church.

George G. Schnure, their only child, was quite young when his mother returned to New Berlin, where his early education was acquired, Miss Emma Oldt being his first teacher. He attended college in New Berlin, and later in Blirstown, N. J., and, in the fall of 1890, entered the University of Pennsylvania, but in the fall of 1893 failing health compelled him to abandon his studies. He then spent one year at home, after which he took a course in typewriting and shorthand in Drexel Institute, of Philadelphia. He also read medicine for three years under Dr. C. Sumner Musser, of Aaronsburg, Penn., but his health forced him to give up the profession. He now superintends the management of his farm, which is operated by a tenant, he making his home in New Berlin.

On December 11, 1893, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Lovey Matchett Odgers, who was born in Newcastle, Del., July 11, 1877, and during her early girlhood went to Philadelphia with her parents, James and Mary (Alexander) Odgers. Mr. and Mrs. Schnure have one child, Marion Odgers, born October 13, 1895. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Schnure belongs to the Masonic lodge at Selins Grove. He is a worthy representative of two honored old families, and is a young man of excellent character, splendid mental development and sterling worth.

REV. S. SMITH. A man of strong character and noble purpose cannot fail to leave upon the community with which he is identified, an indelible impression which time cannot efface. His influence lingers after he has passed to the world beyond, and his good deeds serve as a source of inspiration to others. Such has been the life of Mr. Smith that his power for good in Union county and elsewhere has been broadly felt.

Mr. Smith was born in Penn township, Centre Co., Penn., November 8, 1833, a son of Capt. Henry and Catharine (Biehl) Smith. He first attended the subscription schools prominent at that day, then the public (free) schools, and when about eighteen years of age he taught one term of school in his native county, near Aaronsburg, receiving \$22 per month. At the age of nineteen he entered the Mifflinburg Academy, of

which Aaron Fisher was principal, and in that school received the only instruction which supplemented his early education in the subscription and free schools. On leaving that institution he resumed teaching, and was one of the first to instruct in grammar and geography in the country schools of Penn's Valley. For several years he followed that profession, his last service in that line being to conduct a select school in Millheim.

Our subject having determined to enter the ministry, he in 1856 accepted a position as assistant minister in Snyder county. Later he was assistant to Rev. Sebastian Musser, in Nittany Valley and Sugar Valley, and in the spring of 1857 was licensed to preach by the Annual Conference of the Evangelical Church. He was assigned to duty in Buffalo Valley, and the following year was in Lycoming county, Penn. In the spring of 1859 he was ordained by the Annual Conference and assigned a charge in Dushore, Sullivan Co., Penn., where he remained a year, after which he spent two years in Wyoming county, and two years at Oak Hall, Centre county. He was afterward pastor of the Church in Williamsport, where he delivered sermons both in German and English. He spent two years in York, Penn., accepted the pastorate in Clintondale, Penn., and after two years returned to Williamsport, where he remained one year, when he was elected presiding elder of the Williamsport district for four years. On the expiration of that period he served for three years at New Berlin, and was for two years pastor of the Church in Middleburg, Snyder county. For one year he served a pastorate in Penn's Valley, for three years had charge of the Millmont circuit, and later went to McClure, Penn., where he remained two years. For a similar period he was pastor of the White Deer circuit, and through the two succeeding years accepted no pastorate, giving his attention to his farming interests. On resuming his Church work he spent three years at Port Trevorton, Snyder county, and for two years occupied the pulpit of the Church in Middleburg, Snyder county. In the spring of 1895 he returned to his home near Mazeppa, where he resided two years. In the spring of 1897 he accepted a charge at Guava, Columbia Co., Penn., where he still resides.

On November 15, 1860, Rev. Smith was married to Helen Zeibach, who was born August 27, 1841, a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Pollock) Zeibach. Rev. and Mrs. Smith have five children: William E., of Mifflinburg; Anna C., wife of W. A. Heiss, of Mifflinburg; H. Lizzie, wife of Rev. J. Olie Biggs, of the Evangelical Church; Samuel E., who resides on the homestead at

Mazeppa, Union Co., Penn.; and Ida M. at home.

Our subject has greatly improved his farm, has cleared a portion of the land, planted a new orchard, and in 1889 built a fine barn. In politics he generally votes either with the Democracy or the Prohibition party on State and National questions, but at local elections frequently disregards party ties. He is a man of broad general culture, who speaks both English and German fluently. He is largely self-educated, but his reading and study have been extensive, and have supplied the lack of more thorough school training. For sixteen consecutive years he was a member of the General Conference, and has been very active and prominent in Church work. He served his Conference quite a number of years as secretary of the Missionary Society, and as Conference treasurer. He was a member of the Conference Board of Examiners for a quarter of a century, and served as president of the board a number of years. Since he entered the ministry he has traveled some 80,000 miles, and preached some 7,500 sermons. He is still vigorous, well preserved, and will spend the remainder his active life in the Gospel ministry.

MON. DANIEL REISH HARBESON, associate judge of Union county, and one of the representative citizens of his locality, is not only a leader in political circles, but is prominently identified with the agricultural interests and with various movements for the development of the community. He comes of a family which is accustomed to be in the front rank, and is of Scotch-Irish descent on the paternal side, his great-grandfather, John Harbeson, having been the first ancestor to cross the Atlantic and establish his home in America. He served in the Revolutionary army. This worthy pioneer had three sons: John, our subject's grandfather; Hugh, who left home and was never heard of again; and Samuel, who was a school teacher at Lebanon, Penn. He died there at the age of seventy-nine, leaving a family of sons. The correct orthography of the name is "Harbison," but in some way during the Revolutionary period the "i" was changed to "e," and this branch of the family adheres to the latter method—Harbeson.

John Harbeson, the grandfather, who was born in Lancaster county, Penn., was left an orphan at an early age, and was brought by John Gray to Union county, where he remained, settling in White Deer township, and engaging in business as a carpenter. He married Sarah Bower, a native of Lycoming county, Penn., and



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a daughter of George Bower, who was born in Berks county, but who finally located in Union county upon a farm. He was a teamster in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war, and one day, while riding a horse, he was cut in the knee by a British soldier who had been lying in ambush. He saw Gen. La Fayette at the battle of Monmouth.

Thomas V. Harbeson, the father of our subject, was born in White Deer township, Union county, November 28, 1821, and has always resided in that county. He is a miller by trade, and for many years conducted a farm and a mill in West Buffalo township. During his residence there he was one of the most prominent men of his locality, and served two terms as county commissioner, being elected in 1866 and re-elected in 1869. He also held at different times many township offices, and for nineteen years was overseer of the poor, at times having as many as seventy paupers under his charge. Although he received but a nominal salary for his work, his devotion to his trust often led him to neglect his private affairs in the interest of the general welfare of his township; and whilst he was sometimes censured for being too generous in his treatment of paupers, statistics prove that he maintained his poor, even if better, at a less cost than the average. In his political views he is a Republican, and in religious faith he adheres to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has long been a leading member. He was married February 28, 1850, at Millinburg, to Miss Susannah Reish, a native of West Buffalo township, Union county, and a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Englehart) Reish. Her father came from Berks county in early manhood, and became a successful business man, being engaged at the time of his death (at the age of forty-eight) in conducting a farm, a gristmill and a distillery.

To Thomas V. and Susannah Harbeson seven children were born: Samuel O., a leading citizen of West Buffalo township, was elected jury commissioner in 1885, held township offices at different times, and is now serving as commissioner of Union county; Sarah C., who died at five years of age; Daniel R., our subject; Margaret J., wife of Reuben Miller, a farmer of Buffalo township; Lydia, who died at the age of five years; Mary A., who resides with her sister, Mrs. Miller; and Thomas Grant, mentioned more fully below. The mother of this family was called to the unseen life March 2, 1889, at the age of sixty-three, and in the spring of 1889 the father left the old home, and has since resided among his children, having retired from active business.

Judge Harbeson's childhood was spent on the old home near Forest Hill in West Buffalo township, where he was born November 18, 1853. At the age of fourteen he went to live with William P. Cornelius in order to attend school during the winter season, the summers being spent at farm work, for which Mr. Cornelius paid him by the month. In 1870 he returned home to work for his father in summer, and during the winter he would engage in teaming and lumbering. In 1882 he took the homestead on shares, but five years later he removed to the White Deer Factory farm, which he conducted seven years. Since then he has resided at his present home near Forestville, known as the White Deer Furnace farm. He is an excellent manager, is deservedly prosperous, and has always held the esteem and respect of all classes in his community, through his sterling qualities of character. His influence in the Republican organization in his locality is marked, but he has always declined to be a candidate for any township office excepting that of school director. In 1877 he was first a member of the Republican County Committee, and in 1895 he was elected associate judge, his able and faithful discharge of the duties of these positions winning him new friends while binding to him yet more firmly the regard of former acquaintances.

The Judge was married June 30, 1881, to Miss Margaret M. Flick, and five clever, healthy children brighten their home: Paul, Maud, Mary E., Thomas C. and Roy. Mrs. Harbeson was born, in 1862, at Loganton, Clinton Co., Penn., where her father, Edward Flick, was engaged in business as a distiller. He and his wife, Catherine Hildebrand, died there when Mrs. Harbeson was but a child, and she was reared at the home of Daniel DeLong, of West Buffalo township, Union county.

THOMAS GRANT HARBESON is a young man of remarkable mental ability, which was displayed at an early age. Money given him for circus tickets, or other uses dear to the boyish heart, was spent by him for books, so that by the time he was twenty-one, he had already accumulated a library of over one thousand standard works; he never attended college, and is wholly self-educated, much of his learning having been gained through his travels, which have included the greater portion of Europe and the United States. He began teaching in the public schools of Union county at the age of seventeen years, and when twenty-two was granted a teacher's permanent certificate. During the spring and summer of 1886 he made an extended pedestrian tour through the Southern States, in company

with his bosom friend, E. E. Magee, studying the fauna and flora of the region visited. In the fall of 1886 he accepted the position of principal of the Highlands Academy, at Highlands, N. C., which position he held for seven years. During his principalship pupils were enrolled from nearly every State in the Union, and the school attracted a good deal of attention on account of its thoroughness and unique methods. A youth from this school passed the best entrance examination among a class of eighty-three New England youths, at a college in Massachusetts. During his stay at this place he was prominently identified with the public affairs of the town, and served a term as mayor.

He is an ardent advocate of an educational system that will provide a garden and workshop in connection with every elementary school, and in 1893 he made a tour of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium, inspecting and studying the results and methods of such schools. On his return to North Carolina he was invited to accept the principalship of the Waynesville High School and Normal Institute, for which a large new building had been provided. Here he taught Latin, German, mathematics and botany for two years, when a position as field botanist for the Biltmore Herbarium, on the estate of George W. Vanderbilt, Esq., was offered him, and he began work in the botanical field in the spring of 1898. The spring and early summer was spent in botanizing the swamp region of eastern North Carolina, including the Dismal Swamp and Smith's Island. The fall and early winter he spent in the Rocky, Cascade and Coast Range mountains. At present he is living on the Biltmore estate, and is engaged in botanical work for the well-known philanthropist and patron of science—George W. Vanderbilt.

Thomas Grant Harbeson was married August 26, 1896, to Miss Jessamine M. Cobb, daughter of Judd M. Cobb, born at Saxton's River, Vt. The latter is of Puritan stock, a lineal descendant of John Cobb who came to Massachusetts in 1624, and built and operated the first iron foundry in America. Like his worthy ancestor, Judd M. Cobb is of an inventive turn of mind, and was the first building-paper manufacturer in America.

CAPTAIN JOHN A. OWENS, a well-known resident of Lewisburg, Union county, Penn., and a veteran of our Civil war, has an unusually interesting history, his pluck and ability being

read between the lines rather than in open words of praise.

Capt. Owens was born in Pittsburgh, Penn., July 27, 1835, and is of Welsh and Scottish ancestry. His grandfather, Hugh Owens, migrated from Swansea, Wales, and settled first in Blair county, and later in Westmoreland county, Penn. Occupying a large farm, he raised to maturity a family of eight, among whom was John Owens, the father of our subject, who was born in Blair county, Penn., July 17, 1804. At the age of twenty-five he engaged in the carpenter business in Pittsburgh, and became prominent as a contractor and builder. He built a home, lived in it for fifty years, and died in it at the age of eighty-four, honored as a citizen and revered as a Christian. On October, 8, 1829, he was married to Miss Catherine Smith, of Columbiana county, Ohio, whose father had come from Glasgow, Scotland, and settled with a colony of Scotch farmers, where he became a ruling spirit. He was a Whig, Abolitionist and director of the Underground R. R. John and Catherine Owens, parents of our subject, inherited strong, sterling elements of character which were transmitted to the children born to them. They were: Andrew, Martha, Hugh, John A., Isabella, Samuel T., and Mary Catherine.

Returning to the subject proper of this biography, we find that his early boyhood was spent in the public schools and Western University, of Pittsburgh, Penn. He early manifested a desire to enter the stirring activities of life, his especial desire being to acquire the skill necessary to pilot a steamboat on the Ohio river, at that time a lucrative employment. His father, however, took a less romantic view of life's possibilities, and at the age of seventeen he was sent to the university at Lewisburg, Penn., since named Bucknell University. He passed through the academy and entered the freshman class of the college, but during the year withdrew from college and taught school in an adjoining township and later in the Grammar School of Lewisburg. In 1855 he married Miss Lucinda Gundy, daughter of Adam Gundy, whose ancestors had come from Holland during the last century, and have borne an honored place in the history of Union county, Penn., and whose brothers, John and Jacob, were prominent citizens until their death. Adam Gundy was highly esteemed for his probity, and a man whom no one spoke of but to praise. He was from the Follmer family, who came to the vicinity of Lewisburg with the earliest settlers, and they still have a large and influential connection. His wife, Sarah Parks, was a wo-

man of strong personal character and impressed upon the children born to them an individuality which has been a marked feature in their descendants. Their children were: Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Matilda, Christian V., Sarah E., Lucinda, Margaret L. and Abram B. Thus the wife of our subject, Lucinda Gundy, inherited a character which has developed with her years into a womanhood which commands the respect and admiration of her friends. She has naturally fallen into the work of Temperance Crusader, W. C. T. U., Woman's Relief Corps and Church and Sunday-school efforts of various forms. Her teaching has borne fruit in the lives of her children.

Capt. Owens was among the pioneers in the petroleum discoveries made in Virginia and Kentucky in 1860. In 1861 this territory was not tenable for Northern men, and returning to Lewisburg he spent some time in drilling at the Jacob Gundy school house, with some forty different men, many of whom enlisted. In the fall of 1862 seventeen of these men signed a paper which stated that if Capt. Owens would enlist under the three-years' call, just then made, they would go with him. He accepted their offer, and with a friend, who drove with him from place to place, he in three days enlisted sixteen more men. These, with the recruits gathered by G. Merrill, Charles Evans and A. G. Tucker, were formed into Company E, 142d P. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service on August 28, 1862. Capt. Owens was promoted to the captaincy on the removal of Capt. G. Merrill to Missouri, and before they left Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Penn. The 142d Regiment did very hard fatigue duty at Fort Massachusetts, near Washington, D. C., but they had the satisfaction of knowing that the work they did kept Gen. Early out of the National Capital later in the war. Capt. Owens, through exposure, contracted rheumatism, and was sent to a hospital in Alexandria, from which, after months of suffering and being pronounced incurable, he was discharged for disability, and returned home on crutches. He is now (1898) commander of Post No. 52, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., and enjoys hearing and telling the tales of camp life at the camp fire of the post. After recovering somewhat he entered again upon the profession of teaching, in which he became a decided success, and rose to be superintendent of schools of Union county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had five children:

- (1) Addison died at the age of two months.
- (2) William G., who was graduated from Bucknell University in 1880, at the age of twen-

ty-two years, and after teaching for a short time in the Academy of the University, was appointed professor of chemistry in his alma mater. In 1885 he married Miss Florence J. Waffle, of Allegany county, N. Y. They have three children—Elsie, Albert W. and Jeanette. In 1889 he spent part of a year in the University of Berlin, Germany. He is a successful instructor and an active Church worker.

(3) Everett G. took a course in Bucknell Academy, and through the sophomore year in the college. In 1886 he married Miss Carrie G., daughter of ex-President Dr. J. R. Loomis, of Bucknell University. They purchased a farm in Fayette county, Ohio, and moved upon it in 1887. They have two children—Justin L. and Lucille. They have proven that education and culture are not incompatible with the life on a farm; that the home of a tiller of the soil may be as refined as that of a merchant or manufacturer.

(4) John G., deceased, was graduated from Bucknell University in 1887 at the age of twenty-one. He taught three years in South Jersey Institute, N. J. His summer vacations were spent at Woods Hall, Mass., or at Harvard University, perfecting his study in botany and kindred subjects. In 1889 he went with Dr. J. W. Fewkes, during the summer vacation, on an expedition to the Zuni Indians of New Mexico. They were employed by Mrs. Hemmenway, of Boston, who wished to have a record of the customs and religious rites of these Indians before they became corrupted by contact with white men. The next year they went to the Moqui Indians, of Arizona, for the same purpose. While among the Moquis, John G. discovered a number of new features in their lives, and became a member of one of their secret orders, by which he learned much and was highly esteemed by his red brethren. The accounts given of the snake dance they witnessed, and the various new features they discovered made quite a sensation among scientists. While pursuing a course in archaeology at Harvard University in 1891, John G. was sent as executive officer of an expedition to explore the ruins of Copan, Honduras, Central America. After a successful trip they returned in the spring of 1892. During the summer of 1892 he went to Madrid, Spain, to assist Dr. J. W. Fewkes to arrange Indian curios and relics in the Hemmenway exhibit of the Columbian Exposition held there. In October of the same year he headed, as director, the second expedition to Copan, and was succeeding nicely; new and wonderful discoveries were being made, the long buried ruins were taking tangible shape, when he was stricken with the dreaded tropical fever, and

died February 17, 1893, a sacrifice to science. His grave is in the unearthen Plaza Granda of the ruins he loved to explore, and beside a stela covered with characters which no one is yet able to read, a fitting memorial for the short but eventful life that was laid on the altar of scientific study.

(5) Miss Mary Catherine, the youngest of this interesting family, was graduated from the Lewisburg High School in 1891, and from Bucknell University in 1897.

The Captain, wife and daughter are, at this writing (1898), living with the son, Prof. W. G. Owens, in his beautiful home, "Sunny Side," near the Bucknell Laboratory, Lewisburg, Penn. The parents look back upon a checkered life, in which sorrow has been mingled, by a merciful Hand, with a large amount of real happiness.

LINCOLN HULLEY, PH. D., was born May 3, 1865, near Camden, N. J., but has lived almost continuously since then in Pennsylvania. His early education was received in the South Chester High School, where he was awarded a prize for the highest scholarship of his class. In 1884 he graduated from Keystone Academy with a fine record for scholarship. Principal Harris, of the Academy, wrote to Harvard: "Mr. Lincoln Hulley, who graduated from this institution in 1884, held the highest place in the class of which he was a member, and proved himself a man of energy and character worthy the confidence of the community."

He entered Bucknell with the class of '88, the largest class in the history of the college up to that time. For two years he was class president. In the Freshman year he was awarded the first prize for the best scholarship in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics, and the "Mirror" prize for the finest study of Shakespeare's women characters. In the Sophomore year he was awarded the "Essay Prize" for the best essay on Spanish American Colonization and Conquest, besides winning distinction in public debate. In the Junior year he was awarded the "Junior Prize" in Oratory, and was elected an editor of the college paper, being re-elected in the Senior year. During the Junior year he was also elected vice-president of the Lycoming County Normal School at Muncy, which he accepted for a limited time. Principal Peoples, of the Normal School, wrote of him: "He is thorough and exact in scholarship, and is broadly informed. He is apt and soulful in his teaching, and has unusual power to govern, interest, instruct, and inspire his pupils." In the Senior

year he was awarded, by President Hill, the first prize in Psychology, and, by the Faculty, the first honors of the class and the valedictory address. He was also awarded a prize of \$50, offered by the "American Protective Tariff League of New York," contested by the Senior classes of all Colleges and Universities in the United States, for a treatise on an assigned subject in Economics. President Hill wrote of him that he "Is a man of unusual ability and force of character." In addition to the regular work of the College, Mr. Hulley attained a grade of "Excellent" in nine "Honor" subjects, the equivalent of a year's work; and in the Sophomore year he was appointed tutor for all delinquents in Latin and Greek. All through his course he was prominent in debate, athletics, music and Christian work.

In 1888 Dr. Hulley was given a scholarship in Harvard University, and went there to specialize in Metaphysics, Ethics, and Psychology, under Professors James, Royce, Peabody and Bowen. Professor James, of Harvard, says of him: "He was an unusually earnest and thorough student, who did good written work besides distinguishing himself in the class-room." Taking the A. B. degree from Harvard, in '89, he accepted an appointment to teach Natural Sciences in Bucknell Academy and Institute, and held the position for three years. In '90 he was ordained to the ministry.

Principal Martin, then of Bucknell Academy, says of him: "By nature, training, and experience he is eminently qualified for the profession of teacher. His mind is keen and penetrating; quick to perceive truth, and tenacious to retain it; ardent in affection for it, and tireless in its quest. He possesses dignity, energy, and magnetism of character. His training has been thorough, extended and varied. He has always been devoted to excellence in work, and to the making the most of the best opportunities. In an experience of three years in academic work he had displayed great aptness to teach. He is enthusiastic in his work, he awakens and sustains interest. His subjects have taken a wide range, but he has been eminently successful in them all." In '91 he took the Master's degree at Bucknell, and during the summers of 1890 and 1891 he studied Hebrew with Dr. Harper, at Chautauqua. The first summer Dr. Harper offered Mr. Hulley a Fellowship at Yale, which he declined. Later he accepted a Fellowship at the University of Chicago. For the last year of his teachings at Bucknell he was pastor of "The Temple Baptist Church" of Philadelphia. While engaged in graduate work in the Semitic Lan-



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guages and Literatures in The University of Chicago, he accepted the Chair of Hebrew and History in Bucknell. In 1895 the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on him by the University of Chicago. Mrs. Hulley also holds the degrees of A. B. from Ann Arbor, and A. M. from The University of Chicago. For three summers Dr. Hulley has been in charge of the Summer Schools of Hebrew and Biblical Literature at Lakeside, Ohio, and at Monteagle, Tenn. During his professorship at Bucknell he has preached one and one-half years for the Immanuel Baptist Church, of Baltimore, Md. During the summer of 1897 he spent, with his wife, twelve weeks in foreign travel. A writer recently said of Dr. Hulley that "To hold such a distinguished position in the world of scholars, and to have earned it by pre-eminent ability, while yet on the threshold of actual life, has not affected the simplicity or affability of the man in the least. In the class room he is an excellent instructor, outside a thorough man."

Dr. Hulley's success was never greater than at present as professor of History and Hebrew. He is actively interested in every student, and in every phase of College life. He is now prominent in the religious, athletic, social and scholastic life of the Institution. His courses are all elective, and yet his class room is crowded. He pushes his classes with tremendous energy, and is exacting in his demands for hard work. He is in constant request as a lecturer in the County Teachers Institutes and elsewhere, and his fame as a teacher, lecturer, preacher, and writer has gone into other States.

WILLIAM LEISER, JR., M. D., a prominent physician of Lewisburgh, has built up a large practice and gained a high reputation for professional ability and skill, despite the fact that he has chosen to remain in his native city and among the companions of his youth. To do this requires not only mental fitness but a force of character which is rarely found, as even a prophet is held in more honor by those whom the disillusionizing tendencies of early intimacy and friendship cannot affect.

Dr. Leiser was born in Lewisburgh, March 11, 1854, and is a grandson of Jacob Leiser, a pioneer of Kelly township, Union county, where he purchased a farm one mile west of West Milton. He was born at York, Penn., October 4, 1779, and died at his Union county farm May 26, 1862. His wife, Mary Leiser, was born in the vicinity of York, December 3, 1780, and her death occurred May 13, 1855.

William Leiser, M. D., the father of our subject, was born in Kelly township, Union county, October 25, 1821. He pursued his literary studies in Pennsylvania College at Gettysburgh, Penn., and received his degree in medicine from the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College at Philadelphia in 1848. After a short residence at New Columbia, Union county, he located permanently in Lewisburgh, where he built up an extensive practice and continued in active professional work until his death, April 12, 1878. In May, 1849, he married Miss Maria Louisa Albright, who was born at Nazareth, Penn., March 11, 1827, was educated at the Moravian Parochial School there, and later removed to Delaware township, Northumberland county, with her mother. She died in Lewisburgh, November 12, 1881, in her fifty-fifth year. Her family history runs back to one Andreas Albrecht, who was born April 2, 1718, at Zella, in Thuringia, and was married November 19, 1766, at Bethlehem, Penn., to Elizabeth Orth, a daughter of Balthasar and Ann Catharine (Roemer) Orth. He died at Lititz, Penn., April 19, 1802, in his eighty-fifth year, and is buried in the Moravian Cemetery, grave No. 190. He was a gunmaker by trade. His wife was born August 14, 1739, in Lebanon county, Penn., and died at Lititz, June 4, 1830, in her ninety-first year. A son, John Henry Albright, was born at Lititz, August 5, 1772, and died January 27, 1845, at Nazareth where he settled in 1816. By trade he was a carpenter and gunsmith, and he also engaged in mercantile pursuits. On March 27, 1795, he married Miss Anna Barbara Hubley, a native of Lancaster, Penn., who was born March 21, 1773, and died February 25, 1830. John Henry Albright had an elder brother, Andrew, next in order of birth to himself, who was prominent in political life, serving as sheriff of Northumberland county, member of the State Assembly, and associate judge, and at the time of his death was senator-elect. John Henry's son, Andrew, our subject's grandfather, was born at Shippensburg, Penn., March 28, 1802, and in 1830 built a mill in Moore township, near Nazareth, Penn., where he died February 23, 1837. He married Agnes Dunn, daughter of James Dunn, a Scotch-Irishman, and his wife, Esther Williams. She died at Warrior's Run, September 20, 1849, and was buried at Warrior's Run Church.

We will now return to the subject proper of our sketch. The desire to enter the medical profession was awakened in Dr. Leiser at a very early age, and fortunately an active mind, a fine physique, and the opportunities

which a competent fortune placed at his hand were all combined to clear his pathway before him. Realizing the necessity for sound literary attainments as a foundation for technical study, he entered the university at Lewisburgh (now Bucknell University) from which he was graduated in 1872. Shortly afterward he began his medical course in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and in 1875 received the degree of M. D., having barely attained his majority at that time. Returning home he spent a year and a half in practice, and then, following a most commendable ambition to excel in his profession, he went to Edinburgh, Scotland, and, as a post-graduate student, spent the scholastic year 1876-77 under the instruction of the renowned professors of the University there. Thus qualified he resumed his practice at Lewisburgh, and has ever since continued with a success which is in itself the highest possible testimony of his worth as a physician and a gentleman. He is a skillful surgeon, a fine oculist, and as a medical expert in court trials has demonstrated his command of the situation when opposed to the recognized leaders in the profession.

The Doctor is a Republican in his political affiliations, and he keeps up the friendships and inspiring associations of college days by his membership in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

On June 8, 1887, Dr. Leiser was united in marriage with Miss Anna E. Frick, daughter of Henry Frick, a native of Lewisburgh, born May 12, 1865, and one son, William, has blessed the union.

DAVID D. DIEFFENDERFER (deceased). The Dieffenderfer family has been represented in Union county from an early day, and its various members have been characterized by the industry, economy and thrift which form the basis of success in life. The subject of this sketch was not only a prosperous business man, but as a citizen he took an active part in the progressive movements of his time, his patriotism being shown in a practical way by his service as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war.

Mr. Dieffenderfer was born in White Deer township, Union county, February 21, 1830, the son of Paul and Harriet (Kline) Dieffenderfer, who were both natives of that county, and spent their days upon a farm there, their remains at death being interred at White Deer cemetery. Their children were: Charles, who died in New Columbia at the age of sixty; David D., our subject; Sarah M., who married David Nees, of New Columbia, where both died; Joel K., an employe

in a furniture factory at Picture Rock, Lycoming Co., Penn.; Ephraim L., a physician of Wilkes Barre, Penn.; Eliza, wife of William Leinbach, proprietor of a woolen-factory at Antes Fort, Penn.; Rebecca, who married W. W. Brown, formerly sheriff of Union county, and now a livery man at Lewisburg; and James, foreman of the machine shop at Ashley, Pennsylvania.

The early life of our subject was spent upon his father's farm in the outskirts of New Columbia. At eighteen he began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed all his days, uniting with it the undertaking business and the manufacture of furniture. On September 27, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 76th P. V. I., commanded by Lieut. John G. Littell, and served until hostilities ended, being mustered out June 28, 1865. During the bombardment of Fort Fisher he was on the boat, but much to his dissatisfaction he was detailed to help the cook instead of being allowed to fight, an illness having brought him under the doctor's care some time before. Previous to this enlistment he had in an emergency served as corporal of Company E, 28th P. V. I., of Milton, under Capt. Charles H. Dougal, and was discharged July 27, 1863.

On his return home from the army he resumed his business and continued until his death, which occurred September 17, 1893, but for about five years prior to that sad event he had done but little work as an undertaker. During this period he was employed in the car factory at Milton as a skilled workman in heavy woodwork. He left a comfortable competence, and had been considered one of the substantial business men of his vicinity. In politics he was a Republican, but he never aspired to public office. He was a member of the Lewisburg Post, G. A. R., and was active in religious work as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Columbia, of which he was one of the leading organizers. He held various official positions in the Church, and for many years was steward, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Dieffenderfer was twice married. His first wife, Miss Elmira Campbell, who was born in Union county, January 19, 1835, bore him two children: Clarence, born October 24, 1858, died June 22, 1860; and Ina, born January 23, 1860, died December 3, 1860. The mother passed to the unseen world September 3, 1862, and on March 1, 1866, Mr. Dieffenderfer was married, at the residence of the bride in White Deer Mills, to Miss Sarah Black. By this union there was one daughter, Hattie Belle, born April 2, 1873, who married Joseph O. Whitman, and

died March 23, 1893, leaving two children—Bessie G. and Sarah B., now residing with an uncle.

MRS. DIEFFENDERFER resides at New Columbia, and, like her lamented husband, is a generous and active helper in Church work, being a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church of Milton, and taking also a keen interest in the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Columbia, for which Mr. Dieffenderfer did so much. She is a native of White Deer Mills, where she was born December 17, 1835. Her father, the late James Black, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in County Donegal, Ireland, December 25, 1803. He came to America alone in 1820, landing at New York after a voyage of thirteen weeks, and soon located at White Deer Mills.

In 1834 Mr. Black married Miss Matilda Ludwig, a native of Union county, born March 17, 1817, the daughter of Daniel and Catherine Ludwig.

DH. GETZ, of Lewisburg, is one of the leading members of the Union County Bar, and his efficient service as District Attorney has shown him to be, as an official, a faithful guardian of the public interests. While yet a boy in years, he gave proof of his patriotism by his service as a soldier, enlisting first in 1863, at the age of seventeen, in Company F, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia. He saw six weeks of active work with his company, and in February, 1864, he joined Company H, 51st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Gen. Hartranft's old regiment, and went to the seat of war, remaining until peace was declared; he was mustered out July 27, 1865.

Mr. Getz was born in Lancaster county, October 31, 1844, and is of old Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. His paternal grandfather, Henry Getz, a native of Union county, followed the carpenter's trade in Union county, Penn., but he died at a comparatively early age. The late William Getz, our subject's father, was born in 1820, in East Buffalo township, Union county, whence he migrated to Lancaster county, where he was married to Miss Fannie Groff, a native of that county, born July 24, 1819. Her father, David Groff, was also a native of the county, and her family was among the oldest of the locality, the first ancestor having come from Switzerland in 1695 to settle in the vicinity of Groff's Dale. William Getz remained with his wife's people for about ten years, then moved to Lebanon county, and in the spring of 1862 returned to Union county, locating in East Buffalo township where he en-

gaged in carpentering until advancing age caused him to cease his labors, and retire to the home of our subject on North Fourth street, Lewisburg. He was, however, an apparently healthy man, and on the day of his death, January 23, 1892, he had gone up town to buy rubber shoes for his wife, as the funeral of a grandchild, a daughter of D. H. Getz, was appointed for Monday, January 25th. He was a prominent member of the Reformed Church, and for many years had been a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. His widow, a venerable and highly esteemed lady, is still living.

As the residence of the family was changed during our subject's youth, he spent some years in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, and then came with his father to Union county. His literary education was obtained in "Lebanon Valley Institute," and at the University at Lewisburg. His legal studies were carried on under the direction of Hon. Charles S. Wolfe, and while pursuing the course he taught school during the winter. In December, 1875, he was admitted to the Bar, and since opening his office in the following spring he has been in successful practice. In 1879 he was elected District Attorney, and in September, 1892, he was again chosen, being unanimously nominated by the Republican party, and elected for the term of three years. Mr. Getz is one of the valued advisers of his party, and has always been deeply interested in local affairs of every nature, lending a helping hand to every worthy project. He is a leading member of the Reformed Church, while, socially, he belongs to Post No. 52, G. A. R.

On November 20, 1884, Mr. Getz was married to Miss Ida Handley, a native of Northumberland county, and three children—Fannie M., Helen E. and Frederick K.—brighten their home.

JAMES BIEHL. In the fine agricultural district surrounding the town of Lochiel, Union county, it would be difficult to find a more thrifty and successful manager than the subject of this biography. Mr. Biehl is an acknowledged leader in the farming fraternity, for two years was president of the Union County Agricultural Society, and for fifteen years was on the executive committee.

As his name indicates, Mr. Biehl is of German descent, his paternal great-grandfather, Christian, having come from the Fatherland in the eighteenth century. Peter Biehl, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer in Berks

county, Penn., and died there, leaving six children by his first wife. By a second marriage there was no issue. His eldest son, Samuel, died in Berks county; Peter, Jr., in Lycoming county; Daniel, near Springfield, Ohio; and Reuben, in Philipsburg, Penn. A daughter, Diana, married Samuel Lobach.

Gideon Biehl, the third son of Peter, and the father of our subject, was born in 1804, in Berks county, where he grew to manhood, his education being gained in the subscription schools. The instruction was chiefly in German, but he could read and write English also. His father had at one time owned a large amount of property, but reverses in later years prevented him from giving his sons a start in business. Gideon Biehl learned the blacksmith's trade and followed it about four years, when he married Miss Rebecca Dreibelbis, a native of Berks county, born about 1808. Her father, Daniel Dreibelbis, was a wealthy farmer; she was one of a family of six children: Leah, Rachel, Hannah, Susan, Rebecca and Martin.

After his marriage Gideon Biehl rented a farm in Richmond township, Berks county, belonging to an aunt, whose death some years later, without nearer heirs, left him the owner of a goodly number of acres. In 1845 he sold this place and moved to Buffalo township, Union county, purchasing the Rockey farm. The removal was made after primitive fashion with a train of wagons of the old style, having large English wagon boxes. The family reached the new home on April 2, 1845, and remained six years, when Mr. Biehl bought a hotel "on the pike" in East Buffalo township, which he conducted for many years, interrupted by a short period, during which it was rented to other parties. It became widely known as "Biehl's Hotel," but in 1868 he sold it to the present owner, David Royer.

Gideon Biehl was a well-built man, five feet, eight and a half inches in height, and in early life possessed great strength. Of a genial nature, he was always fond of company, but he never cared to visit much away from home. In political affiliations he was a Democrat, but he was a strong supporter of the Union cause during the war, and soldiers en route to the front found an especially kindly welcome at his hotel. While living in Berks county he was active in politics, and from boyhood until old age he took an influential part in religious work as a member of the Lutheran Church, holding various offices and contributing liberally. His wife, who was a devout member of the Reformed Church, died in December, 1856, and his later years were spent

at the home of our subject, his death occurring in 1874. His remains now rest beside those of his wife in Driesbach cemetery. In that era of high prices his estate was valued at \$40,000, which represented energetic and well-directed efforts on his part to increase his inheritance. Our subject was the eldest of four children, all of whom settled in Union county. Hannah, Mrs. Elem Meixel, died in Kelly township; Sarah, now Mrs. John F. Zeller, and Catherine, Mrs. F. W. Miller, both reside in East Buffalo township.

James Biehl was born March 17, 1829, at the old farm in Berks county. The free-school system was not introduced in his township in his early days, and the subscription schools were decidedly inferior to those which he found in Union county. He attended a somewhat advanced school in Boyertown, in his native county, for thirteen weeks, but on his parents' removal to their new home when he was about sixteen he found that he could not enter classes with those of his own age. It so humiliated him to be ranked with the younger children that he did not attend much, a few months each winter being spent in study. At nineteen he left school altogether, the last winter of his attendance being at Limestoneville, Montour Co., Penn., where he worked for his board while pursuing his studies, and with the exception of this time he remained at home throughout his youth.

On January 14, 1851, he was married in Snyder county to Miss Rebecca Pawling, and soon afterward he established his home upon his father's farm in Buffalo township, Union county. In 1885 he removed from that place to his present homestead, but he still continues to oversee the first farm in a general way. At present he owns 145 acres in all, with three good residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Biehl have three children, all of whom are highly esteemed for their ability and worth: (1) Sarah J., born September 7, 1852, married Israel T. Ruhl, a prominent resident of Buffalo township, Union county, formerly superintendent of Sunday-schools. He is an influential Republican, and an active worker in Driesbach Church, being at present the leader of the choir; is a justice of the peace, at present serving his third term. (2) Jefferson P., born January 29, 1857, is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and is now practicing his profession at Plymouth, Penn. (3) Gideon T., born December 22, 1861, is one of the leading farmers of Buffalo township, and may be said to have taken his father's place in the Union County Agricultural Society, having succeeded him in various committees. Gideon

T. is now nominated for county surveyor on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Biehl is one of the best-known citizens of his locality, and for years has been a pillar in the Driesbach Church, giving generously of his time and money to its support, and he has held every office except that of preacher. His family are all identified with the same Church. In his political views he has long been a Republican, but his first vote was cast for Franklin Pierce, and he continued to vote the Democratic ticket until the second gubernatorial campaign of A. G. Curtin. While he now gives unwavering support to the Republican party on State and National issues, he does now draw partisan lines in local affairs. While living in Buffalo township he held numerous offices—assessor, assistant assessor, inspector, and for ten years was school director. He has now held the office of supervisor of the West Precinct of East Buffalo township for five years, his duties being discharged to the entire satisfaction of the public.

Mrs. Biehl is a member of one of the pioneer families of Snyder county, and was reared and educated in that locality. Her great-grandfather Pawling came from England prior to the Revolutionary war, and settled in Chester county, Penn. Early in the present century his son Joseph, Mrs. Biehl's grandfather, went to the vicinity of Selins Grove, and, purchasing 400 acres of land, erected buildings and engaged in business as a farmer and hotel keeper. He was twice married, and by his first wife he had one son, John, who went West, and whose descendants now live in Kentucky. His second wife, Mary Shannon, bore him four sons and four daughters. One of the latter married Mr. Ross, and became the mother of the late Judge H. P. Ross, of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Pawling, the eldest son of the second marriage, was born February 9, 1794, and was married on January 24, 1815, to Miss Elizabeth Woodling, born February 5, 1797, the daughter of John Woodling. Eleven children blessed this union, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Harriet, December 31, 1815, married David Schoch, and died in 1840; Maria, December 4, 1817, became the second wife of David Schoch, and died November 2, 1870; Susan, February 25, 1819, married Jacob Hilbish; Levi, July 27, 1820, married Miss Margaret C. Weaver, who was born March 17, 1831; John, October 21, 1822, married Miss Barbara Gemberling, who was born March 31, 1831; Jane, June 15, 1825, married Lewis Gemberling, and died October 1, 1856; Samuel B., September 14, 1828, married (first) Miss Leah Huffman, (second) Miss

Sarah J. Marshall and (third) Miss Hester A. Long; Rebecca, December 25, 1830, is the wife of our subject; Angelina, September 22, 1834, married Benjamin Ulrich; Charles W., May 31, 1837, married Lydia C. Long; Lewis E., December 10, 1839, married Miss Amanda Schoch.

The father of this family died November 23, 1874, in his eighty-first year. His wife, with whom he spent sixty years of wedded happiness, survived him and passed away October 9, 1883. At that time their direct descendants numbered one hundred and seven in all: fifty-five grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

M M. WILSON, M. D., is now the oldest medical practitioner at New Berlin, Union county. It is natural to look to a man's ancestry for some sign of the traits for which he is distinguished, and we are not surprised to find that Dr. Wilson comes of good old New England stock. James Wilson, his great-grandfather, came from Connecticut about 1791 to make his home in eastern Pennsylvania, where he married Rebecca Orwig. Samuel Wilson, the only son of James, was born in Schuylkill county, November 25, 1793, in early manhood located at New Berlin, and became a successful merchant, accumulating a handsome fortune for that day. As a member of the Democratic party, he was active and influential in local affairs. He was also interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church, and at the time of his death, November 3, 1855, he held the office of elder. His wife, Sarah Mauck Wilson, to whom he was married at New Berlin, was a native of Pennsylvania. She died May 31, 1872, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and the remains of both now rest in the family burial plot at New Berlin. Three sons lived to adult age, two of whom entered the medical profession. James W. went to Fremont, Ohio, in 1839, and became one of the leading practitioners of that section; he has now retired from practice, but is known as one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Fremont. Edward is mentioned more fully below. Charles was a prominent physician at New Berlin, where he died, leaving several children.

Edward Wilson, Dr. H. M. Wilson's father, was born April 14, 1817, at New Berlin, where he was reared, receiving a good practical education for that time, the schools of the place being better than the average. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in which he was extremely successful. Although he owned a large tract of farming land he never cultivated it, preferring to

devote his whole attention to his business, and for the same reason he took but little active interest in political movements beyond giving his individual support at the polls to the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the lodge I. O. O. F., at New Berlin, and was prominently identified with the Presbyterian Church, holding office as a deacon, and later as an elder and as such was serving at the time of his death, in August, 1879. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Aurand) Wilson, is also a member of the Church. She was born at New Berlin, November 15, 1826, and has always resided there. Her father, Samuel Aurand, a native of Middleburg, Penn., and a son of George Aurand, was for many years a hotel-keeper at New Berlin. His first wife, Christina Wise, a daughter of Josiah Wise, bore him two sons and one daughter, now Mrs. Wilson. By a second marriage he had two sons and two daughters. The Doctor is the youngest in a family of five children—Laura married Levi Boyer of Virginia; Emily, now Mrs. Galen Lutz, James, and Mary, the widow of Isaac Wonderly, all reside in New Berlin.

Dr. H. M. Wilson's birth occurred March 24, 1854, and his early education was obtained in the schools of New Berlin, Miss Kate Kessler being his first teacher. In 1875 he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and, on graduating in 1877, he at once established himself in practice at his old home, where he met with speedy success. He is a member of the Union County Medical Examining Board, to which he was appointed in September, 1893, and is at present its treasurer. In 1890 he married Mrs. Ella (Schoch) Burg, widow of Dr. S. W. Burg, and daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Seebald) Schoch. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson are prominent in social life and are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the Doctor succeeded his father as elder. Politically he is a staunch Democrat.

THOMAS HOWARD WILSON, M. D. "A youth of labor, with an age of ease," surrounded by all that can be desired of friendship and honor, sums up in brief the fortunate lot of the subject of this sketch, one of Lewisburg's most highly respected citizens, who, with his estimable wife, is spending the afternoon of life in leisure after a long and arduous career. For nearly fifty years they have sustained each other with their mutual love, and now they show to each other the thoughtful attention, the tender deference of the days of courtship. It is seldom

that so close a bond exists as that which has woven their lives together. For many years during Dr. Wilson's active career the demands of his professional work kept him busy night and day, and Mrs. Wilson was his constant companion, sharing his long and tedious journeys, driving the team while he slept, and then, on reaching the home of some patient, would snatch a brief interval of sleep for herself while he made his visit. To heal the sick, to cheer the miserable, became their life work, while the poor who could pay no fees were treated as carefully as the rich. Hand in hand they followed the voice of duty, and in that loving union what might have been drudgery became unceasing joy. Advancing years have withdrawn Dr. Wilson from the work which, as a popular physician of his locality, he was once called upon to perform, but in all that pertains to culture, refinement and progress, his home life gives a reflection of his high character.

Before going further into detail of the personal history of our subject, a review of his family history is proper. The first ancestor on the paternal side of whom there is a record was James Wilson, born in September, 1719, who came from Ireland at the age of seven years with his parents, who settled in Derry township, Dauphin Co., Penn. His first wife, Martha Sterrett, died in early womanhood, leaving no children. He then was married to Ann Sterrett, born January 16, 1725, and whose death occurred January 15, 1789, his own following on September 28, 1793. There were nine children by the second union, namely: William is mentioned more fully further on; Martha (Mrs. David Hays) was born February 7, 1745; Hugh, born September 26, 1748, married Isabella Fulton; Joseph, born September 5, 1750, married Margaret Boyd, and died February 9, 1788; Mary, born January 5, 1755, married James Todd; James, born June 18, 1757, died in October, 1806, at Reading, Penn.; Andrew, born October 18, 1759, married Martha McClure; Elizabeth married James Stewart; and Samuel married Eleanor Bell.

William Wilson, the grandfather of our subject, was born June 4, 1743, and died April 9, 1824. He was married, October 24, 1773, to Elizabeth Robinson, who was born in February, 1758, and died April 11, 1815, after a union of forty-one years, four months and seventeen days. They had thirteen children, as follows: (1) Martha, born August 20, 1774, died November 29, 1788; (2) Thomas, born August 18, 1776, died May 25, 1831, married Lydia Drake, and had two children—William Robinson, born April 9, 1828, married Elsie Lawshe, and Samuel

Howard, born May 15, 1830, died March 14, 1850; (3) James, born August 3, 1778, died December 26, 1831, married (first) Catherine Fruit, and (second) Sarah Chamberlain, by whom he had two children—William, who died October 24, 1856, and Catherine, wife of Robert M. Musser; (4) Hugh, born September 6, 1781, died June 25, 1782; (5) Mary (Mrs. William Hayes), born April 14, 1783, died December 10, 1827; (6) Effie, born September 5, 1784, died September 19, 1784; (7) a son born October 14, 1785, died October 21, 1785; (8) William, born August 10, 1787, died June 12, 1863; (9) Samuel, born April 9, 1790, died January 16, 1843, married Elizabeth Nevins; (10) Martha (2), born April 8, 1792; (11) Effie (2) (Mrs. Joseph Murray), born December 13, 1794, died January 24, 1853; (12) Eliza (Mrs. Peter Nevins), born March 18, 1797, died April 8, 1879; (13) Nancy Gray (Mrs. William Murray), born July 8, 1799, died in July, 1845.

William, the eighth child of William and Elizabeth Wilson, and the father of our subject, was married February 19, 1818, to Ann Howard, who was born March 11, 1798, and died September 21, 1865. Her father, Thomas Howard, born in May, 1760, died January 15, 1842, was married February 9, 1797, to Elizabeth Harris, born July 18, 1770, died May 20, 1842. Our subject's mother was the eldest in a family of nine children, the others being: Mary, born July 9, 1799, died April 30, 1819; Harriet (Mrs. Thomas Van Valzah), born August 18, 1800, died January 9, 1870; John Irvin, born March 5, 1803, died November 25, 1813; Laird, born September 7, 1804, died March 19, 1870, married Jane Barber; Elizabeth, born November 3, 1805, died March 30, 1829; Jane (Mrs. Joseph Green), born Feb. 28, 1809, died April 30, 1870; Thomas, born September 16, 1811, died May 18, 1889, married (first) Ellen M. Dale, and (second) Margaret Dickson; and David, born February 2, 1814, died November 15, 1861.

The Harris family, to which belonged Elizabeth Harris, wife of Thomas Howard, is of English origin, the first ancestor to cross the ocean being William Harris, the great-great-grandfather of Dr. Wilson. He located in Derry township, Dauphin county, Penn., and he and his wife, Catherine Douglass, who was of the family of Sir Robert Douglass, of Scotland, passed their last days there, their remains being interred in Derry graveyard. They had six children: James, born January 16, 1739, died April 13, 1786; Sarah, born March 20, 1741; John, born November 20, 1746; William, born November 20, 1749; Mary, born July 22, 1752;

Robert, born 1753, died March 4, 1785, and was buried at Nicaragua, Grenada.

James Harris, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was married June 2, 1768, to Mary Laird, daughter of William Laird and his wife, Catherine (Spencer), of Scotland. Mary Laird Harris was born April 28, 1750, died December 13, 1842, and was buried in Lewisburg. The Doctor's grandmother was the second in a family of ten children, the others being: William, born April 28, 1769, died February 2, 1785; Katharine, born April 2, 1772, died December 28, 1784; Jean, born January 6, 1774, died December 5, 1839; Laird, born February 22, 1776, died June 30, 1804; Robert, born November 22, 1777; Sarah, born September 4, 1779, died December 30, 1827; (3) James, born June 13, 1781, died July 1, 1868, married Sarah Bell; Martha, born August 13, 1784, died February 13, 1873; and William Laird, Jr. (2), born May 17, 1786, died November 11, 1845.

Our subject is the only surviving child of the family, in which he was the second in order of birth. The others were: Elizabeth R., born March 31, 1819, died August 4, 1889; Sarah Jane (Mrs. John Walls), born June 16, 1823, died January 9, 1876; Mary Harris, born October 4, 1825, died July 10, 1845; William Henry, born June 28, 1830, died August 9, 1831; and Martha Harris, born April 7, 1833, died November 23, 1839.

Dr. Thomas H. Wilson was born May 17, 1821, and was reared in the town of Lewisburg. After attending the local schools for a time he studied in the academy at Danville, Penn., and later in the Lewisburg Academy. He then clerked in his father's store until, having determined upon the medical profession as his life-work, he began preparations for same under a preceptor. In 1844 he was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and at once entered upon professional work at Lewisburg, where, as has been said, he gained a large practice. His wife, to whom he was married February 3, 1848, was formerly Miss Elizabeth Dale. They have had four children, as follows: (1) James Dale, born April 18, 1850, was married June 14, 1883, to Miss Mary Beck Smith, and has had four children—Thomas Howard, born August 16, 1884, died July 18, 1886; Margaret Smith, born August 2, 1887, is at home; James Dale, born October 23, 1889, died in August, 1892; and William, born August 26, 1893. (2) Anna Howard, born April 30, 1855, was married October 19, 1882, to Louis K. Lodge, born February 2, 1851, died December 31, 1890, and has one son—John, born November 16, 1885.

(3) Helen Potter, born October 19, 1857, died April 29, 1859. (4) William Wilberforce, born January 29, 1860, resides in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Wilson was a daughter of James Dale, of Dale's Hill, Union Co., Penn., and a granddaughter of Samuel Dale, who was born in 1741 in County Monahan, Ireland, and died September 27, 1804. In January, 1769, he married Ann Futhey, who died April 23, 1835. James Dale was married February 24, 1818, to Eliza Bell, who died February 14, 1837. They had four children: Ann Margaret, born July 27, 1819, died in New Berlin December 29, 1833; Ellen Mary, born September 18, 1821, was married February 17, 1842, to Thomas Howard, and died May 7, 1861; Elizabeth (Mrs. Wilson), born February 2, 1824; and Samuel, born March 1, 1828, died August 10, 1848.

DAVID MYERS (deceased). Lewisburg has been fortunate in the possession of a large number of broad-minded citizens, who, while furthering financial interests—individual and public—have also contributed to the establishment of a high intellectual standard in her social circles, and conspicuous among this class of business men was the late David Myers.

Our subject was a descendant of pioneer stock. His ancestors on both his father's and mother's side were German immigrants who came to Pennsylvania in its early Colonial days, and betook themselves to farming. He was a son of David Myers, who was born January 16, 1788, in Lancaster county, Penn., and Ann (Sheibley) Myers, born in the same county March 17, 1799. They were married March 25, 1815, and in 1829 removed to Union county, settling on a farm just outside of Lewisburg, on the Valley Pike. Of this marriage there were eleven children: Nathan, born November 29, 1816, was cashier of a bank in Clarion county, Penn., and died May 6, 1892; Alpheus, born April 23, 1818, was a physician in Logansport, Ind., and died February 28, 1887; Matilda, born September 18, 1819, married Joseph Frederick, and died in Northumberland county, September 6, 1866; Eliza, born May 26, 1821, died February 26, 1893, was blinded by an accident, and never married; Abraham, born September 27, 1822, died March 7, 1848, was a physician in Clarion county, Penn.; Susannah, born February 26, 1824, died September 28, 1858, was the wife of John Brown; Lewis B., born July 4, 1825, was a physician, and died December 24, 1896; Ann S., born February 17, 1827, became the wife of

Joseph Baker, and died April 9, 1862; David, the subject of this article, was the ninth in order of birth, and was born in Lancaster county, Penn., March 20, 1830; Sarah, born September 17, 1831, died February 13, 1886, the wife of Daniel Swartz; Henry A., the youngest child, born January 28, 1833, became a physician, and died March 8, 1886. The father, David Myers, died January 30, 1833, leaving the mother with the care of the children. She reared them all to manhood and womanhood, and died on November 17, 1869, in Lewisburg, Penn. Dr. Lewis B. Myers, of Fremont, Ohio, was the last survivor.

David Myers, our subject, was reared in Lewisburg, and throughout his life was identified with the place. His education was limited to the course offered in the common schools, but observation and reading brought to a mind, naturally clever, valuable practical results. He was engaged in business for some time in Lewisburg, Penn., and then went to the western part of the State, and from there, after the war, he went to Alabama, where he engaged in cotton raising. On January 3, 1871, he was married to Miss Valeria R. Beck, the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Samuel Ludwig Beck, of Lewisburg. About two years after his marriage Mr. Myers returned to Pennsylvania, and settled in Lewisburg, where he died on July 6, 1894. His widow and daughter, Aida B. Myers, still reside in the same town.

David Myers was a Republican in politics; a member of the Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, he took a great interest in all religious matters.

GEORGE G. GROFF, M. A., M. D., Professor of Organic Sciences in Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Union Co., Penn., was born on "The Great Welsh Tract in the Province of Pennsylvania," on a farm near Valley Forge, in Tredyffrin township, Chester Co., Penn., April 5, 1851, descending from ancestors who were among the earliest settlers of the State.

Dr. Groff's line of descent is as follows: Jacob Graf (1), born in Holland [?] in 1715, the pioneer of this branch of the Groffs in America, with his wife Maria, settled near old Goshenhoppen, in Upper Salford, Montgomery county, in 1769. Jacob Groff (2), son of Jacob (1), married Elizabeth Hübner, daughter of Melchoir and Anna Maria Fisher Hübner, and a granddaughter of Hans and Maria Hübner (he a Schwenckfelder, who came from Lower Silesia with his Church in 1734). The Schwenckfelders en-



Geo. G. Groff.

joyed the unique distinction of having received a formal invitation from their former sovereign, Frederick the Great, to return to their homes in Silesia, which, having been destroyed, he offered to restore. Jacob Groff (3) (son of Jacob (2)) married Catherine Reiff, had a son, John Groff, who married Susan Beaver, and their son is Dr. George G. Groff. The name Graf in German means Count, and is equivalent to the English Earl.

Hans Jakob Reiff, the pioneer in Pennsylvania, came to the State about 1640, with the Dutch settlers on the Delaware river. He had two companions, Levering and Frey, both of whom remained in the Province. He had a son, Hans George Reiff, a newlander and land speculator, who settled in Upper Salford township, Montgomery county, whose wife was Anna (or Veronica), and they had a son, Jacob Reiff (2). The latter married Catherine Schneider, and had a son, George Reiff. George Reiff married Rachel Pawling, and had a daughter, Catherine Reiff (wife of Jacob Groff (3)).

Henry Pawling, the pioneer, came from England in 1701. He purchased two tracts of land, of a thousand acres each, from Penn before leaving England. On the map of 1683, he is shown as holding two lots in Philadelphia, one on Market street and the other on the Schuylkill front. He had a son, Henry Pawling, and he in turn a son, John, who married Elizabeth DeHaven, a daughter of Herman In de Haven, and they had a daughter, Rachel Pawling (wife of George Reiff). The Pawlings settled first in Lower Providence township, Philadelphia county, and later in Montgomery county on the Schuylkill river, near Pawling's Bridge. In 1734, Henry Pawling, Sr., owned five hundred acres of land opposite Valley Forge, and his son, Henry, twelve hundred acres in Perkiomen township. In 1747 Henry, Jr., was elected captain of a company of Associators. In 1761 he was appointed by the Governor one of the commissioners for improving the navigation of the Schuylkill river, and was in 1773 succeeded in this office by his son, John Pawling, Jr. In 1761 Henry was sent into the Wyoming region to build houses for friendly Indians. This was a movement of the Proprietors of the Province to forestall the adventurers from Connecticut. He was a justice of the peace for many years in Philadelphia, and a member of the Colonial Assembly from 1764 to 1774 inclusive. In politics, the Pawlings were always attached to the Proprietary party.

Everett In de Hoff and his wife, Elizabeth Schiphower, with their sons, Gerhard, Herman and Peter, came to Pennsylvania from Holland

in 1698. In 1706 Everett took up two hundred acres of land in Whitpain township, Montgomery Co., Penn. Herman In de Haven had a daughter Elizabeth De Haven, who in 1786, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, married John Pawling, and became the mother of Rachel Pawling and the grandmother of Catherine Reiff. The family were prominent in the Reformed Church, both Everett and Herman having been presiding elders.

George Bieber, with his brothers, John and Dewald, came from Elsass in 1744, and settled in Tredyffrin township, Chester Co., Penn. His son, John Beaver, and wife Margaret, had a son, George Beaver (2), who married Susan Hausman. George Beaver (2) and Susan Hausman had a son, John Beaver (2), who married Deborah Barry, and had a daughter, Susan Beaver (wife of John Groff). From the pioneer John Bieber, Governor James A. Beaver is descended.

Frederick Hausman came from Wurtemberg, Germany, when twelve years of age and settled in Tredyffrin township, Chester Co., Penn. He married Elizabeth Kemp, of Kutztown, Berks Co., Penn., daughter of Theobald Kemp and wife Elizabeth (he the pioneer from Strasburg), and had a daughter, Susan Hausman (wife of George Beaver (2)).

Richard Barry, from Ballo, County Cork, Ireland, settled Radnor, Chester (now Delaware) county, Penn., had a son, Col. James Barry, who married Ellen Jones, and their son, James Barry (2), married Sarah Davies, daughter of Samuel Davis (or Davies), from Wales, his wife Tabitha, had a daughter Deborah Barry (wife of John Beaver). The Barrys are of Norman descent, and in Ireland rose to great wealth and prominence, intermarrying with the nobility of the kingdom. Richard Barry became a Friend under the preaching of William Penn, and being disowned by his family came to America. His people were attached to the Roman Catholic Church.

John Beaver, son of George Bieber, the pioneer, contracted camp fever at Valley Forge while assisting to lay out the American camp, and died of it. Col. James Barry served with honor during six years of the Revolutionary struggle. John Pawling and Herman In de Haven were staunch patriots during the same struggle. They manufactured gun flints for the army, their factory being at the Falls of French Creek, in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

The ancestors of Dr. Groff were Dutch, German, English, Welsh and Norman-Irish. With the exception of two cousins of his father's, Dr.

Henry G. Groff and Dr. John W. Groff, all the family have been tillers of the soil. In the present and rising generations there seems a predilection for the study of medicine. John Groff, the father of George G., reared nine children, viz.: George G., Charles Albert, John Howard, M. D., Mary Elizabeth, Deborah Beaver, Lydia Frances, Sarah Rebecca, Elysses Grant and Susanna Beaver.

Jacob Graf, here called the pioneer according to family tradition, is the earliest of our family we have been able to discover in America. Rupp gives the names of three Jacob Groffs, who came to Philadelphia in 1737, 1744 and 1749. Our ancestor purchased his farm in 1769, when he was fifty-four years of age, and twenty years after the arrival of the latest Jacob of Rupp. Hence it seems altogether possible that our ancestor may have been the son of the pioneer. His wife Maria was born in 1722. They were married previous to 1745, and tradition states that their eight children were all born in Germany. Tradition also states that the family on coming to America first encamped under a large oak tree, one-fourth mile east of Zieglerville, on the banks of the Goshenhoppen run, on land recently owned by Charles Koch, but at that time public land. The permanent home was made two miles to the northwest on the Perkiomen. Beside farming, the elder Groffs were fullers and dyers, in which work they continued at least three generations.

Jacob Rieff, son of Hans George, was prominent in the affairs of the early Reformed Church in America, going to Europe to collect funds for the Church. (He was a member of the Assembly of Pennsylvania in 1780, and, with the eleven other German members, voted for the adoption of the National Constitution). The Groffs and Beavers originally belonged to the Lutheran Church. The Pawlings were Episcopalians, and extensive land holders. The Barrys in Radnor (Norman-Irish) and the Davies in Merion (Welsh) were Friends, called Quakers, living on "The Great Welsh Tract." John Barry, the first Commodore in the America navy, was of this family, an uncle of Col. James Barry.

George G. Groff received his early education in the public schools, and in academies at Phoenixville and Norristown, and, later, in the West Chester State Normal School, Michigan University, Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and the University of Leipsic. He received, at different times, the college degrees of B. S., M. A., M. D., Ph. D., and LL. D. Until his eighteenth year he assisted in the labors of the farm, then began to teach in the public schools, then in

the West Chester State Normal School, and in 1879 became professor of Organic Sciences in Bucknell University. During 1887-88 he was acting president of the University, and was instrumental in starting an increase in attendance which has continued until the present time. A prominent Baptist wrote that he advertised the University more in three months than had been previously done in forty years. As a teacher he has been enthusiastic and successful, inspiring his pupils to diligent and accurate work. In public life he has been school director, coroner, assistant-surgeon in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and a member of the State Boards of Agriculture and Health for eleven years. At present (1897) he is president of the State Board of Health, and a member of the State Medical and Dental Councils. A large portion of the work of the State Board of Health has originated with him. He is the author of almost all the health circulars of this Board, which are said to be the best issued by any State in the Union. In 1889, after the great floods of that year, he had charge of the sanitation at Johnstown, which he conducted in a most successful manner. He has for fifteen years done much work at Teachers and Farmers Institutes, lecturing on health and scientific subjects. He is the author of a large number of pamphlets, charts, maps and diagrams intended to aid science teachers; also of a Series of School Physiologies, Farm and Village Hygiene, School Hygiene, Dairy Hygiene, and a text book on Mineralogy. Dr. Groff is a constant contributor to leading periodical literature. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Pennsylvania German Society, and of the Welsh Society of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and in all theological matters holds liberal views.

In 1880 the Doctor was married to Margaret Palmer Marshall, of West Chester, Penn. The union has been blessed with five children, viz.: William Marshall, John Charles, Margaret Beaver, James Andrews, and Frances Lloyd. All the ancestors of Dr. Groff's wife, too, were among the earliest settlers of the Province of Pennsylvania. In the following are set forth the progenitors in America of her family, the Roman characters indicating each generation in the various branches of the family, the child following that of parents thus, II. Thomas Marshall (I) is of the second generation and is a son of John Marshall and Sarah Smith; and so on.

I. John Marshall, the pioneer, came from Elton, Derbyshire, England, prior to 1685; married, in 1688 at Darby, Penn., Sarah Smith,

from Croxton, Leicester, England. II. Thomas Marshall (1) married Hannah Mendenhall, daughter of Benjamin Mendenhall, from Wiltshire, England, about 1683, settled in Concord township, and Ann Pennell, daughter of Robert Pennell, from Nottinghamshire, England, prior to 1686, to Middletown township, and wife Hannah. III. Thomas Marshall (2) married Edith Newlin. IV. Thomas Marshall (3) married Mary Grubb. V. Samuel Marshall married Philema Pusey. VI. William Pusey Marshall married Frances Lloyd Andrews, whose daughter is Margaret P. Marshall.

I. Nicholas Newlin, the pioneer, from Mount Molock, Tyrone, Ireland, in 1683, to Concord township; wife Elizabeth. II. Nathaniel Newlin, who came with his father from Ireland, married Mary Mendenhall, sister of Benjamin. III. Nathaniel Newlin (2) married Jane Woodward, daughter of Richard Woodward and Jane, who came from England and settled in Middletown township. IV. Nathaniel Newlin (3) married Esther Metcalf, daughter of Thomas and wife Jane. V. Edith Newlin (wife of Thomas Marshall (2)).

I. John Grubb, who was settled in Upland, Penn., prior to 1679, and wife Frances. II. John Grubb (2) married Rachel Buckley, daughter of John Sanderson Buckley, and granddaughter of Dr. Sanderson. John Buckley (came from Wiltshire, England, 1682) was a son of John Buckley and Mary Empson, of Cheshire, England, who never came to America. III. Samuel Grubb married Rebecca Hewes; their daughter Mary Grubb (wife of Thomas Marshall (3)).

I. William Hewes, who came from England about 1675-6, settled first in New Jersey, then in 1678-9 settled near Marcus Hook; wife Deborah. II. William Hewes (2) married Sarah Bezer, daughter of Edward Bezer and Ann Fry, who came from Wiltshire, England, about 1682 and settled in Bethel township. III. William Hewes (3) married Mary Withers. IV. Rebecca Hewes (wife of Samuel Grubb).

I. William Withers. II. Thomas Withers, who came from Wiltshire, England, and settled in Chichester, married Elizabeth Collett, daughter of Jeremiah Collett, who came from England in 1682, or earlier, and settled in Chichester, and Jane May, and granddaughter of ——— May and Joan ———, of Wiltshire, England. III. Mary Withers (wife of William Hewes (3)).

I. William Pusey, from London, England, about 1700, settled in London Grove township, married Elizabeth Bowater, daughter of John and Frances. John Bowater, from Worcester-shire, England, reached Pennsylvania about 1684

after visiting, as early as 1677, New England, Maryland and Virginia as a public Friend. II. Joshua Pusey married Mary Lewis, daughter of Ellis Lewis, who was born in Wales, and came to Pennsylvania in 1708, and Elizabeth Newlin, and granddaughter of Mary ———; had a son, Ellis Pusey, who married Abigail Brinton, and had daughter, Philema Pusey (wife of Samuel Marshall).

I. Nicholas Newlin (wife Elizabeth). II. Nathaniel Newlin married Mary Mendenhall. III. Elizabeth Newlin married Ellis Lewis. IV. Mary Lewis (wife of Joshua Pusey).

I. William Brinton, who came from Staffordshire, England, in 1684, and settled in Birmingham township, married Ann Bagley, daughter of Edward Bagley. II. William Brinton (2), who came over with his father, married Jane Thatcher, daughter of Richard Thatcher, who came from England about 1685, and settled in Thornbury township, and wife Jane. III. Joseph Brinton married Mary Pearce, daughter of George Pearce, who came from Somersetshire, England, in 1684, and settled in Thornbury township, and Ann Gainer, of Gloucestershire, England. IV. Moses Brinton married Eleanor Varnam, daughter of Hattil Varnam, who came from County Wexford, Ireland, in 1728, and settled in Lancaster county, and Abigail Sandwith, the latter a daughter of William and Joan Sandwith, of County Wexford, Ireland. V. Abigail Brinton (wife of Ellis Pusey).

I. William Andrews, who came from Lurgan, Ireland, to Newcastle county, State of Delaware; wife Miriam. II. Ezekiel Andrews married Rebecca Robinson (she was born on the vessel coming to America), daughter of Francis Robinson and wife Elizabeth, who came from Ireland. III. James Andrews married Martha Bunting. IV. James Andrews (2) married Hannah Lloyd. V. Frances Lloyd Andrews (wife of William Pusey Marshall).

I. Anthony Bunting; wife Ellen. II. William Bunting married Mary Stumson. III. Samuel Bunting, who came from Derbyshire, England, in 1722, and settled in Darby, married Sarah Fearn, daughter of Josiah Fearn (son of Elizabeth); (Elizabeth Fearn (widow) came from Derbyshire, England, in 1682, and settled in Darby), and Sarah Blunston, and granddaughter of John Blunston and Eleanor Brantrion. IV. Josiah Bunting married Sarah Hunt. V. Martha Bunting (wife of James Andrews (1)).

I. James Hunt, who came in 1684 from Kent, England, and settled in Kingsessing, married Elizabeth Bonsall. II. James Hunt (2) married Rebecca Faucit, daughter of Walter

Faucit, who arrived at Chester as early as 1684, and Rebecca Fearne, the latter a daughter of Elizabeth Fearne. III. John Hunt (2) married Elizabeth Sellers. IV. Sarah Hunt (wife of Josiah Bunting).

I. Samuel Sellers, who came from Derbyshire, England, in 1682, and settled in Darby township on land now in possession of his descendants, married Anna Gibbons, daughter of Henry Gibbons and wife Helen, who came from Derbyshire, England, in 1682, and settled in Darby township. II. Samuel Sellers, Jr., married Sarah Smith, daughter of John Smith, who came in 1684 from Liecestershire, England, and settled in Darby township, and Elenor Dolby. III. Elizabeth Sellers (wife of John Hunt).

I. Robert Lloyd, who came to Pennsylvania in 1863 from Wales, married Lowry Jones. II. Richard Lloyd married Hannah Sellers. III. Hugh Lloyd married Susanna Pearson. IV. Charles Lloyd married Frances Paschall. V. Hannah Lloyd married James Andrews (2). VI. Frances Lloyd Andrews (wife of William Pusey Marshall).

I. Samuel Sellers married Anna Gibbons. II. Samuel Sellers (2) married Sarah Smith, daughter of John Smith and Elenor Dolby. III. Hannah Sellers (wife of Richard Lloyd).

I. John Blunston, who came in 1682 from Derbyshire, England, and settled in Darby, married Sarah———. II. John Blunston, Jr., married Ann Hunt, daughter of James Hunt and Elizabeth Bonsall. III. Hannah Blunston married Thomas Pearson, son of Benjamin Pearson, who came from Yorkshire, England, about 1712, and Susanna Burbeck. IV. Susanna Pearson (wife of Hugh Lloyd).

I. Thomas Paschall, who came from Bristol, England, to Philadelphia, married Joanna Sloper. II. Thomas Paschall married Margaret Jenkins, daughter of William Jenkins, who came from Turby, Wales, about 1682, and settled in Haverford, and Elizabeth Griffith, the latter a daughter of Lewis Griffith. III. John Paschall married Frances Hodge, daughter of Henry Hodge, of Philadelphia, Penn., who was a son of Henry Hodge, of Antigua, and Frances Knight, the latter a daughter of Christopher Knight, of Antigua. IV. Dr. Henry Paschall married Ann P. Garrett. V. Frances Paschall married Charles Lloyd. VI. Hannah Lloyd (wife of James Andrews).

I. John Garrett (wife Mary). II. William Garrett, who came in 1684 from Liecestershire, England, and settled in Darby, married Ann Kirke. III. Samuel Garrett married Jane Pennell, daughter of Robert and Hannah Pennell.

IV. Nathan Garrett married Ann Knowles. V. Ann P. Garrett (wife of Dr. Henry Paschall).

I. John Knowles, of Berkshire, England, married Elizabeth Newman, daughter of Paul Newman, of Berkshire, England. II. John Knowles (2), who came from Berkshire, England, and settled in Oxford township, Philadelphia, married Ann Paull, daughter of Joseph, who came from Somersetshire, England, about 1686, and Margaret Paull. III. Ann Knowles (2) (wife of Nathan Garrett).

The ancestors of Margaret P. Marshall were English, Welsh and, possibly, French-Huguenot. The majority of these ancestors were Friends, or Quakers, the Marshalls from the time of George Fox. Hugh Lloyd, son of Richard, was a colonel of the Chester County Associators during the war of Independence. Later, he was twice elected a member of the State Legislature, but before the expiration of his second term he was commissioned one of the judges of the courts of Delaware county, which office he filled for thirty-three years, resigning on account of old age December 31, 1825. In 1793 he was one of the Electors from Pennsylvania that elected, unanimously, George Washington President of the United States for his second term. Through the Lloyds she traces her ancestry to the Princes of Wales and the Kings of England: I. William, the Conqueror, King of England, and Matilda, his wife, had a son, Henry I. Henry had a daughter Matilda, who married Geoffrey, Duke of Anjou. Matilda had a son, Henry II. Henry married Eleanor, and had a son, John. John married (second) Isabella. Their son, Henry III., married Eleanor. Their son, Edward I., married Eleanor, daughter of Ferdinand III., of Castile. Their daughter, Eleanor, married Henri, Count de Barr, of France. Their daughter, Eleanor de Barr, married Llewelyn ap Owen ap Merededd, from Rhys ap Tudor, Prince of South Wales. Their son, Thomas ap Llewelyn, married Eleanor, granddaughter of Llewelyn ap Griffith, Prince of North Wales, and Eleanor Montfort, daughter of Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester. Their daughter, Eleanor, married Gruffydd Vychan IV., Baron of Glyndyfrdwy. Their son, Lord of Gwyddelwern, married Maud, daughter of Ieuf ap Howel ap Ada. Their only daughter Lowry (and heiress), married Gruffydd ap Einion of Corsygedol in Merionethshire. Their son, Ellissau ap Gruffydd, married Margaret, daughter and heiress of Jenkin ap Ieuan. Their daughter Lowry married Reinallt ap Gruffydd ap Rhys, of Branas Uchaf. Their daughter Mary married Robert Lloyd ap David Lloyd, of Gwern of Brychdwyn. Their son, Thomas

Lloyd, married Catharine, daughter of Robert ap Griffith. Their daughter Mary married Richard of Tyddyn Tyfod, who had a son, Rhys ap Richard. Who had a son, Griffith ap Rhys. Who had a son, Richard Price. Who had a daughter, Hannah, married Rees John William. Their daughter Lowry married Robert Lloyd (Pioneer in Pennsylvania). Their son Richard married Hannah Sellers. Their son Hugh married Susanna Pearson. Their son Charles married Frances Paschall. Their daughter Hannah married James Andrews. Their daughter Frances Lloyd married William P. Marshall; and their daughter Margaret P. Marshall married George G. Groff (our subject).

Rhirid Flaidd,* Lord of Penllyn, married Gwenllian, daughter of Edynfed, Lord of Broughton. Their son Madog of Rhiwaedog, Lord of Penllyn, married Ardun, daughter of Philip ap Uchtrydd, Lord of Cyfeiliog. Their son Iorwerth, Lord of Penllyn, married Gweryfyl, daughter of Pasgen ap Gwyn ap Gruffydd, Lord of Cidigfa, and Deuddwr. Their son, Madog ap Iorwerth, Lord of Penllyn married Eva, daughter of Griffith ap Einion ap Griffith. Their son Sir Gruffyd ap Madog, married Janet, daughter of Cynfelyn ap Dolphin, Lord of Manofon. Their son, Sir Ievan ap Gruffyd, Knt., of Llanuwchllyn, and Cefn Treflaith in Llanstundwy, married Annesta, daughter of Llewelyn ap Einion ap Meiler Grug, Lord of Tref Gynon. Their son Ievan Vychan, of Llanuwchllyn, in the Comot of Penllyn, married Anne, daughter of Sir Griffith Vaughan, Knight Banneret, at Agincourt; and Lord of Burgedin, Garth, and Garth Fawr. Their son David ap Ievan Vychan, of Llanuwchllyn, married Gwenhwyfar, daughter of David Lloyd ap Howell, descended from Rhirid Flaidd, Lord of Penllyn. Their son, David Lloyd, ap David, of Llanuwchllyn and Llandderfel Penllyn, married (first) Annesta, daughter of Griffith ap Ievan. Their son, Robert Lloyd, of Mantfreur, in Llandderfth, Penllyn, married Mary, daughter of Reynold ap Griffith of Upper Branäs. Their son, Thomas ap Robert Lloyd, married Catherine, daughter of Robert ap Griffith, ap Evan, derived from Marchweithian, Lord of Isaed. Their daughter Mary married Richard of Tyddin Tyfod, and had a son Rhys, ap Richard of Tyddin Tyfod, alias Rees Richard. His son Griffith ap Rhys, of Tyddin Tyfod, married and had a son Richard Price (alias ap Rees, or Prees), of Tyddin Tyfod, who married and had a daughter

Hannah; she married Rees John William (alias Prees Jones of Merion, near Philadelphia). Their daughter Lowry married Robert Lloyd. Their son Richard married Hannah Sellers. Their son Hugh married Susanna Pearson. Their son Charles married Frances Paschall. Their daughter Hannah married James Andrews. Their daughter Frances Lloyd married William P. Marshall, and their daughter Margaret P. Marshall married George G. Groff (our subject).

JOHAN F. SCHOCH, a leading citizen of New Berlin, Union county, belongs to that numerous and important class of business men known as commercial travelers. A long term of service with the same firm shows his practical and effective work better than words could do, and the reward of his efforts is seen in a comfortable competence and a beautiful and well-appointed home.

Mr. Schoch is a descendant of a prominent pioneer family of Limestone township, Union county, his great-grandfather, Jacob Schoch, a son of Matthias Schoch, of Snyder county, having settled in that locality at an early day. Sem Schoch, the grandfather of our subject, was born at New Berlin, in 1805, and he and his wife, Esther Klose, reared there a large family, among whom was a son Charles, our subject's father, born October 1, 1828. Charles Schoch was married, in 1849, near Middleburg, Penn., to Miss Amelia Klose, a native of Snyder county, born March 18, 1830. She was a member of the well-known family of Daniel Klose, and a twin sister of Rev. Daniel Klose. After his marriage, Charles Schoch resided for some time at New Berlin where he was employed in a tannery belonging to his father, but later he removed to Allenville, Penn., and, in 1855, went to the vicinity of Parkville, Mich., where he purchased a farm. He died there September 9, 1860, his untimely death cutting short a promising career. He was a devout Christian, a member of the Lutheran Church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His widow still lives near Parkville, and of their seven children all but one survive. Alice, born July 27, 1850, married James M. King, deceased, of Three Rivers, Mich.; William A., born December 31, 1851, resides at Petoskey, Mich.; John F. is mentioned more fully farther on; Emma D., born December 31, 1854, is the widow of George A. Young, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Elizabeth J., born October 1, 1856, married A. H. Thurston, and died at Nattawa, Mich.; Ida M., born August 27, 1858, married Samuel Bennett, and resides near Park-

*Rhirid Flaidd himself traced his line to Gynedda Waledig, a native chieftain of Cumberland, who, according to the Triads, lived in the fourth century, and was one of the first to embrace Christianity, and who donated much land to the Christian missionaries.

ville, Mich.; Mary E., born April 2, 1860, is the wife of Orville Daugherty, of Three Rivers, Michigan.

John F. Schoch was born July 19, 1853, while his parents were living at Allenville, Penn., and as he was but a child of two years when his parents removed to Michigan his education was begun there. When he was seven years old his father died and he returned to Pennsylvania to make his home with his paternal grandfather at New Berlin, his studies being continued in the schools of that place. He entered upon his business career in 1871 as a clerk in the store of H. E. Miller, of Selins Grove, at a salary of eight dollars a month. Though inexperienced in commercial life he learned the business quickly, and after two years he accepted a situation as salesman for Beates & Miller, wholesale druggists at Philadelphia. With the exception of one year (1876), when he acted as bookkeeper, he has continued in the same position, his territory embracing much of central Pennsylvania. During the quarter of century he has spent with this house, changes have been made in the ownership, the firm being now Miller & Lambert, but his faithful and diligent service has been at all times appreciated.

On September 25, 1888, Mr. Schoch was married to Miss Lila A. Keeler, of Freeburg, Penn., and on January 12, 1889, he located at New Berlin where he has ever since made his home. His residence, which has been thoroughly remodeled, is without doubt as richly and artistically furnished as any other in the county. No one can begrudge Mr. Schoch his well-earned prosperity, and certainly no one in New Berlin, where he passed his boyhood, can fail to rejoice in his success. He is at all times interested in local improvements, and is regarded as one of the progressive citizens of the town. Politically his sympathies are with the Democratic party, but he is not a blind partisan, and votes for the best man, upon whatever ticket his name may be placed. His interest in politics extends only to the support of the principles involved, and his active work ends with the depositing of his own ballot. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schoch are members of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY FRICK HUNTER. Pride in an honorable lineage is but an indication of just appreciation of values, and in this day when the worship of wealth threatens to undermine our higher ideals, it should be encouraged as tending to emphasize more chivalric qualities. The subject of this sketch, a prominent resident

of Spring Garden, Union county, has an interesting genealogy, which will furnish a suitable introduction to his personal history.

On the paternal side he is a grandson of David Hunter, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to America at an early date, and married Isabella Patterson, of the Patterson manor, in Chester (now Lancaster) county, Penn. They settled at Spring Garden, where they maintained an elegant home, employing servants to do their work, an unusual thing in pioneer times. Their son, James P., our subject's father, married Margaret Montgomery, through whom our subject can claim descent from a still more remote ancestry, dating back to 1066, when William the Conqueror invaded England. Several of his principal officers bore the name of Montgomery. Of these, some remained in England, while others settled themselves in Ireland, and others again in Scotland; some of their descendants, in after years, emigrated to the English Colonies of North America, now the United States of North America, long before our American Revolutionary war of 1775-83, and their descendants are now found in every State and Territory of the United States. Among the members of this family we may mention especially Thomas Montgomery, an Irishman by birth, who married an English lady, and lived in the City of Dublin, Ireland. He had three sons, named Alexander, John and Richard, and a daughter, who was married to Viscount Ranelagh. Alexander was an officer in the English army under Gen. Wolfe, in the hard fought battle between Gen. Wolfe and Gen. Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham, at the city of Quebec, in Canada, North America, and wherein both of the said generals fell mortally wounded. Alexander, after his return to Ireland, represented the County Donegal, in Ireland, in the British Parliament for forty successive years. His brother John was a noted merchant in the city of Lisbon, Portugal, and died there, while Richard, the third son, became an officer in the 17th Regiment of the British army, and was under Gen. Amherst at the taking of Cape Breton, in North America, in the war between France and England. In 1772 Richard Montgomery came to New York, purchased a farm at Kingsbridge, and in July, 1773, he married Janet Livingston, the daughter of Robert R. Livingston. At the commencement of our Revolutionary war, Congress appointed Philip Schuyler major-general and Richard Montgomery brigadier-general, at the special request of Gen. Washington. Schuyler and Montgomery were ordered to invade and conquer Canada, and marched at the head of their forces for said pur-

pose. Schuyler soon afterward became sick, which then gave Montgomery the command of the whole army, and he received his commission as major-general before he attacked Quebec. After making himself master of upper Canada, he advanced against Quebec, where he waited for reinforcements under the command of Gen. Benedict Arnold, and while so waiting his army was much reduced in number by the smallpox. On Arnold's arrival, Montgomery ordered Arnold to attack the upper part of Quebec, while he himself (Montgomery) attacked the fortifications of the lower part of the town. Montgomery and his two aides-de-camp fell mortally wounded, in front of his army, almost immediately on his making the attack, and through the courtesy of Gen. Carleton, of the British army, the body of Montgomery was buried within the walls of the city of Quebec, with the honors of war. His body remained there for forty-three years, but was then, in pursuance of a special Act of the Legislature of New York, removed from Quebec to the city of New York, and reburied, with a suitable monument erected to his memory.

In 1737, Robert Montgomery, the head of our subject's branch of the family, born about 1705, emigrated from the County Armagh in Ireland, with his wife Sarah and his children, and settled himself on or near the site of the present city of Harrisburg, in Lancaster (now Dauphin) county, Penn. He was one of the first grand jurors of Dauphin county.

On October 15, 1776, he died, aged seventy-one years, and was buried in the Paxton Church cemetery, about three miles from Harrisburg, and on October 15, 1784, Sarah Montgomery, his wife, died, and was buried in the same place. They left five sons: William, Thomas, Hugh, David, and John; and three daughters—Mrs. Duncan, of Duncan's Island; Mrs. Nathan Patton, of Milton, and Mrs. Gallagher.

Our subject's great-grandfather was the fifth son of the aforesaid Robert and Sarah Montgomery, was born in Ireland, and was only four years of age when he came to America. He married, as we have already seen, Christiana Foster, of Lancaster county, Penn. About 1773 he exchanged his improved farm in Dauphin county, for a large tract of wild land, owned by William Patterson, in Turbut township, in Northumberland county, and soon afterward settled there on that part which now forms the farm of the heirs of Philip Raup, deceased. He built himself a small dwelling-house, made of stout hickory saplings, near the spring, and surrounded his house and spring with a stockade fence. He also built himself a small log barn on the east side of his

house and spring. Said Patterson also owned several other tracts of land adjoining, but as he had valued this as being the best he called it Paradise. On July 28, 1779, about three hundred British and Indians attacked and burned down "Fort Freeland" on the Warrior Run creek about four miles from his home. On his being informed of what was going on at Fort Freeland, he made his escape with his wife and children to Dauphin county, Penn., where he rented a farm of John Harris, near the present city of Harrisburg, until 1783, when peace with Great Britain was declared; and he then returned to Northumberland county. On arriving there he found that the Indians had burned down all his buildings, and that Capt. William Rice and his forty German soldiers of Col. Lund Weltner's "German Battalion," sent to our frontiers in the fall of 1779, had built a nice two-story limestone building that enclosed his spring. He then made some alterations in and additions to said spring house building, and used it as a dwelling house. On November 8, 1792, he was killed at the age of fifty-eight years, by a tree falling on him while he was opening what was called "The Derry Road," leading from the town of Milton to Derry township, in Northumberland (now Montour) county. His widow, Christiana, died March 2, 1821, aged eighty years, and she and her husband both lie buried in the old Chillisquaque graveyard. They had seven children as follows: Robert, John, William, David, Jane, Sarah, and Margaret.

Robert Montgomery, our subject's grandfather, was born in 1762. About the year 1790 he married Catherine Frick, a lady of German descent, of the town of Northumberland, and settled himself one mile east of grandfather's homestead. Catherine died on the 9th of September, 1805, aged thirty-eight years, four months and five days, and was buried in the Warrior Run graveyard. About the year 1808, Robert married Mary Harrison, his second wife, and died on the first of December, 1814, aged fifty-two years, and was buried in the Warrior Run graveyard. Robert Montgomery by his first wife, Catherine Frick, had two sons and four daughters named: John, David, Margaret, Catherine, Christiana and Sarah.

Margaret Montgomery was born July 14, 1794, and on July 9, 1816, married James P. Hunter. They at first lived a mile east of Paradise homestead, and adjoining the farm of Judge Montgomery, and afterward moved to the White Deer Hole Valley, where Margaret died on February 28, 1880, aged eighty-five years, eight months and twelve days, and was buried in the

Washington Church graveyard, in said Valley. James P. Hunter was born April 2, 1794, in Northumberland county, and died December 18, 1875, aged eighty-one years, eight months and sixteen days. He was a miller and farmer in Gregg township, Union county, for many years, locating there in 1809. For fifty years he owned and operated a pottery in the same township. He was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices, and in political affiliations was first a Whig and later a Republican. His wife was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. They had eleven children: Robert, born April 14, 1817, died in 1860; Isabel, born September 19, 1818, died August 9, 1888; David, born April 10, 1820, died May 10, 1886; Edmund Burk, born May 2, 1822, died March 15, 1846; John is a grain merchant at Ashland, Penn.; Hugh D., born September 11, 1826, died January 22, 1885; James P., died in the town of Chelalis, Wash., February 23, 1893; Henry F., mentioned more fully farther on; Thomas, a plasterer, lives in Nebraska; Charles G., born July 15, 1835, died June 10, 1879; and Miss Sarah resides upon a portion of the old Hunter homestead at Spring Garden.

Henry Frick Hunter was born October 7, 1829, at the homestead in Gregg township, Union county, which was then a part of Lycoming county. He attended the local schools during boyhood, and remained at home until he reached his majority, his time being largely spent in assisting his father on the farm and in the pottery. At twenty-one he went to Iowa where he worked at the potter's trade for two years, but he decided that there was no place like home, and returning he spent ten years with his father, managing the farm in summer and working in the pottery in winter. During the war he went to Virginia where he was employed for two years, by a sutler to give out provisions. Since returning to the North he has been engaged in farming, and during a part of the time has also operated a pottery. Having become the owner of his father's plant he sold it in 1876, but in 1890 he purchased another from the heirs of his brother Hugh, and this he is still conducting. He has never taken an active part in political affairs although he is a believer in the principles of the Republican party, and he has not at any time been a member of a fraternal order. He is interested in Church work, however, and is a member of the Presbyterian Congregation at Spring Garden.

On January 1, 1879, he was married to Miss Esther McKee, who was born January 13, 1834, near Watsonstown, Northumberland Co., Penn.

Her grandfather, Robert McKee, a native of Scotland, crossed the ocean with a brother George, and settled in Northumberland county, on a farm where his remaining years were spent. His wife, Martha Wallace, was a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania. Their son, George C., Mrs. Hunter's father, was born in Northumberland county and remained there following agricultural pursuits. He was an active Republican, holding various local offices, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Miss Mary Bennett, daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Watson) Bennett, both of whom were born and reared at the present site of Watsonstown, and after their marriage settled there upon a farm. Mrs. Hunter was the eldest of a family of eight children. Of the others: James resides in Watsonstown; Martha married her cousin, Robert McKee, now a retired farmer living at Watsonstown; Jane is the wife of Jacob Leisher, a farmer in Northumberland county; Mary married S. F. Gottshawl, a coach manufacturer at Williamsport, Penn.; Miss Sarah resides with her brother; Henry P. and George are both farmers in Northumberland county.

WILLIAM CHRISTIAN GRETZINGER, Ph. B., was born in Reading, Penn., August 23, 1866, and comes from a vigorous German ancestry who were among the first settlers in Berks county, Penn. His father was John Christian Gretzinger, the only son of Christian and Christianna Gretzinger, of Reading. His grandmother, Christianna Gretzinger, was a daughter of John Printz, an early settler of Reading. His mother was Amelia, daughter of Jeremiah and Henrietta Wentzel, the latter having been a daughter of Henry and Mary Leinbach, of Alsace township, Berks Co., Penn. Mary Christianna, wife of Wilson Snyder, of Hyde Park (Berhart's P. O.), Berks county, and William Christian Gretzinger, were the only children of John C. and Amelia Gretzinger.

Mr. Gretzinger (our subject) received his rudimentary education in the public schools of Reading, after leaving which he took a course in the Reading Business College. Later on he entered Carroll Institute, Reading, a preparatory school for college, and while at that institution he received a gold medal for deportment. After finishing his course he started to read law, but feeling the need of a more thorough preparation for his chosen profession he took a course at Perkiomen Seminary, from there entered Bucknell University, and was graduated from that institution with a first-class oration in the Latin



Wm. C. Gretzinger

Registrar of Bucknell University.

Scientific Course with the class of 1889. Mr. Gretzinger received the Chaplain J. J. Kane prize, a gold watch, for the best graduating oration, and also won the Junior Oratorical prize, whilst in college.

During his college course Mr. Gretzinger was always active and prominent in all the important affairs of the University. In 1887 he founded the *Commencement News*. He was also the prime mover in founding *L'Agenda*, in 1888, and became the business manager of that publication. He was assistant manager for one year and business manager of the *Bucknell Mirror* for two years, and served on the Board of Editors during his Senior year.

In 1889, before his graduation, he was elected Business Agent (now called Registrar) of Bucknell University, which position he has held with credit to himself and with honor to the institution ever since. He has made the office what it is to-day, having systematized the business affairs of all the departments of the University under one central office with perfect satisfaction.

On February 11, 1891, Mr. Gretzinger married Mary Adelaide Stoner, who graduated from Bucknell Institute with the class of 1887, and their marriage has been blessed by one daughter, Margaret Christine. Mrs. Gretzinger is the eldest daughter of William Bruce Stoner, M. D., of Sunbury, and Margaret (Henderson) Stoner, of Hummelstown.

While in college Mr. Gretzinger spent his vacations either in reading law or doing work for city newspapers. For a time he was editor of the *Lewisburg Chronicle*. He was also editor of the *Shield*, the official organ of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Mr. Gretzinger has always been actively identified with the interests of Lewisburg. He is a member of the town council. He is also a member of the Lewisburg Fire Department, and of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 96. He has been mentioned several times for political preferment in the Republican party, but has steadfastly declined such honors. Besides his secular duties, he still is able to devote time to religious matters, being secretary of the board of trustees of the Lewisburg Baptist Church, and secretary of the Sunday-school.

WALTER FAMILY, which is now numerously represented in this section, has an honorable reputation maintained through several generations of upright and useful citizenship. In the following address, read by Prof. F. C. Bowersox, of Middleburg, Snyder county, at a re-

union of the Walter family held in September, 1891, at Middleburg, we find such an interesting and accurate account that we venture to insert it in full:

In seeking to go back, by the traces of recollection, to the period when the first impressions of the pioneers which from the history of the Walter family were made on our minds, we are carried so completely into the scenes of our infancy, that we feel like a child such as old tales tell of, who being lost in a forest tries to find his way back again by the possibly preserved track of a few grains of corn that he chanced to scatter on the ground as he came. To wander in these memories has, however, a pleasure of its own, many pleasant places presenting themselves to stop at, from whence to review with a sweet sadness, through the long vale of past days, some distant, lovely scene, under the soul-hallowed twilight of time—such scenes are peopled with beloved forms, living there before our heart's-eye; but, in reality, long removed from us into an eternal paradise. History, time's great chronicler, breathes with ineffable delight the story of man's advent into the world. Prophecy declares that the seed of Abraham shall be as innumerable as the stars of the firmament, and the facts prove that the posterity of Jacob Walter, in the present census number hundreds of thousands, and constitute the largest kindred in the United States.

Amid the ice-clad mountains of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, diversified by the picturesque scenery of the beautiful Rhine, Jacob was born on the 15th day of January, 1729. Being of poor but sturdy parentage, the boy soon learned adversity's sternest lessons, and with a noble aim and honest face, as his only recommendation, we, in fancy, see him leave the humble home to launch out into the temptation and trials of an active life as a tailor's apprentice, content in his chosen occupation, unmindful of his privations, courageous in his conduct, prepossessing in his appearance, he calmly passes from his teens into the glorious morning of manhood's estate. And while no vain ambition racks his brain and destroys his future prospects, he honorably emulates the skill of his fellow-craftsmen, inspiring their confidence and esteem and winning their warmest friendship. Laboring patiently on, he forms new associations, greets new friends and while at some village gathering, or in some humble hamlet, Apollo gently strikes the golden Lyre, Cupid draws his bow, the arrow hits the heart and Jacob Walter is deeply in love with Maria Kauffman. I imagine a short courtship follows, visions of a home fill his thoughts

by day and dreams of enduring happiness by night. Proposals are made and accepted, and on the 24th day of July, 1757, the happiest day in his life, Jacob Walter and Maria Kauffman are made one in wedded bliss. Continuing in his trade, he works faithfully to maintain himself and wife and to secure the long-desired home. But ere that happy end is attained, a welcome little visitor appears to gladden the heart of the father and grace the bosom of the mother. But how quickly the picture of earthly opulence is ruined, competition grows greater, the paltry wages earned will scarcely meet the necessary expenditures of his household. No open hand of relief stands ready to help. Great sacrifices must be made; poverty stares him in the face and all seems desolation, when at last, a report, properly authenticated, comes from England to Germany declaring that in America are millions of broad acres to be cultivated, and offering free passage to all families who will go there. Being suddenly seized with a burning desire to immigrate to the New World, Jacob soon secured his passports, agreed to pay his passage in a limited time, and with family and portable possessions, left the endearing scenes of childhood and youth and set sail on Ocean's turbulent waves; after a two-months' voyage they land at Philadelphia, homeless, friendless, penniless and grief-stricken, for far out in the depths of Atlantic's chilling billows, lay the remains of what once was a father's pride and a mother's comfort.

Leaving the din and bustle of the city behind them, they pushed forward to the fertile acres of Lancaster county. Settling there for a time, they soon hear that richer fortunes lie to the northward, and rather liking the adventure promised in a prospecting journey, they accordingly leave Lancaster county, then the western civilization, plunge deeper and deeper still into the gloomy wilderness, never desponding, never complaining until the peaceful shades of a tall white oak tree, standing on the property now possessed by Isaac Swarn, was reached. Under its inviting foliage a small tent was erected, a home once more established, and thousands of acres of land secured under the homestead law then in force. With his gun and axe, Jacob Walter provides for his family. One giant after another kisses the breeze for the last time, then falls at the stroke of the axe, and is soon transformed into a rafter to complete his newly erected log house. The unerring aim of that trusty gun brings down the fleet-footed deer, and the odor of the sweet venison steaks prepared in that humble home render the air redolent with fragrance. Clearing acre after acre, sowing seed after seed, he labored

from early morning till the shadows of evening fell, and while vague yearnings of ambition may fail as he grows older in years, and dreamy fancies hang like cloud cities around him, yet the curtain of existence is slowing but surely rising in many-colored splendor and gloom, and the ethereal light of God's love is gilding his horizon, and the music of song is on his path as he walks in glory and in joy behind his plough upon the mountain side.

Time rolled on. Twelve sons and two daughters blessed his union with Maria Kauffman. And, with the additional aid thus raised, he erected the first linseed mill for the manufacture of oil in this section of Pennsylvania. By judicious management he was enabled to keep a small force engaged in cutting down the mighty forest, burning the timber, splitting rails, tilling the soil, manufacturing the oil, while he still found a few spare moments to follow his trade, that of making buckskin pantaloons.

With increased aid came greater wealth, and after harvesting the grain and converting it into cash, one autumn day he started for the village of Reading, perhaps to remove the last and only lien the government held on his thousands of acres. It appears to me, as he mounted the steed at the door of his humble home, while the anxious family gathered round to press their sad farewells, an earnest prayer went up to God to protect those loved ones from hostile hand and restore in safety to their sweet embrace their now departing father. Recognizing the providence of Almighty God in his signal delivery from Indians and wild beasts, he resolves to commemorate his safe return, and to enshrine his memory in the hearts of his children by the presentation of a large Bible, costing \$10, to each of his ten living sons, so that, notwithstanding the absence of schools, they may be taught the habit of well-directed reading, which, in time, would become a source of the greatest pleasure and self-improvement, and exercise a gentle coercion, with the most beneficial results, over the whole tenor of their character and nature.

With the destruction of the forests came the glimmering rays of civilization. The country began to be more thickly populated. Young people became more sociable, because of more frequent opportunities presenting themselves for friendly intercourse with their neighbors. Plans were laid, suggestions made, decisions determined, and the conclusion attained is, that younger shoulders must assume the cares and responsibilities of pioneer life. The storms and hurricanes of many winters are rapidly revealing their painful tale in the silver tresses of father's head.

That frame once so erect is now stooped and bent. That step once so firm and elastic is now feeble and tottering. Mother, too, has a few more furrows engraved on that calm and noble brow. Her cares and labors for so large a family are too distressing. She needs more aid to lighten her burdens in the kitchen, at the wash tub and in the garden. Father also desires to lay off the responsibilities of the farm, to cease from its active management, and to repose in his declining years in comparative comfort and ease.

The manly sons, perceiving the fast approaching inevitable, determine to hasten the relief by assuming the burdens and cares of the parents. David, accordingly, speaks more affectionately to Susanna Everhart; John and Joseph hasten with lighter step to the Misses Kern; Philip pays closer attention to Miss Bowersox; Henry gayly climbs the wood-covered hills to the home of Miss Mertz; Jeremiah finds the Pearl of the Price's; Christian walks in living faith by the side of Miss Swartz; Jacob follows the course of the setting sun to Miss Lauver; and Michael carelessly clings to Miss Varick. Not content with the inroads already made in the Walter family, affection led Daniel Hassinger to seek the blushing Elizabeth, and Mr. Stroub the timid Mary. With the greatest joy each wedding day is announced, the nuptials in succession tied, the parental blessing bestowed, the land divided, and each son and daughter leave the home of so many joys and sorrows to carry to a higher state of cultivation his farm, which was the well-appointed gift of the father, and there rear their families in the beneficent atmosphere of personal freedom.

The pioneer fathers, perceiving the necessity of greater educational facilities than those afforded by the hearth and fireside, endeavored to establish a school. I imagine the undertaking to be no little difficulty since the children would be compelled to travel several miles to any central point among the few settlers. The idea was abandoned for awhile, and an improvised school held at a neighbor's house, but at last through the generosity of one Simmons, a tract of land, now owned by the Lutheran Church of the General Council, commonly known as Hassinger's Church, was devised for the erection thereon of school and church buildings as well as for the maintenance of the same. Probably, a good school having been established for the following season in some neighbor's house, the church building was the first to materialize on the devised lands. Jacob Walter, Mr. Hassinger and Mr. Maurer constituted a committee to superintend building of the log church situated on the

exact site where the third (present) church now stands. Mr. Walter, living with Christian, to whose lot the old homestead fell, became oblivious to the duties of the farm and devoted the whole of his attention to the Church enterprise. Through unrelenting industry, the corner stone was laid. One log after another finds its appointed place upon the foundation. The sides gradually rise toward the heavens. The Church is completed, dedication day appointed, and one fine autumnal day, gathering in from many miles around, came a happy people, to dedicate to the worship of the Triune God the noblest monument of Christian evidence from Christian people.

A few more years, and time, youth's great spoiler, wreaks its vengeance into the emaciated form of Father Walter. Standing on the outside of his simple, unpretentious home, encircled with meadow and field pure with the white mantle of winter, he admiringly gazes for the last time at the beautiful pine tree in the front yard, laden with the fleecy flakes of snow and glistening like a diamond as the rays of sunshine fall upon it. Inside, was quiet, cleanliness, thrift and comfort. I imagine there was the old clock that had welcomed in steady measure every newcomer to the family, that had ticked the solemn requiem of the dead, and had kept company with the watchers at the bedside. There were the big restful beds, and the old open fireplace, and the old family Bible, thumbed with the fingers of hands soon to be still and stained with the tears of eyes soon to be closed, holding the simple annals of the family, and the heart and the conscience of the home. Christian, the master of the home, now comes from the woods to his loved ones, the aged and perhaps trembling father, happy in the heart and home of his son, lays his hand down on the young man's shoulder, as they start to the house. And as they got to the door, the old mother came with the sunset falling fair on her face and lighting up her deep patient eyes, while with lips trembling with the rich music of her heart, she bade her husband and her son welcome to their home. Beyond was the house-wife busy with her household cares clean of heart and conscience, the buckler and helpmeet of her husband, trooping home after the cows, seeking, as truant birds do, the quiet of their home nest. And as we look on that picture, we see the night come down on that house, falling gently as from the wings of the unseen dove, and the old man, while a startled bird called from the forest, and the trees were shrill with the cricket's cry, and the stars were swarming in the sky, gathered the family around him, and taking the old Bible from

the table called them to their knees, while he closed the record of that simple day by calling down God's benediction on his absent sons and daughters, on that family and that home. That night the rider on the "Pale Horse," and in the stillness of the morning hour, death broke the thread of life, and on the 23rd day of January, 1803, the spirit of Jacob Walter left the tenement of earthly clay. His age was seventy-four years and eighteen days. Weeping relatives and friends gathered round. Preparations for the funeral obsequies were made, and in a few days all that was earthly of Jacob Walter was laid to rest in Hassinger's cemetery. At the head of that sacred tomb, loved ones soon raised the first marble tablet in the cemetery, to perpetuate his memory. At the foot, some kindly hand planted an apple tree, whose spreading branches bending with the load of golden fruit continue to magnify the generous gifts of him who slumbers beneath their peaceful shade.

The character of Jacob Walter was that of a typical Christian German. His usefulness, though confined to the humble spheres of life, made bright the path of those who surrounded him. His courage was as firm and steadfast as the everlasting hills, and while his neighbors fled for safety from savage attack, Mr. Walter trusting in Divine aid, manfully stood his ground. At one time an alarm was circulated that the Indians would massacre the whites in this section. All the other settlers immediately left for the fort at Northumberland, but Mr. Walter being without a proper conveyance, and it being in harvest time, was unable to go. At this time he had four grown sons. After the settlers left, two of the boys were stationed to watch for Indians and sound the alarm if necessary, while the father and other two cut the grain. Upon the return of the settlers, Mr. Walter and sons were threatened a second time with a more certain death, since having escaped the tomahawk of the Indian, they were open to the suspicion of the settlers, who seeing they had escaped from savage brutality, believed that Mr. Walter had conspired with the Indians, who permitted them to harvest their grain while the neighbors were left destitute. Similar perils attended him for years, but with fearless tread, he kept boldly on, surmounting every obstacle until, at the end of life, he was able to write in glittering characters, "I have fought the fight, I have kept the faith and I have won the crown."

(1) David Walter (eldest son of Jacob) was born July 15, 1764, died December 9, 1838, aged seventy-seven years, one month and twenty-seven days. In youth he married Susanna Ever-

hart, and the union was blessed with ten children. He lived on a farm where Phares Shambach now lives, and which originally comprised 500 acres of land. David enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and served faithfully in giving decent burial to the victims of the famous Wyoming Massacre.

(1) David Walter, Jr., was the proud father of the following ten children: Wilhelmina, Elizabeth, Daniel D., Leah (who married Henry Moyer), Catharine, Mrs. J. M. Jordan, Samuel (living in Ohio), Lydia (who married John Deobler), Amos and Eno.

(2) Philip (son of David, Sr.) was the happy progenitor of the following ten children: Daniel (who died while a soldier in the Civil war), Henry (living in Indiana), Absalom and Solomon (who settled in the West), Jacob (who died in the Civil war), Abraham, Isaac, Joseph and Napoleon (all living in the West), and Elizabeth.

(3) Frederick D. (son of David, Sr.) had the following seven children: Wilhelmina (who married George Stahlnecker), Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Bowersox), Catharine (Mrs. Solomon Walter), Mary (Mrs. Samuel B. Walter), Enos, Reuben, and Sarah (who married Henry Hackenberg).

(4) John D. (son of David, Sr.) had the following eleven children: Fanny (who married Uriah Berger), Washington (now in the West), Catharine (who married John Reish), Susanna (Mrs. Uriah Weirick), Moses (a minister, deceased), Lephinius (residing in Penn township), Sophia (who married Reuben Steminger, and was the grandmother of the famous Steminger prodigy), Harriet (who married Mr. Neff), Marietta (wife of Jefferson Bowersox), Harrison, and Henry.

(5) Deitrich, commonly known "Deeter" (son of David, Sr.), had but one child, who lived to raise a family of his own, Ephraim, who at present lives in Centreville.

(6) George (son of David, Sr.) was born May 7, 1809, died May 26, 1865, aged fifty-six years and nineteen days. He had the following ten children: Jacob G., William (in Indiana), Amelia (married Levi Bowersox), Jonathan (deceased), Asaph (in Indiana), Elizabeth (married Berneville Bowersox), Fred G., Catharine (living in Michigan), Mary (married Adam Walter), Levi (residing in Michigan).

(7) Simon (son of David, Sr.) had three sons: Abraham, Samuel and Edward, and several daughters.

(8) Elizabeth (daughter of David, Sr.) married David Weirick, and moved to Ohio; no children.

(9) Catharine (daughter of David, Sr.) mar-

ried Mathias Swartz, and settled in Juniata county; number of children unknown.

(10) Maria (daughter of David, Sr.) married Christian Shambach, by whom she had twelve children: Daniel (in Ohio), David, George, Jesse, Polly (who married Reuben Snyder), Isaac and Jacob (residing in Indiana), Elizabeth (who married Benjamin Lose), John and William, Lydia (who married Reuben Fisher), and Henry (who died in the Civil war).

(II) Henry Walter (son of Jacob, the pioneer head of the family) was born June 13, 1772, near Middleburg, and died May 12, 1840, aged sixty-two years, ten months, twenty-nine days. He married Miss Mertz, and their union was blessed with nine children: Jesse, William, George, Henry, Samuel, Abraham, David and John H., and Wilhelmina. Henry was in his latter days a merchant, and resided where Gabriel Beaver now lives in Middleburg. He died very suddenly while feeding the chickens in the back yard.

(1) Jesse (eldest son of Henry) had the following children—Mary (deceased), Rose (who married Frank Lilly), Maggie (Mrs. S. S. Schoch), Jane (Mrs. W. W. Wittenmeyer), and Frank (who is a railroader in the West). (2) William had the following four children—Jonathan, Judith, Kate, and Joel. (3) George had the following six children—William, Mrs. Jonathan Frederick, Caleb, Solomon, Thomas, and Bossler. (4) Henry, Jr., had the following children—Catharine (who married Solomon Powell), Noah, Mary (who married David Hummel), Levi, Elias, Mary (who married Joseph Hoffman), Sarah (who married George Bolig), and Elphina (Mrs. Jacob Wetzel). (5) Samuel had the following two children—Sarah (who married David Gross), and Barbara (who married Allen Thomas). (6) Abraham had eight children—Mary (who married Mr. Mensch) Sophia (Mrs. Aaron Klose), Harriet (Mrs. Jonathan Sanders), Dr. Eyer, Thomas, Henry, Jackson and John (all of whom live in Union county). (7) David had nine children—Emanuel, James, Valentine, Josephat, Longinius, Vitalius, Aaron C., Wilhelmina, and Malinda. (8) John H. had nine children—Samuel B., Adam B., Mary (who married John Beachel), Leah (Mrs. John Hartman), Paul, Catharine (Mrs. Nathaniel Walter), Rachel (Mrs. Harry Bowersox), Phœbe (Mrs. J. M. Bingaman), and Job. (9) Wilhelmina, daughter of Henry, and youngest child of the above family, married John Frey, by whom she had children—Sophia (who married Jesse Shambach, of Snyder county), and Magdalena (who married John Bowersox, of Snyder county).

III. John (son of Jacob, the pioneer) was in early youth married to Miss Kern, and was pre-

sented with the farm where Maxwell Bowersox now lives.* He reared a family of five sons as follows: John and Michael (both ministers), Gabriel, Jonas and William. There were also several daughters.

IV. Philip (son of Jacob) married a Miss Bowersox; he received as his share of the estate the farm where Nathaniel Walter now lives. He has quite a number of children, but we have the names of only: Andrew and Sophia. (1) Andrew had the following children—Sophia (deceased), Hettie (who married Emanuel Walter), Susanna (wife of Moses Frey), and Nathaniel. (2) Sophia (daughter of Philip) married Jacob Bowersox, by whom she had the following children—Elizabeth (who married Joel Lose), Levi, Berneville, Harry, Jefferson, Edward and Amelia, the majority of whom are now residing in Ohio.

(V) Jeremiah (son of Jacob) lived on a farm now owned by Henry Hartman, northwest of Middleburg. His union with Miss Price was blessed with three children: Adam, Jeremiah (deceased), and Jacob (who moved to the West).*

(1) Adam resided on the old homestead. His children are—Jesse (who lives in Illinois), John, Elizabeth (who married Amos Gift), Catharine (Mrs. Jacob Eisenhower), Amelia (who married William Shambach), Adam, Jeremiah, David, and Mary (who married Henry Hackenberg).

(VI) Jacob (son of Jacob) married a Miss Lauver, and shortly thereafter moved to Centre county. He had a numerous family as follows: Jonathan, William, Michael Conrad, Daniel, Jacob, Martin, Benjamin, Peter, and several daughters. After his death, his family returned and settled in Centre township.

(VII) Conrad (son of Jacob) had two children: Jefferson and Catharine (the latter now deceased).

(VIII) Michael (son of Jacob) married Miss Rearich, and lived for a time on a farm where Daniel Benfer now lives. He had the following children: Abraham, Elizabeth, and Mary. (1) Abraham had five children—Aaron, Louisa (who married Jacob Guinn), Edward (a resident of Union county), Noah (deceased), and Amanda.

(IX) Joseph (son of Jacob) married Miss Kern, and resided for some time on the farm now owned by John W. Walter, but later he moved to Selins Grove. He had the following children: Joseph, Deitrich, Abraham, Edward, Catharine, Elizabeth, Susan, and Sophia. (1) Deitrich had the following children—Aaron (now residing in Ohio), Joseph, John W., Elizabeth (deceased), Edward (deceased), and Amanda (married John Stathnecker). (2) Abraham had two children—Aaron and Jane (both of whom are

now living at Corning, N. Y.). (3) Edward had two children—Burdette and Flora. (4) Catharine married John Reitz, by whom she had the following children—Amelia (who married Reuben Decker), John, Mary (who married Simon Decker), Isaac, Edward, Susanna (who married Mr. Wagner), and Catharine (who married Mr. Price), the last two residing in Michigan. (5) Elizabeth married Jacob Bolender, by whom she had the following children—Eve (who married John W. Remunger), Catharine (Mrs. P. S. Reigle), Chas. A., and Emma (deceased). (6) Sophia married Samuel Stouffer, by whom she had the following children—Emma (deceased), Violetta (who married Alex. Bowersox), Mary, and Charles.

(X) Christian (son of Jacob) married Miss Swartz, and lived on the old homestead, and there they reared the following children: Christian, John, Jacob C., Isaac, Catharine, Sophia Judith, Mary, Amelia, and Malinda. (1) Christian had the following children—Reuben, Jacob F., Barbara (wife of S. H. Yoder), and Sarah (wife of Robert Keeler). (2) John had the following children—Cassandra (who married Hiram Kantz), Fred (deceased), and Jane (who married John Hilbish). (3) Jacob C., the only surviving son of this family, had the following children—Serena (who married Reuben Boyer), Ira (who now lives on the farm), and Adelia (who married George Shaeffer). (4) Isaac had the following children—Alfred, Emma (Mrs. Thomas Hilbish), Thomas (deceased), Christian and Amelia (who married Main Miller). (5) Judith married Benjamin Wittenmeyer, by whom she had the following children—Amanda, Mary (who married Dan Crouse), John W., Amelia (who married L. M. Moatz), and Kate (who married Dr. I. G. Barber). (6) Mary married Aaron Stetler, by whom she had three daughters and five sons—John F., Calvin, George F., Henry S., and one who died in infancy. (7) Malinda married Jacob A. Smith, by whom she had the following children: Savilla (who married William Freyman), Henrietta (Mrs. Jacob Heintzleman), Rose (Mrs. Joseph Reihl), Ammon, Lilly, Josepha (who married Nelson Gutelius), Izora, Carrie (who married Thompson Hilbish), and Alvin (the youngest of the fourth generation).

Doubtless from the many sources that information has been obtained concerning this remarkable family there are still many persons who claim the proud distinction of their connection to the Walter family. We would say that if any such there be, we have not purposely omitted you, and shall be pleased to have you notify us at your earliest opportunity. Suffice it

to say that the posterity of Jacob Walter now numbers six generations, and from the seven generations in this country we look in pride to the sturdy yeomanry cultivating the fields of Snyder, to the thrifty merchants behind the counters, to the faithful operators at the electric key, to the honest business men behind the desk, and as we look, to-day, we hear coming from the corn shocks of Illinois, from the machine shops of Indiana, from the fertile sands of Michigan, and from the rolling plains of Ohio, the generous praises of sons and daughters proud in the name "Walter."

We will now trace the history of LONGINUS WALTER, a substantial citizen of Limestone township, Union county, who is a great-grandson of Jacob, the original settler, and a grandson of Henry Walter. David H. Walter, his father, was born about December 30, 1801, in Snyder county, in what is now Franklin township, then Centre. He learned the trade of a wagon maker and wheelwright, but after following it some years he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Union township, Union county, where he purchased a homestead in 1832. At one time he made his home near Winfield, in Union township, Union county. Prosperity rewarded his efforts, and at his death, which occurred in Franklin township, Snyder county, in 1864, at the age of sixty-three, he left a handsome competence. He was a member of the U. B. Church, and, in political faith, was first a Whig, and later a Republican. His wife, Catherine Phillips, who was born March 17, 1807, died May 25, 1895. Of their children mentioned above: Emanuel and James P. both died in Limestone township. Valentine is a resident of Centreville, Penn. Jemima married Jacob H. Steininger, and died in Snyder county. Longinus is mentioned more fully below. Joseph resides in Middleburg, Snyder county. Vitalis lives in Northumberland county, Penn. Malinda married J. J. Steininger, and died at Hartleton. Aaron C. lives near Centreville.

Longinus Walter was born in Snyder county, December 1, 1838, and first attended school at Middleburg. Except for certain times when he worked for his brothers, he remained at home until his marriage, on February 4, 1864, to Miss Sophia Klose, then of Union county. She was born in Beaver township, Snyder county, November 4, 1837 (the daughter of Jacob and Leah Hassinger Klose), and was but a child when her parents settled in Limestone township, Union county. After his marriage Mr. Walter and his wife began housekeeping at Centreville, Snyder county, but it was not long before he returned to

the homestead, of which he took charge for three years, his father having died. In 1867 he purchased a portion of his father's estate, and has since cultivated it. The tract comprises 106 acres, and is well improved, Mr. Walter having built a handsome residence in 1893, while a new barn and other buildings show liberal and wise expenditure for the work of the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter have had two children: Ammon K., born January 12, 1865, now at home; and Lewis E., born October 10, 1869, who is a professor in the schools of Marietta. Since 1889 Mr. Walter and his wife have had in their family a little girl, Nora E. Walter, who was born February 2, 1883.

The family attend the United Evangelical Church, of which Mrs. Walter is a member, as are also her sons. In politics Mr. Walter is a Republican, and he has held various local offices. For many years he has served as assessor, and he has also done much to improve the educational facilities in his district while acting as school director. He is regarded as one of the representative agriculturists of his locality, and as a citizen he is highly respected for his intelligence and his sterling character.

CHARLES H. GUTELIUS, M. D. This patronymic has been a familiar one in Union county from pioneer days, the family tracing its descent from Frederick Gutelius, one of the first settlers of Mifflinburg. He came from Lancaster county, Penn., in early manhood, and married a Miss Goodyear, by whom he had twelve children: Frederick, William, Israel, John, Henry, Joseph, George, Andrew, Rev. Samuel, Elizabeth, Catherine and Sarah. By profession he was a druggist and surveyor.

Frederick Gutelius, had a brother, John Peter Gutelius, who came over in the ship "Nancy," August 31, 1750, from Rotterdam, and is buried at Manheim, Lancaster county. On his tombstone are inscribed these words: "Here lies an eminent surgeon and physician." The name Gutelius is proverbial as a Church-going people. The old stock were mostly devoted members of the Reformed Church, of which the Heidelberg catechism was their symbol of faith. In politics they were Old-line Whigs, strong protectionists, and lastly Republican; always standing for loyalty for the flag of their country, no truer patriots could be found.

The eldest of this large family was born in Mifflinburg, in 1796, and on reaching manhood's estate married Miss Lydia Crotzer, of Mifflinburg. The occupation of Frederick Gutelius

was that of weaving finelinsens and carpets. He spent the most of his life in the town of Mifflinburg, where he died in 1865. He was the father of ten children: Thomas, William, John, Caroline (now Mrs. Shriner), Catherine (now Mrs. Faust), Jacob, Samuel, Charles H., and Joseph, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; and Miss Lydia, who resides at the old homestead.

Dr. Charles H. Gutelius was born in Mifflinburg, November 18, 1836, and received his early education in the public schools of that town; in 1862 he enlisted as a private soldier in Company D, 150th P. V. I., the far-famed "Bucktail Regiment," also his two brothers, Samuel and Joseph, Samuel being appointed second lieutenant. The company was first detailed to guard duty for President Lincoln at his summer residence at the Soldiers' Home, about three miles north of the city of Washington. Mrs. Lincoln showed her appreciation of the boys by many kind words and distribution of lunch which the boys highly appreciated. The boys displayed great courage and valor on the battle field. On the first day of the battle of Gettysburg, Joseph Gutelius was in command of the color-guard, and during that dreadful struggle for supremacy on that day, one after the other of color-bearers being shot down, the duty devolved upon him to bear aloft the stars and stripes; he, although severely wounded, still clung to the flag of his country. As the Rebels were driving them through the town of Gettysburg he sat down upon a doorstep weary and faint from loss of blood, and was there bayoneted by a Rebel soldier, and the flag taken from his body. Strange to say, this same flag was found in the baggage of Jefferson Davis when he was captured, and is now in the capitol at Harrisburg.

Dr. Charles H. Gutelius was discharged for disability before the close of the war, and returned home. After he regained his health he began the study of dentistry under the tutorship of Drs. Harter and Swartz, of Centre county. In 1871 he started for Denver, Colo., for his health, and while there studied under Dr. Mobery, an Englishman, who was a graduate of both medicine and dentistry. Having spent two years in Denver, Colo., Dr. Gutelius returned to Mifflinburg, Penn., the home of his birth, and opened out an office, and although there were two dentists in the town they soon decided to leave the field. For about seventeen years he was the only dentist in Mifflinburg, but of late years he has been glad to turn over a portion of his practice to younger hands, he only doing some special work for old friends, as his health will permit.

Dr. Gutelius has been twice married, first to Miss Lydia Motz, of Woodward, Centre county, who died leaving one child, Elizabeth F. Gutelius, now residing in Denver, Colo.; she has imbibed the fondness of travel from her mother who crossed the Plains with an ox-team, and invested largely in real estate in Denver City, then in its infancy; within the last few years the daughter has done the same. The Doctor's present wife was formerly Miss Euphemia McKee, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, a descendant of a Scotch-Irish family, intelligent and of most excellent standing, displaying great musical ability, ex-Judge Barnett being an uncle, while lawyers and doctors are related to it.

MELANCTHON MENCH. Among the fine old estates around which cluster the memory of many years of unbroken family life is the Mench homestead in Limestone township, Union county, of which the subject of this biography is now the owner. The family is descended from Christian Mench, who came from Germany during the Colonial period, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Abram Mench, a son of Christian, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1768, and for many years was engaged in business there as a farmer, merchant, distiller, and hotel keeper. He was about five feet, eight inches in height, and active in mind and body, his forceful character giving him much influence among his associates. His hotel in Berks county was headquarters for the home militia, the battalions meeting there at regular intervals. In 1818 he removed to Montour county, Penn., and purchased a farm near Danville, and while the canal was in process of construction near Catawissa he kept boarders. About 1825 he removed to another farm in Lewis township, Union county, where he spent his remaining years, his death occurring in 1860. His first wife, Elizabeth Miller, died in 1804, and in 1807 he married Hannah Yoder, of Berks county. There were two children by the first marriage: John, our subject's father, and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Ziegler, and died at Danville. Eight children were born of the second union, five of whom are now deceased. Reuben died near Hartleton, Penn.; Benjamin, at Mifflinburg; Miss Sarah, in Lewis township, Union county; Miss Lydia, in Union county; and Nancy (Mrs. Samuel Steese), in Limestone township, Union county; of the three survivors—Esther W., wife of Michael Swartz, lives in Stephenson county,

Ill., and Christian and Abram are residents of Lewis township, Union county, Pennsylvania.

John Mench, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, April 19, 1800, and had the good fortune to receive an excellent education, which his acute and vigorous intellect fitted him to appreciate. It so happened that a German in his father's employ was a man of rare attainments, and gave him an early training after the most approved kindergarten methods, later instructing him in more advanced lines. Mr. Mench thus acquired a knowledge of the German as well as of the English language, and while he was known as a man of few words, he could, when he chose, talk upon almost any subject. He had an extraordinary memory, and as a mathematician his abilities were remarkable, as he could calculate mentally with rapidity and accuracy. He was a powerful man physically, although only five feet, eight inches tall, with an average weight of 150 pounds, and unusual feats of strength were performed by him at various times. When a boy he clerked in a store at Danville for Peter Baldy, Sr.; but his time was mainly spent at home. In 1823 he was married near Paradise, Penn., to Miss Elizabeth Rishel, who was born in Columbia county, February 27, 1807, the daughter of John and Sarah (Egbert) Rishel. He remained with his father until 1825, and then located near Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county, where his father-in-law owned a large amount of land. The first farm that he ever purchased is the one now occupied by our subject, and there he built a residence prior to 1830, and made his permanent home. He was a successful farmer, and left a valuable inheritance to his children as a result of his work. In local affairs he had great influence, but he took no part in politics farther than to vote the Democratic ticket regularly. He and his wife were both members of the Evangelical Church, and died in that faith, the former on September 4, 1858, and the latter July 14, 1870, their remains being interred at Mifflinburg. They had a large family of children, of whom: John died at the age of two years; Sarah J. (Mrs. Joseph Steese) at twenty-two years, and Hannah (Mrs. Daniel Reber) at nineteen; Elizabeth, who was Daniel Reber's second wife, died when thirty-three years of age; Isaiah, who died at twenty-six, married and left four children; Mary A. died at thirteen years of age; John R. will be fully spoken of farther on; Jeremiah resides in Rockford, Ill.; Oliver P. is an agriculturist in Limestone township, Union county; Elva (deceased) was the wife of William Chambers, who will be more fully mentioned presently; Abram H. will also be more fully



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spoken of later on; Martin L. resides in Limestone township, Union county; Melancthon, our subject, is the thirteenth in order of birth; Diana A. is the wife of George A. Schoch, of Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

Melancthon Mench, our subject, was born March 28, 1849, at the old homestead. The "Green Grove School," in the same neighborhood, furnished him an elementary education, his first teacher being Jesse Miller. At seventeen he entered the Union Seminary at New Berlin, where he studied for two years, his active and industrious habits enabling him to make unusual progress in that time. Although this ended his schooling, he did not consider his education completed, and he has always been a diligent reader of the best literature, giving especial attention to science, history, and theology. His reading extends beyond that of many professional men, and his conversation is made interesting by his wide information and thoughtful reflection.

On leaving school in August, 1868, Mr. Mench decided to give his attention to mercantile pursuits, and soon afterward entered the general store of Reichardt & Miller, in Mifflinburg, as a clerk at six dollars per month. Six months later he became a partner under the firm name of Reichardt & Mench, and continued until the spring of 1873 when he went back to the old home to engage in farming. This was considered a very unwise project by his acquaintances. He was making a success as a merchant, and knowing little or nothing of farming, it was by no means certain that he would make it profitable. However, other considerations prevailed. The death of his mother left the estate in the hands of the heirs, and as things then stood the place would have been sold had Mr. Mench not determined to retain it in the family on account of early and almost sacred associations. He bought the claims of the other heirs, going in debt to the amount of \$12,000, and by hard work and good management he accomplished his aim. The farm contains 240 acres of excellent land, and is one of the best in the locality, its buildings being kept in perfect repair, while constant improvements add to its value as time passes. Mr. Mench is wide-awake and progressive, and in many ways is a leader, and is a notable one in the adoption of modern methods of agriculture. He lives well, having all the pleasures and luxuries that his means permit, and has never held to the belief that undue self-denial will advance one's interest, even in matters of finance. Nor has his success been gained at the cost of integrity, for no man is more highly respected for square dealing than he.

Mr. Mench has a pleasant home and an interesting family. On November 10, 1870, he was married at Mifflinburg, to Miss Jennie B. Graff, who was born in Clarion county, Penn., April 5, 1851, the daughter of Jacob and Jane (Steele) Graff. Her father died when she was but a child, and her mother subsequently married Dr. William Reichardt, a man of noble character, and one of the most successful and honored physicians of the day. For thirty years he practiced in Clarion county, and then removed to Mifflinburg, where after some years of professional work, he retired to await in peace the summons to another world, his death occurring November 10, 1893, when he was aged seventy-eight years, six months and eight days. His widow still resides in Mifflinburg. Mrs. Mench received a good common-school education, attending the schools of her native county until she was fourteen, when the family removed to Mifflinburg, where she attended the Mifflinburg Academy, and Mifflinburg Seminary, one year. Mr. and Mrs. Mench have five children: (1) Alice L., born August 22, 1872, graduated in 1894 from Bucknell University, and then pursued an advanced course in music at Philadelphia; she is now the wife of Edgar E. Pawling, an attorney at Middleburg, Penn. (2) William R., born March 6, 1879, (3) Graff A., born October 10, 1881, (4) James M., born July 9, 1883, and (5) Janet S., born February 9, 1890, are all at home.

Our subject is an ardent believer in Republican principles, and is one of the leading advisers in the local organization. He has at times held office as township auditor, tax collector, school director and secretary of the school board. He is also prominent in religious work as a member of the M. E. Church, with which he united in 1868 at Mifflinburg. His time and means have been freely given to this cause, and since November 3, 1883, he has done much effective work as a license exhorter. He has been a class leader of the Church at Mifflinburg, and is now the recording steward and president of the board of trustees, and for many years he was assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, in which he is at present a teacher. It was in a measure the result of his efforts that the Penn's Creek Sunday-school was organized, and he has ever since been its zealous supporter, for five years serving as its superintendent.

Elva (our subject's sister), who married William Chambers, left one son, Rev. I. Mench Chambers, who graduated from LaFayette College, and afterward entered Union Theological Seminary, of New York City. In 1891 he entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church,

located at Merchantville, N. J., where for six consecutive years he has proven himself a most efficient and successful pastor, many having been added to the Church during his ministry.

John R. Mench, brother of Melancthon, at the age of ten years entered the Mifflinburg Academy, at that time under the supervision of Henry McGuire (commonly known as "Bossy" McGuire), and remained there one year. The father of John R. was a shareholder in the Union Seminary, New Berlin, Union county, Penn. (now Central Pennsylvania College), and preceiving some talent in his son, had the lad attend this institution one year, after which John R. taught in the common schools of Centre township, Snyder county, two terms, and in Limestone township, Union county, one term. On December 27, 1860, he was married at Mifflinburg, Penn., to Miss Susannah Hassenpley, daughter of William and Susannah Hassenpley, and six children have been born to this union, viz.: (1) Ella V. is the wife of Henry Herman. (2) J. W., living in Wyandot county, Ohio, near Carey, was married to Ada Herman, of Limestone township, Union Co., Penn. (3) Elmer, who acquired a good English education, and taught school for more than six terms in Union county, married Ida Harpster, of Hancock county, Ohio, where Elmer now lives on his beautiful farm. (4) Lizzie M. married Warren Gross, of New Berlin, Union Co., Penn., and is comfortably situated. (5) Susan Alice, a bright girl, graduated from Hagerstown Seminary at the age of twenty-two, and after a while made her home with her uncle, Hon. Alfred G. Schoch, of Middleburg, Snyder Co., Penn.; she died at the age of twenty-four years. (6) Morris R., the youngest in the family, graduated from the State Normal at Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., June 30, 1894, leaving a brilliant record with the Faculty of that school. For four terms he taught in the common schools of Union county, Penn., then in the spring of 1895 removed to Ohio, locating at Tiffin, and entered the firm of Sucath & Baker, dealers in carpets and lace curtains, remaining with them, however, only part of one year when he accepted the position of teller in the Commercial Bank of Tiffin, which incumbency he is at present filling. The mother of this family was called from earth December 29, 1878, and was buried in Mifflinburg Cemetery, the father being left with six children—no small care upon his shoulders. On March 23, 1882, he wedded Mary C., daughter of Benjamin and Mary Noll, and to them have been born two sons: Benjamin Clark and Harry Warren, both at home with their parents.

John R. Mench ranks among the prominent citizens of Limestone township, Union county, where he owns a couple of highly-cultivated farms. He lives abreast of the times, and keeps himself well posted on current events. He is a member of the M. E. Church at Mifflinburg, and is held in the highest esteem by the community in which he lives. As a debater and interesting conversationalist, it is safe to say he has few equals, if any, in the State, his arguments, both *pro* and *con*, in any controversy being delivered forcibly and conclusively, and with a judgment and delicacy characteristic of the man. His remarkable affection for his brother Melancthon has been frequently noticed by their many friends, in which respect it may be said that they are "*Fratres veri*" (true brothers.)

Abram H. Mench, a younger brother of our subject, was a graduate of Williamsport Seminary in 1863, in September of which year he entered Dickinson College, graduating there with honors in 1867. He was a fine linguist, and could read, speak or write in six languages. After his graduation he taught in the Danville Academy till deciding to take up the ministry as his life vocation. For over six years he was a faithful minister of the M. E. Church, when, his health failing, he was compelled to retire from the labors of the vineyard and seek restoration of his strength in Colorado, at the Manitou Springs. Death, however, had set his seal on him. Resigned to his fate, and fully convinced that his life was fast ebbing out, Abram returned to his old home to die there at the early age of thirty-three years. He now sleeps his last sleep in Mifflinburg cemetery, but the memory of him is still green in the hearts of his relatives and friends.

GEORGE BARTLEY BROWN, a highly esteemed resident of White Deer township, Union county, is a man who at three score and ten seems by his mental and physical vigor to set old age at defiance. He is of good old Pennsylvania stock, his great-grandparents in both the paternal and maternal lines having come from Germany to settle in Schuylkill county, Penn., at an early day. His paternal grandfather, Adam Brown, a wealthy farmer and miller, married Miss Uhrick, and remained in the same county all his life.

The late George Brown, our subject's father, was born there, as was his wife, Sarah Bartley, a daughter of Abraham and Dora (Huttenstein) Bartley. Her grandfather Bartley was a native of Germany. George and Sarah Brown were

married in Schuylkill county, but removed a few years later, in 1839, to White Deer township, Union county, and made their permanent home upon a farm, where Mrs. Brown died in 1845, at the age of forty-eight years. The father of our subject attained the age of eighty years, passing away in 1874, the remains of both being interred in the cemetery at White Deer Church. He was for many years an active worker in the Reformed Church, and was also a leader in local affairs, holding the office of supervisor.

He had a numerous family: Elizabeth died before reaching womanhood; Catherine married Israel Guyer, both now deceased; John J. is a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; George, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Sarah married Simon Bennage, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county; Rebecca married Daniel Moyer, both deceased; Mary A. married Isaac Kurtz, both deceased; Elizabeth, second wife of Daniel Moyer, survives him, and resides in Buffalo township, Union county; and Adam died in infancy.

George B. Brown was born in Schuylkill county, February 8, 1827, and the first twenty-three years of his life were spent with his parents, assisting in the work of the farm. On October 17, 1850, he was married to his first wife, Miss Mary A. Dersham, and they made their home upon the Dersham farm in White Deer township, Union county, belonging to his mother-in-law. He rented this for three years, but at the end of that time he removed to William Brown's farm, near Lewisburg, which he rented for four years, his brother, John J. Brown, being in partnership with him for three years. The next six years were spent at the Dersham farm, and then our subject and his brother John purchased a farm in Buffalo Valley for \$8,000. After one year there they sold out to Peter Guyer at a profit of \$500, and removed to a rented farm in Kelly township, where he spent one year. Since that time he has resided at his present homestead, which contains 120 acres, and was first bought in partnership with U. P. Sheller, a banker, for \$8,000, but later, on the failure of Mr. Sheller, Mr. Brown bought his half interest for \$5,200.

Mr. Brown has never been away from home longer than three weeks at any one time, and until his retirement a few years ago, was noted for his industry, his farm showing in all departments the effects of his able management. As a self-made man he may well feel proud of his position among the substantial men of his locality.

In politics, our subject is an independent voter, refusing to be bound irrevocably by parti-

san ties, and he has never been a candidate for office, his private affairs requiring his attention. He belongs to the Grange of White Deer, No. 122, and is a leading member of the Reformed Church. Although the need of his assistance at home during his boyhood often deprived him of the opportunity of attending the schools of that time, such as they were, Mr. Brown has gained a good practical education, reading both English and German, and keeping informed on all questions of general interest.

Mr. Brown has eleven living children and twenty-five grandchildren. His first wife died July 6, 1864, at the age of thirty-eight, and he formed a second union, this time with Miss Sarah E. Yost, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Fulmer) Yost, of Bucks county, Penn. She passed to the unseen world on April 12, 1883, in her forty-ninth year, and Mr. Brown was married a third time, the last time to Mrs. Sarah E. (Collier) Bellman, widow of Samuel S. Bellman. There were no children by the third marriage, but by the first there were eight, the names with dates of birth being as follows: Abraham, August 30, 1851, married to Emma Stahl, is a farmer near Lewisburg; William F., February 3, 1854, married to Ella Moss, is a coach manufacturer at Mifflinburg, Penn.; Susannah, January 29, 1857, was married to William Ranck, a farmer of Kelly township; Sarah E., August 23, 1858, was married to Rev. William Unangst, of Davis, Ill.; Mary J., August 31, 1860, died in infancy; Miss Catherine J., August 2, 1861, resides with her brother Abraham; John J., May 10, 1863, died August 24 of the same year; and Emelipe M., June 29, 1864, died July 13, following. By the second marriage there were seven children: James M., November 27, 1865, married to Bertha Ritter, is a coach maker at Montgomery, Penn.; Paden S., January 6, 1867, died October 30, 1884; Irene B., February 26, 1868, was married to Alphas Koch, a farmer of Lycoming county, Penn.; Sevilla C., March 1, 1870, was married to J. C. Baker, of White Deer township, Union county; George A., April 6, 1871, married to Emma Ranck, is a farmer of Buffalo township, Union county; Miss Eva D., February 28, 1878, resides with her sister, Mrs. Irene Koch; and Cyrus W., April 9, 1883, resides with our subject.

Mrs. Brown was born in Perry county, Penn., January 20, 1843, the daughter of Nathan Collier, and the granddaughter of Nathaniel Collier, a miller of Juniata county, Penn., who was of German descent. Her mother, whose maiden was Susannah Ogle, was a daughter of John and Martha (Beaty) Ogle, of Perry county, whose re-

mains now rest in the cemetery near Marysville, Penn. Mrs. Brown's father was born in Juniata and her mother in Perry, and were married in Perry county, where their last years were spent upon a farm. The father, who was born February 7, 1807, died August 19, 1876, and the mother, whose birth occurred November 19, 1827, died October 19, 1862, buried at Duncannon. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and were highly esteemed among their acquaintances. Of their six children, Mrs. Brown was the eldest; John O. is a farmer of Perry county; Zachariah, a car inspector, resides at Marysville; Nathan A. died at the age of nineteen; George W., of Marysville, is a switchman by occupation; and Mary J. is the wife of Amos Clendenon, a railway clerk at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Brown's first marriage occurred on May 14, 1863. Mr. Bellman was a native of Lycoming county, Penn., born April 26, 1837, and was a son of Samuel and Catherine (Wise) Bellman, of this State. By occupation he was a cooper. Politically, his sympathies were with the Republican party, while in religious faith he was a Lutheran. He died March 23, 1881. Six children were born of this marriage, four of whom are living, and Mrs. Brown now counts among her descendants fifteen grandchildren. Of her children, Harry C., born July 24, 1864, is a lumberman in Forest county, Penn.; Mary C., born December 18, 1867, married Theodore Shaffer, a railroad employee; Martin L., born August 8, 1870, died February 19, 1871; Lawrence C., born February 20, 1872, died April 4, 1877; Anna H., born July 21, 1875, married Clinton Reed, a farmer of Union county; and Walter N., born February 6, 1877, resides at the homestead.

WILLIAM H. SPOTTS, a leading farmer of Kelly township, Union county, has his home at Kelly Cross Roads. By the manner in which he carries on his business he evidences that he thoroughly understands the vocation in which he is engaged, and that success is attending his efforts toward acquiring a competency. Neatness and order prevail upon his place, which is managed, with regard to its cultivation, in a manner which reflects credit upon the owner.

Mr. Spotts was born in Kelly township, September 3, 1843, and is a grandson of Joseph Spotts, who was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1780, coming thence to Union county when about thirty years of age. Here he spent the remainder of his life, dying May 20, 1857, and was buried in White Deer cemetery. By trade

he was a wagonmaker, but his later years were devoted to farming.

Samuel Spotts, the father of our subject, was born in Union county in February, 1810, and became a prominent agriculturist of Kelly township, where he died July 26, 1868, his remains also being interred in White Deer cemetery. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. He married Miss Esther, daughter of Samuel Yoder, of Ola, Berks Co., Penn., and to them were born five children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others were as follows: Joseph, a resident of Buffalo township, Union county, wedded Miss Mary Dersham, and has five children—three girls and two boys: Anna A. is the wife of Howard Lomison, a farmer of White Deer Valley, Lycoming county, Penn., by whom she has two children—one son and one daughter. Rebecca is the wife of John C. Noll, a prominent farmer of Kelly township, Union county, and they have one daughter. Samuel O., a farmer of Buffalo township, is married to Clara Noll, of East Buffalo township, Union Co., Penn., and has two sons and one daughter.

William H. Spotts obtained his literary education in the Spotts school house, No. 3, it being only a short distance from his father's house. On February 26, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Dersham, a daughter of Frederick Dersham, a prosperous farmer of Union county. Three children grace their union: (1) Amelia H. is the wife of John E. Huntington, an extensive shipper of produce, residing at Vicksburg, Buffalo township, Union county; they have two sons, Russell H. and Park W. (2) Isora M. is the wife of J. L. Baker, a well-to-do agriculturist of Buffalo township, and has two daughters, M. Catharine and Florence E. (3) William Blaine is at present attending school.

Not alone is there particular interest attaching to the career of our subject for what he has done, but in reviewing his genealogical record we find his lineage tracing back to the Colonial history of the nation, and to that period which marks the inception of the grandest republic the world has ever known. He had two paternal uncles in the Revolutionary war, and also one in the Black Hawk war. In politics, Mr. Spotts is a staunch Republican, and for nearly a quarter of a century has served as justice of the peace, being recently reelected for another term of five years—so acceptable has his service been. He has now in his possession five commissions as such, from the Governors, as follows: John F. Hartranft, 1875; Henry M. Hoyt, 1880; Robert E. Pattison, 1885; James A. Beaver, 1890; and Daniel H. Hastings, 1896. Socially, he has been



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a leading member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America for four years; in religious faith he holds membership with the Lutheran Church. By his neighbors he is held in high esteem, and is very popular with all classes of citizens.

JOHAN A. KELLY. This name recalls to mind one of the noted characters in the early history of our country, Col. John Kelly, of Revolutionary fame. Born in February, 1744, in Lancaster county, Penn., this honored pioneer was in the full vigor of manhood at the time that the oppressed colonies resolved to throw off the English yoke, and his quick intelligence and dauntless courage brought him into prominence from the first.

He had already established a home in the wilderness in Buffalo Valley, then a part of Northumberland county, having settled there immediately after the purchase from the Indians in 1768, and before the opening of the land office in 1769. He was about six feet, two inches in height, with a vigorous, muscular frame, which easily endured the labors and hardships of pioneer life. He took an active part in the discussion of the wrongs of the colonists, which led to the attempt at separation from the mother country, and in 1776 was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of the new State of Pennsylvania. He had had considerable experience as a member of the militia, and at twenty-seven had been appointed major in that service, and he was thus well prepared to assist in the tremendous task that confronted the patriot forces. The fall of 1776 was a dark period. The loss of Forts Washington and Lee with their stores, and the defeat on Long Island, had brought the hopes of the colonists low, but it was at this critical juncture that the rally was made to drive the British from New Jersey, the wrongs of that colony being felt by others as their own. A large force went from this State, Col. Kelly being conspicuous among the number for his ability. Of the brave deeds performed history has a scanty but significant record, and to the ordinary dangers of war there was added the prospect of an ignominious death as a rebel, belligerent rights not being acknowledged.

We quote from an address made on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to Col. Kelly on April 8, 1835: "For three days at a time there was no regular service of provisions, and for more than thirty-six hours, at another time, they were constantly on the march, or in action, without a moment's sleep or giving up their arms. In the course of one of their re-

treats, the commander-in-chief, through Col. Potter, sent an order to Maj. Kelly to have a certain bridge cut down to prevent the advance of the British, who were then in sight. The Major sent for an axe, but represented that the enterprise would be very hazardous. Still the British advance must be stopped, and the order was not withdrawn. He said he could not order another to do what some might say he was afraid to do himself; he would cut down the bridge. Before all the logs on which the bridge lay were cut off, he was completely within the range of the British fire, and several balls struck the log on which he stood. The last log broke down sooner than he expected, and he fell with it into the swollen stream. Our soldiers moved on, not believing it possible for him to escape. He, however, by great exertions, reached the shore through the high water and the floating timber, and followed the troops. Encumbered, as he must have been, with his wet and frozen clothes, he, on his road, made a prisoner of a British scout, an armed soldier, and took him into camp. What did Curtius do more than this? If such an instance of devoted heroism had happened in Greece or Rome, the day would have been distinguished from all other days. A medal would have been struck, and every means used to secure the everlasting remembrance of such a deed. In England such a man would have been made a Knight or a Lord, with the thanks of Parliament. In our poor devoted land such instances were too common to receive especial notice. History mentions that our army was preserved by the destruction of that bridge; but the manner in which it was done, or the name of the person who did it, is not mentioned. It was but one of a series of heroic acts, which happened every day, and our soldiers then were more familiar with the sword than with the pen.

"Major Kelly was present at Trenton, when the Hessians surrendered, and assisted in that most masterly movement on Princeton, by which the chain of communications of the enemy was broken, all their plans deranged and their army compelled to return to New York. After his discharge he returned to his farm and family, and during the three succeeding years the Indians were troublesome neighbors to this then frontier settlement. He became colonel of the regiment, and it was his duty to keep watch and ward against the incursions of hostile Indians through our mountain passes. At one time our people were too weak to resist, and our whole beautiful country was abandoned. Col. Kelly was among the first to return—for at least two harvests reapers took their rifles to the fields, and some of

the company watched while others wrought. Col. Kelly had the principal command of the scouting parties in this Valley, and very often he was out in person. Many and many nights has he lain among the limbs of a fallen tree to keep himself out of the mud, without a fire, because a fire would indicate his position to the enemy. He had become well skilled in their mode of warfare. One circumstance deserves particular notice: The Indians seem to have resolved on his death, without choosing to attack him openly. One night he had reason to apprehend that they were near. He rose in the morning, and, by looking through the crevices of his log house, he ascertained that two, at least, if not more, were lying with their arms, so as to shoot him when he should open his door. He fixed his own rifle and took his position so that by a string he could open the door and watch the Indians. The moment he pulled the door open two balls came into the house, and the Indians rose to advance. He fired and wounded one, and both retreated. After waiting to satisfy himself that no others remained he followed them by the blood, but they escaped.

“For many years Col. Kelly held the office of a magistrate of the county. In the administration of justice, he exhibited the same anxiety to do right, and the same disregard of selfish gain, which had characterized him in the military service of the country. He would at any time forgive his own fees, and if the parties were poor, pay the constable’s costs, to procure a compromise; while, by industry and economy, his own pecuniary circumstances were comfortable and easy, he seemed to desire the prosperity of all men, and most anxiously to desire that all neighbors should be friends. No man ever in vain sought his interposition to reconcile conflicting interests, to soothe angry passions, to stand, as the defender and protector of the poor man, the widow, and the orphan. He obeyed the injunction, ‘be given to hospitality.’ It is true that so general is the hospitality of his neighborhood that the want of it would be considered a great vice; but in him it was a part of the same character, indicating a freedom from selfishness, an inability to enjoy fully God’s bounties alone; a feeling that a good thing is rendered far more valuable by participation; and a conviction that the diffusion of happiness is not merely right in itself, but the source of great joy to every well-regulated mind. Col. Kelly was an affectionate husband, and a kind and judicious father, as well as a friendly and hospitable neighbor. He was a sincere and an exemplary Christian, and adorned all his other virtues by exhibiting a pattern of humility well worthy of

imitation. Having no anxieties who should be greatest in the kingdom of Heaven, he had no striving who should be greatest in the Church on earth; his profession of religion was well sustained by his practice. He had that true characteristic of bravery, an indisposition to fight his battles over again, and that feeling of humility, that where a man has only done his duty, boasting has no place. It is in some measure owing to this reserve that our notice of his life must be so brief and so imperfect. He seemed not to know that other men would have done differently from him; but to believe that whatever distinguished him from others, arose mainly from the circumstances under which he acted. We are of another generation, and his contemporaries have either gone down to the grave, or through lapse of time and failing faculties, are unable to give particular details. From himself, but a few gleanings from a life long and full of incidents, have been obtained.

“His last end proved his character to be consistent. He met the grim messenger calmly; ‘for he knew in whom he had trusted;’ and he could ‘walk through the valley and shadow of death, fearing no evil.’ The frame was bent, and the muscles relaxed; but the mind—the immortal mind—could not be obscured. It brightened more and more ‘unto the perfect day.’ At the age of eighty-eight years, he departed, leaving his memory to our care and his virtues for our imitation.”

Col. Kelly married Sarah Polk, and reared a numerous family, of whom our subject’s father was the youngest. The eldest son, John, who settled in Penn’s Valley, was the father of Hon. James K. Kelly, U. S. Senator, of Portland, Oregon; James also made his home in Penn’s Valley; William, who married a daughter of Archibald Allison, of Centre county, died January 27, 1830; Andrew, a bachelor, born 1783, died September 24, 1867, aged eighty-four; Samuel settled in Armstrong county, Penn.; Elizabeth married Simeon Howe; Mary married John Campbell, of Lewisburg; Robert died April 12, 1865, aged seventy-seven; and Joseph died March 2, 1860, aged sixty-six.

The late David H. Kelly, our subject’s father, was born November 5, 1798, on the old homestead in a house built by Col. Kelly before the Revolutionary war. He was reared as a farmer boy, his father’s extensive estates affording plenty of work for him as his strength developed, and his education was obtained in the subscription schools of that time. His mind was of a high order, and the limited instruction of his early days was so supplemented by study and ob-

ervation that he became well-informed upon general topics, and his opinions were held in high respect by his associates. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and held every office in Kelly township except that of justice of the peace. In 1859 he was elected county commissioner. In religious matters he was also active, adhering to the doctrines of the Reformed Church and attending regularly the Union Church at Mazeppa, in which he served many years as an official. He followed farming exclusively, and although he owned a gristmill at Kelly Cross Roads he did not operate it. He was six feet tall, and weighed 180 pounds, and his robust and well-built frame enabled him to do much hard work as well as to perform some notable feats in hunting and fishing, of which sports he was very fond. His home life was pleasant, and he delighted in gathering about him a gay company of neighbors for whom he would evoke sweet strains from his violin, visitors often gathering at his house to dance an evening through.

His wife, Mary (Baker), to whom he was married February 10, 1831, was born February 8, 1812, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Rockey) Baker, and resided until her marriage upon the same farm. Their first home was upon an estate in Kelly township given to David Kelly by his father, but in the spring of 1858 he bought another farm in Buffalo township which was at one time owned by Wendell Baker, a well-known pioneer of Buffalo Valley. Both these farms descended to the heirs together with a large tract of mountain land. David Kelly died February 11, 1875, and was buried in Baker's cemetery, where all the deceased members of the family have been interred except his son, David S. Mrs. David H. Kelly is still living, now in her eighty-seventh year.

Our subject was the eldest in a large family of children. Catherine R., born April 18, 1833, married Dr. L. B. Meyers, of Fremont, Ohio, who died December 24, 1896; Jacob B., born September 6, 1834, died June 7, 1891, in Kelly township; Sarah E., born June 14, 1836, is the widow of Joseph Kleckner, of Buffalo township; Robert H., born February 14, 1838, and died November 26, 1860, at Elmore, Ohio, was a student of pharmacy; William W., born December 29, 1839, is a druggist at Ottawa, Ohio; Mary A., born December 3, 1841, married J. S. McCreight, of Lewisburg, Penn.; James B., born June 28, 1844, died February 8, 1884, in Buffalo township; Caroline E., born April 1, 1846, is the widow of David Fredericks, of Pottsgrove, Northumberland county; David S., born December 21, 1847, was a merchant of Fremont, Ohio;

he died September 10, 1887, at San Jacinto, Cal., while traveling for his health, and was buried at Ottawa, Ohio; his widow, Mrs. Annie (Hauk) Kelly, is living in that city; Jane E., born November 29, 1849, married J. W. Frederick, of Northumberland county; H. Brady, born October 17, 1851, resides in Buffalo township; Clara M., born July 25, 1854, died April 22, 1856; a son, born February 27, 1858, died in infancy.

John A. Kelly first saw the light November 21, 1831, in Kelly township, Union county, and now occupies the farm in Buffalo township upon which his father spent his last years. He is an excellent citizen, progressive and public-spirited, and ranks among the substantial men of his locality. Fond of reading, and possessing a keen intellect, he is unusually conversant with current topics. He began his education in the "Union School" at Mazeppa in an old building near the site of the present one, and his first teacher was Miss Mary A. McClellan. After completing the course of study offered there, he entered the academy at Perrysville, Penn., where he prepared for teaching (on leaving that institution) a school in Potter township, Centre county, at a salary of \$18.00 per month. The next seven years he spent in teaching part of the time in St. Clair county, Ill., where he went in the spring of 1855. His summer vacations were mainly devoted to selling implements. He remained in Illinois until 1869, with occasional visits home, and during the last three years he was superintendent of a brick yard in which he held a one-third interest. While in this business he traveled for about a year through the Western States, and "took up a claim" in Nemaha county, Kans., which he still owns.

On returning to his native State Mr. Kelly settled at his present home, and on September 27, 1870, he was married at Mifflinburg to Miss Christina Kleckner, who was born February 3, 1839, in West Buffalo township, the daughter of a well-known farmer, David Kleckner, and his wife, Esther Wingert. Mrs. Kelly is a lady of fine intellectual powers, and previous to her marriage she taught successfully for seven years in Union county, in West Buffalo and Lewis townships. Three children have blessed this union, viz.: David K., born July 22, 1876; Andrew J., born November 16, 1877; and Mary B., born December 7, 1879, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Kelly takes an active interest in local affairs, and although one of the staunchest of Democrats in a township which is strongly Republican, his popularity is so great that he has

been elected to office many times. He served one year as supervisor, and is now in his eighteenth year as school director. He is also active in the work of the Reformed Church, in which he has held the office of elder for twenty years, and for some time was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has given much time and attention to the work of the Grange, and is a leading member of the flourishing branch known as Buffalo Valley Grange, No. 520, at Buffalo Cross Roads.

DROSSWELL ROTHROCK, M. D., a well-known physician and pharmacist, is deserving of especial mention in this volume, his career showing that earnest, energetic pursuit of a worthy purpose which makes the lives of our self-made men so helpful as object lessons, while his name is entitled to be permanently associated, not only with the industrial, but also with the intellectual development of New Berlin, Union county.

Our subject comes of German ancestry, but his family have been identified with Pennsylvania since Colonial times. Joseph Rothrock, his great-grandfather, was born in what is now Lebanon county, Penn., of German parentage, and in early manhood removed to Mifflin county, settling near Lewistown, where he followed farming. He married (first) Nancy ———, and (second) a Miss Sell. He was well known among the early pioneers, and was a bishop in the German Baptist Church; in politics he was a Whig. He had eight children, all by his first marriage: John, Abraham, Isaac, Lizzie (who married Jonathan Amich), Nancy (who married a Mr. Price), Mary (who married a Mr. Hannavalt), Mrs. Jacob Mohler and Mrs. Daniel Bashore.

Dr. Isaac Rothrock, our subject's grandfather, was born at the old homestead near Lewistown, November 22, 1798. At an early age he manifested a keen desire for knowledge, mathematics and grammar being his favorite studies. His fondness for intellectual work continued throughout his life, and even in old age he rejoiced to find a difficult problem to solve. He began his medical studies with Dr. Ezra Doty, of Mifflin, Juniata Co., Penn., and afterward studied with a well-known practitioner, Dr. Thomas Van Valzah, of Lewisburg. Later he attended three regular courses of lectures in Jefferson Medical College, and although he did not graduate, he was afterward given a complimentary diploma by the Eclectic Medical College of Philadelphia. He began his practice in Middleburg, with Dr. Henry Lechner, but afterward moved to Mifflin-

town, and then to Adamsburg, where he purchased property and resided until 1864. For forty-five years he practiced medicine, his business extending over a large territory, but his last years were spent in retirement at Adamsburg among his beloved books. He was first a Whig, later a Republican, and besides holding a number of local offices, including that of school director, he was elected in 1866 as a member of the House of Representatives from the district composed of Lycoming, Union and Snyder counties. He was a devout member of the German Baptist Church, and died in that faith June 8, 1872. He was married four times. His first wife, Miss Snyder, a niece of Gov. Snyder, died soon after their marriage, and the only child of the union died in infancy. His second wife was Miss Susan Swenk, a native of Middleburg, and a daughter of David Swenk, a well-known justice of the peace. She died in June, 1852, leaving seven children: Rosswell, who is mentioned more fully below; Mary A., born December 28, 1832, who married (first) David Heckendorn, the first superintendent of public schools of Union and Snyder counties, and (second) Philip Derr, of Philadelphia, since deceased; Isaac S., born May 22, 1835, graduated in dentistry in Chicago and Philadelphia, and now resides in Bannerville, Penn., having been for thirty-seven years an invalid from spinal trouble, which also affected his eyes; Harriet C., born May 11, 1837, is the widow of James Herlacher, of Haven, Kans.; David C., born May 3, 1842, is a dentist in McClure, Penn.; Allen E., born February 13, 1851, is a tanner in Lewistown. Dr. Isaac Rothrock's third wife was Mrs. Lydia (Bowersox) Leonard, a widow. She died in February, 1857, leaving one daughter, Adda L., born September 20, 1854, who married R. R. Long, of Gettysburg, Penn. By his fourth wife, Angelina Wallace, a native of Mifflintown, he had no issue. She died March 29, 1879, a fine Christian woman and great Sabbath-school worker; she is interred at Adamsburg.

Dr. Rosswell Rothrock, the father of our subject, was born in Adamsburg, October 14, 1831, and was reared there, his school privileges being such as were common in those days. However, he taught a few terms of a public school in the vicinity of Adamsburg, reading medicine and teaching, etc., until he entered Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated in 1851, when barely twenty years old. He remained in active practice from the time of his graduation until his death on March 1, 1897—a period of nearly forty-six years—and at that time he was the oldest practitioner in Snyder county. He first located



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at Adamsburg, but from 1853 to 1855 he practiced at Millville, Clarion Co., Penn. He then went to Beavertown, Snyder county, and in 1860 he removed to New Bethlehem, Clarion county. On August 29, 1861, he became the surgeon of Company C, 78th P. V. I., and went to the seat of war. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga, and with eleven others of the regiment marched across Lookout Mountain to Ringgold, where they were placed on board a train. Their destination proved to be Richmond, Va., where they spent one month in Libby Prison. At the end of that time the Doctor and 125 others were marched off in the night and placed on Belle Isle or "Devil's Den," where he remained until February 22, 1862. Their next change came again at night, they being taken, this time, to the Pemberton buildings, where they were put on board a train and sent to Andersonville, Ga. There they found thirty-five thousand other prisoners, and they were obliged to endure all the horrors of the place until September 5, 1862, when the Doctor was sent along with a body of two thousand fellow prisoners to Savannah. Six weeks later he had orders from the Rebel authorities to gather up all the men who could stand transportation and board a train. They had no idea what this command meant, and their destination was equally a mystery; but after a week's ride, interspersed with numerous delays, they reached Millen, Ga., where a new stockade had been built. Not long afterward the welcome news came that ten thousand prisoners would be exchanged, and the Doctor was one of the first six hundred to be sent north, the journey being made by way of Annapolis, Md. He rejoined his family, then residing in Clarion county, Penn., and on November 27, 1864, he was honorably discharged from service. In 1866 he located at Bannerville, Snyder county, and in the spring of 1879 he established himself in practice at Middleburg, for the purpose of educating his children, as there were better schools, etc., at that place, but in 1884 he located permanently at McClure, Penn., where he practiced until his final sickness interrupted his work. His intuitive sagacity, sharpened by long experience, placed him in the foremost ranks of his profession. To all his patients he was the same, flying with alacrity to every call, attending upon the poor and humble as zealously as upon the rich and powerful, and on the stranger as readily as upon the neighbor. Often he discharged the duties of a nurse as well as those of a physician, being wholly regardless of his own interests and even of his own health, such was his zeal to serve and save others.

As a citizen he was held in the highest

esteem. While he was never a politician, he was an ardent supporter of the Republican party. In religious work he was prominent as a member of Christ Church (Evangelical) at McClure, Penn., for some years previous to his death. He was a member of Capt. M. Smith Post No. 355, G. A. R., and of McClure Lodge No. 770, I. O. O. F., in which he was Right Supporter to the Vice Grand in 1896. At his own request the G. A. R. took charge of his funeral (which occurred at McClure), assisted by the I. O. O. F. He had been especially active in the work of this Post, having served one year as commander of same and ten years as surgeon.

On August 4, 1853, he was married at New Bethlehem, Penn., to Miss Catherine Mohney, who survives him, and is now a highly-respected resident of McClure. She was born April 25, 1835, at New Bethlehem, where her early life was spent. Her parents, Frederick and Mary (Caster) Mohney, were both born in Northampton county, Penn., of Dutch ancestry. Both were consistent members of the German Reformed Church, and their remains now rest in Oak Ridge cemetery, in Clarion county. Her father was a well-known Democrat of his time, and was highly respected as a citizen because of his kindness and generosity. He had the following children: David (a Democratic politician, and justice of the peace for years), born February 16, 1825, married Elizabeth Imhoff, and resides at New Bethlehem; Elizabeth, born April 21, 1827, married Jacob Yeane, of Shenandoah, Penn.; Jeremiah, born November 26, 1833, married Lizzie Shawber, resided in Lillyville, Penn., and died November 29, 1896; Catherine, our subject's mother, was the fourth in order of birth; Sophia, born December 25, 1837, married Christopher Yeane, of Shenandoah, Penn.; Mary E., born March 5, 1842, is the wife of Daniel C. Eyster, ex-sheriff, banker and lumberman, of Ridgway, Penn.; Christina, born August 20, 1845, is the wife of John L. Cribb, ex-legislator of Clarion county, 1892, of New Bethlehem; and Matthias, born May 6, 1850, married Elizabeth McClellan, and is a plasterer and contractor at Reynoldsville, Penn. Dr. Rosswell Rothrock and his wife had five children, namely: Marand is a practicing physician at Fremont, Penn.; James B. is a plasterer and an extensive contractor in Swineford, Penn.; Clara married Edward Knapp, who has been a carpenter on the Lewistown & Sunbury railroad for years, with residence at Lewistown; Mary E. is the wife of Charles Decker, a farmer of McClure, Penn.; Dr. D. Rosswell is the youngest in the family.

We will now return to the subject proper of

this sketch, who was born December 28, 1861, at New Bethlehem, Clarion county, Penn. When he was four years old his parents removed to Bannerville, where his youth was spent, five months of each year being given to study in the public schools. His independent nature asserted itself very early in life, and from the age of thirteen he earned his own clothes. On April 3, 1879, the family removed to Middleburg, but he did not long remain at home after that as on April 8, following, he and his brother, James B., went to the vicinity of Elkhart, Ind., where our subject was employed during the summer upon a dairy farm, at from twelve to fifteen dollars per month. In October, 1879, he returned home at his father's request, in order to attend school during the winter, and in the fall of 1880 he was licensed to teach. During the summer of 1880 he attended the Selins Grove Normal Institute, conducted by Prof. William Noetling, county superintendent. In the following winter he took charge of a school in Franklin township, Snyder county, at twenty dollars per month. In 1881 he took a course in the academy at Freeburg, and during the next winter he taught the Winfield school in Hartley township, Union county, for thirty-five dollars per month. In 1882 he attended the Freeburg Academy again, and in the same year he taught a primary school at that place. His summers were spent in any labor that would bring him in funds to prosecute his studies, as his one ambition was to secure a good education. In the spring of 1882 he passed the examination before the Snyder County Board of Medical Examiners, composed of Drs. H. H. Bordner, H. M. Nipple, and J. Y. Shindle, securing a certificate of competency to read medicine. From that time his spare moments were spent in reading medicine, under his father as preceptor, at the same time teaching school. In the winter of 1882-83 he taught the first term of school ever held in the new brick school house in Franklin township, north of Middleburg, Snyder county, and in the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md. On his return home, March, 1884, he spent the summer in working in the harvest field and in other employments as well as reading medicine, and, as his father removed to McClure in that year, he practiced for a short time with him, under his preceptorship. In the fall of 1884 he entered the Medical Department of Baltimore University School of Medicine, and in the following year he was graduated with the highest honors, receiving a beautiful gold medal as a reward for his proficiency in his studies. His only difficulty dur-

ing his college course was caused by the scarcity of funds, and after his graduation his money was so nearly exhausted that he had no money to pay his fare to Selins Grove Junction, so had to sell a few of his text books for that purpose. He was rowed across the Susquehanna river, in a boat, to Selins Grove, arriving penniless, at five o'clock one cold morning. Breakfast was out of the question, and he set out on foot through the snow for Fremont, ten miles distant, his precious diploma being carried under his arm, and gold medal in his pocket. At Fremont he found his brother, Dr. Marand, who supplied him with sufficient money to take him home; but this our subject decided to save, and the rest of the journey, some twenty-two miles, was accordingly made on foot.

On April 2, 1885, he located at Three Springs, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he purchased, on a year's time, a stock of drugs, a horse, and certain accessories of a doctor's office, from Dr. John B. Ollig. When he reached his new home he had but thirty-one cents in cash; but fortune smiled upon him and he readily secured a paying practice. In the meantime his brother Marand met with an accident, and October 10, 1886, our subject went to Fremont, to take charge of his practice, which was very large. There he remained until February 14, 1887, when he established an office at New Berlin, Penn., where he has ever since followed his profession with well-merited success. In 1888 he opened a large drug store, which he has conducted in connection with his practice with gratifying success. In accordance with the Act of May 24, 1887, of the Pennsylvania Legislature, relating to pharmacists, he was examined by the State Pharmaceutical Board in the Senate Chamber, Harrisburg, on April 11, 1888, and his examination having proved successful he was given a diploma as a registered pharmacist. In February, 1894, he placed on the market a line of proprietary medicines, which now find their way into homes throughout the United States. In June, 1892, the Faculty of Freeburg Academy (which had just been chartered) presented him with a diploma such as that institution has always given to those among its students who enter one of the learned professions. Dr. Rothrock is energetic, and public-spirited, and his genial manners make him a general favorite. His influence as a citizen is marked, and is always exerted on the side of progress. He owns a home and business block in New Berlin, also five acres of land near town, and since taking possession of the property has made many improvements and additions.

In September, 1897, the Doctor, prompted by a spirit of enterprise and love for the little town of his adoption, also with a view to providing employment for the young folks of the place, rented, in partnership with Prof. A. M. Wonder, a suitable building, bought knitting machinery, together with engine, boiler, etc., in fact everything pertaining to a perfect plant of that description, and in a short time the village and vicinity saw with pleasure, and something akin to wonder, in some cases (it is said) even with envy, the smoke and steam of the first enterprise that ever made its appearance in these parts. So great was the novelty that the people flocked from all quarters to see a stocking knit by steam and machine. The factory manufactures men's half hose, and in six weeks from the time of starting up the product was increased to sixty dozen pairs of hose per day, employment being given to thirty-two people, which means an average of \$300 per month for New Berlin, the citizens whereof are proud to have among them such an enterprising and go-ahead citizen as Dr. Rothrock, the progenitor and life and soul of the knitting factory. May his shadow never grow less!

On June 16, 1885, Dr. D. Rosswell Rothrock was married at Centreville, Snyder county, to Miss Ella Walter, a native of Limestone township, Union county, born February 3, 1863, second in the family of four daughters of Valentine and Susannah (Shaffer) Walter, the former of whom is a well-to-do retired merchant. When she was a child her parents removed to Snyder county, and she was reared in the town of Centreville; subsequently she became an experienced public school teacher, teaching seven terms in all. Two children grace the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock: Walter R., born January 8, 1887; and Helen Katherine, born August 4, 1894.

Politically our subject is a leading Republican, manifesting a keen interest in the success of his party. Before he had resided in New Berlin a year he was elected to the office of chief burgess of the place, and he has also served as school director and treasurer of the school board. Socially he is prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. at New Berlin, and has filled all the important chairs therein; in 1895 he was elected district deputy of Union county, and in May, 1897, he was sent as a representative of the Grand Lodge, which convened at Williamsport, Penn. In religious faith Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock are active members of the Lutheran Church at New Berlin, of which he is deacon and treasurer, and none enjoy to a greater degree the respect and the esteem of the community in which they live.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SHOWERS, an agriculturist of note residing upon a fine estate near West Milton, is descended from two of the well-known pioneer families of Union county, whose history contains much that is of general interest. On the paternal side the first ancestor of whom we have record is Michael Showers, who was born in Berks county, and was by occupation a farmer. He died at about eighty years of age.

Christian Showers (son of Michael), the grandfather of our subject, was born September 5, 1779, in Union county, and died in the Nippenose Valley, Clinton Co., Penn., February 10, 1865, aged eighty-five years, five months and five days. His wife, Margaret Markel, also attained a good old age, and both were buried in the Nippenose Valley, their occupation being farming until well advanced in years; then they lived retired until they passed away at the old homestead.

Their son Samuel, our subject's father, was a native of Snyder county, Penn., born August 4, 1814, and in early life began farming in a small way in Clinton county, in the Nippenose Valley, but in 1854 he moved to Union county and settled upon the farm now occupied by our subject. He acquired a fine estate, and at his death, which occurred January 18, 1894, he owned several farms as well as other property. Politically he was a Republican, and in religion he adhered to the Lutheran faith. He married Sarah Hoffman, who was born in Union county August 23, 1806, and died October 16, 1889, aged eighty-three years. Her family has been identified with Union county from an early day, having come from Lebanon county, Penn., to settle there before the division of Northumberland county, which resulted in the present county organization. Jost Hoffman, her grandfather, purchased the farm of 291 acres, upon which our subject now resides, the deed, which is now in Mr. Showers' possession, being dated November 27, 1793. John Hoffman, the son of this old pioneer, and the father of Mrs. Showers, was born in Lebanon county March 16, 1767, and the greater part of his life was spent in farming in White Deer township, Union county, where his death occurred July 26, 1840, his remains being buried in White Deer graveyard. His wife, Catherine Baker, who was born in Lebanon county October 13, 1765, survived him, passing away February 25, 1851.

George W. Showers was the first born of three children, and is now the only survivor. John died at the present homestead, April 25, 1870, and Samuel died in Nippenose Valley,

Clinton county. Our subject was born December 26, 1842, at the old home in Clinton county, and being trained to farm management in his youth was prepared to take charge of the homestead when his father retired from business in April, 1867, and removed to near New Columbia. Since that time Mr. Showers has continued to reside at the farm with the exception of one year, 1869-70, which he spent on an adjoining estate. Genial and clever, he has hosts of friends, but although he has had much influence in local affairs and is a leading Republican, he has never sought or held office. Until 1895 he was an active member and master of the Grange, and he takes keen interest in all public questions.

On January 1, 1867, Mr. Showers was married at Lewisburg, by Rev. Mr. Evans, to Miss Sarah E. Geyer, a native of White Deer township, Union county, born June 28, 1844. Nine children have blessed this union, the names with dates of birth being as follows: William H., April 9, 1868, residing upon the farm adjoining the homestead, married Miss Edith Criswell, and has had two children—Russell H. and William L.; Ellen J., June 3, 1869, died August 30, of the following year; Norman J., November 8, 1870; Laura C., December 25, 1871; George W., Jr., September 25, 1873; Sarah E., December 19, 1874; John, April 24, 1876, and Franklin, July 26, 1877, are all at home; and Alice M., born August 9, 1885, lived only two brief years, passing away August 8, 1887.

The Geyer family came to this section from Reading, Penn., and Mrs. Showers' paternal grandfather, Adam Geyer, a prosperous millwright, died in Union county, his last years being spent in freedom from business cares. He was buried in White Deer cemetery, but his wife, Susannah Garrett, was interred in St. Joseph county, Mich. Their son Israel, the father of Mrs. Showers, was born at Reading, July 10, 1822, but came in early manhood to White Deer township, where he became a prominent farmer and a leader in local affairs, being elected to various township offices, and taking an influential part in the Republican organization. He was married in White Deer township, Union county, to Miss Catherine Brown, who had accompanied her parents, George and Sarah (Bartlett) Brown, from Schuylkill county, Penn., their native place, to a new home in that township. Israel Geyer died March 10, 1875, and his wife passed away in the sixtieth year of her age on March 29, 1882. The former had been a Lutheran in faith in his youth, while the latter adhered to the Reformed Church, but some years before their death they united with the Evangelical Church.

Of their numerous family of children, Mrs. Showers is the eldest; John G., Adam and James are well-known agriculturists in White Deer township, Union county; Susannah married Reuben Zimmerman, of Buffalo Cross Roads, now supervisor of his township; Mary C. died at the age of four years; William C. is a successful farmer in White Deer township; Rebecca died when only fifteen months old; Ellen J. married Josiah Yerger, a farmer in Montgomery county, Penn.; Samuel B. resides upon a farm in Kelly township, Union county; Anna L. married Frank Gemberling, a farmer in Atchison county, Kans.; and Eliza A. is the wife of Howard North, who is also engaged in farming in that county.

MRS. MARIA MILLER (deceased), formerly of West Buffalo township, was a lady of large business capacity and marked intelligence, and was distinguished in the records of Union county for her straightforward and womanly course, no less than for the tact and energy she employed in her business affairs after her husband's death.

A daughter of John C. and Anna M. (Benzinger) Kaup, Mrs. Miller was born April 16, 1826, in West Buffalo township, on the old ancestral home of the Kaup family, where she resided at the time of her death, the property at the death of her parents, having been purchased by her husband. Her father was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1775, and, in 1815 came to Union county with his young wife, locating on the place now owned by our subject. The land at that time was covered with a heavy growth of timber, which he cleared away, and in the midst of the wilderness developed a fine farm, devoting his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement until called from this life in 1851. His widow, who long survived him, died in 1872, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and they now sleep side by side in the Mifflinburg cemetery. She was a daughter of Frederick Benzinger.

Upon the home farm, Mrs. Miller was reared, remaining with her parents until twenty-four years of age, when, in 1850, she gave her hand in marriage to Jacob Miller, a popular young farmer of West Buffalo township. They became the parents of four children, but with the exception of one all died in infancy. Mary, who grew to maturity, is now the wife of P. L. Idings, a prosperous agriculturist of West Buffalo township, and they have the following children: Maria B., Jacob R., Nora B., Charles, William C., Margaret D., Pearl E., Lewis A., Mary J.,

Albert S. (deceased), and Arnold B. Mr. Miller and the three children who died in infancy now lie buried in the cemetery at Mazeppa, Pennsylvania.

Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Miller found their home heavily encumbered by debt, but by her excellent management and industrious, frugal habits, it is now free from all debt, and she made many improvements in the buildings in the last few years. She succeeded in demonstrating the fact that a woman is well qualified to carry on a farm successfully. She merited and received the warmest respect and esteem of the whole community, and was much beloved by everyone with whom she came in contact for her gentle ways and genial manner. Religiously she was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. She departed this life January 29, 1898, aged seventy-one years, nine months and thirteen days.

JOHAN L. KNIGHT, one of the most proficient instructors in music in Union county, has spent his entire life there, his birth occurring in Hartley township, where he is still living, occupying the old homestead of his maternal ancestors—the Lincolns.

Samuel H. Knight, his father, a native of Cecil county, Md., came to Union county, Penn., in 1842, and there became acquainted with Miss Rachel T. Lincoln, who shortly afterward became his wife. She was born in Union county, where her death occurred October 19, 1875, when she had reached the age of fifty years, eight months and twenty-four days. The father, who was a graduate of the Washington University of Baltimore, Md., became a prominent and successful physician and surgeon, his practice extending throughout Union and Centre counties, but for the last ten years of his life he lived retired. He died June 7, 1882, aged sixty-five years, and was laid by the side of his wife in Lincoln cemetery, Hartley township. Of the two children born to them, Hannah E. died at the age of sixteen years, seven months and seven days, her remains being interred by the side of those of her parents. She was a beautiful and accomplished young lady, beloved by all who knew her.

John L. Knight obtained an excellent literary education in the Randolph Academy of Lewisburg, Penn., and in Bucknell College, where he completed his studies. His instruction in music was under the direction of Prof. Loose, and since the age of twenty-two he has successfully engaged in teaching that art, having a large number of pupils. Possessing remarkable mu-

sical talent and receiving the best instruction, he is now recognized as one of the ablest teachers of music in central Pennsylvania. A consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he has efficiently served as superintendent of the Sunday-school for a number of years, and he also has been elected president of the Epworth League a number of times. He has filled the position of organist of Lincoln Church many years. His political support is given to the Republican party. He owns two fine farms in Union county, which he inherited on his mother's death. His ancestors were originally from England, but the family was established in the New World prior to the Revolutionary war.

THOMAS WASHINGTON KEEFER, a wealthy retired agriculturist of White, Deer township, Union county, is the owner of a fine farm, which was purchased October 4, 1814, by his grandfather, Martin Keffer (as the name was then spelled), from John Blakeny. This estate has ever since been occupied by some member of the family with the exception of one year, 1891, when it passed into the possession of H. H. Trumfheller. In 1892 Mr. Keffer became its owner, and has since resided there.

Martin Keffer was born in Strasburg, Germany, but in an early day came to America. His wife, Mary Lawrence, was also a native of Strasburg, and accompanied her father, Morris Lawrence, and her two brothers, whom the father wished to free from the military service required of all able-bodied young men in the Fatherland. He was considered a wealthy man in Germany, but could not realize upon his property, and, in order to pay the passage across the ocean, he contracted that his daughters work for a certain length of time to pay the debt incurred. He lived to the age of one hundred and nine years, his death occurring in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Martin and Mary (Lawrence) Keffer spent their later years at the present homestead, and their remains were interred at Milton, then a part of Northumberland county. Their son James, our subject's father, was a noted hunter and farmer of his day. He and his wife, Mary Cherry, were born, reared and married in Northumberland county, where they remained until after the birth of their second child, William, when they moved to the old homestead. The father, who was a Catholic in faith, died in August, 1862, aged sixty-nine years, and the mother, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, passed away November 21, of the same year,

aged sixty-six. Her death was caused from a fall, her dress catching on a doorsill. At the time she was visiting three of her sons, who were in the livery business at Corning, New York; but as the only effect of the accident seemed to be an injury of one arm, she paid no attention to it, yet on returning home a few days later she took to her bed and died shortly afterward.

James and Mary (Cherry) Keffer reared a family of twelve children, namely: Elizabeth, Mrs. F. Bruner, a widow, residing with her son-in-law, John Klapp, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county; William, who died at the old homestead at the age of seventy-two; Mary, Mrs. George Haase, who died in 1846; James, an extensive farmer in California, where he has resided since 1849; Sarah, who was the second wife of the late George Haase, and died in 1894; John, a farmer of Seneca county, N. Y.; Wendel, who went to California; Thomas W., our subject; Martin, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county; David and Levi, of Union county; and Franklin, a resident of Erie, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born December 30, 1828, and as farm work in those days required attention all the year round, he received but little schooling. After reaching the age of sixteen he was often employed on neighboring farms, usually receiving fifty cents per day, but he spent one week in mowing and raking at twenty-five cents. At the age of twenty-one he left home to seek a livelihood, and worked the first summer for his brother-in-law, George Haase, at \$6 per month. The next year he was employed seven months at \$7 a month, the winters being spent at home. With this experience he concluded that there was no money in farming, and began learning the trade of chair manufacturing, apprenticing himself to David Ginter for three years at \$25 per year, with the privilege of doing farm work in summer in order to defray expenses. He learned the business, but his hope of steady and profitable employment was dispelled before long by the introduction of machinery. Again he found himself face to face with the stubborn necessity for making a living, and when twenty-six years old he went to Steuben county, N. Y., to visit a brother who was engaged in the livery business.

Finding no employment, Mr. Keffer returned home, where a letter from his brother John awaited him, containing an invitation to come to Seneca county, N. Y., where work could be had. He started at once on foot for Williamsport, where he took a horse-car to Trout Run. Thence he went by stage across the Alleghany Mountains

to Blossburg, a distance of twenty-five miles, and from that point he traveled to Corning, N. Y., over a railway, the rails and ties being made of wood bound with iron. The promised employment consisted in "taking up" after an old-fashioned "Huzzy Reaper," the first machine of the sort made in the United States. The motive power was furnished by two horses hitched to the back part of a wagon. Mr. Keffer received \$1 a day for his work, and remained about five months, returning home when cold weather set in.

The following spring, an uncle, Charles Cherry, a butcher in Steuben county, N. Y., employed him at \$10 per month, and he remained there six months. One very cold day his uncle remarked in the course of a conversation that work could be had at \$3 a day at floating logs, and Mr. Keffer eagerly availed himself of this information; but there were no rubber boots in those days, and one day in the icy water sufficed him. The next year he engaged in butchering in partnership with a brother, and for a time had a thriving trade, on credit; but when one ledger had been filled with worthless accounts, they burned it and abandoned the business.

Mr. Keffer then went to Corning, and spent a summer in working for his brother for his board; but as the old proverb says, "It is always darkest before daylight," and things soon made a turn for the better with him. He was thirty-six years old when he began business as a carpenter, and his set of tools was incomplete; but he made headway from the start and continued for twenty years. With his savings, which amounted to \$1,800, he purchased a small farm in White Deer township, Union county, and resided there until 1892, when he traded the place for the old homestead.

His wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Clouser, a native of Kelly township, Union county, was born August 16, 1837. They have one daughter, Lizzie C., who was married at the age of twenty-two to Charles D. Rich, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich: Clara A., Dartha M., and Roy Keffer.

Mrs. Keffer's father, Abraham Clouser, was born in Lancaster county, and passed his life there, his death occurring in 1870, at the age of fifty-eight. He is a well-known citizen, a Republican in politics, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Fink, were leading members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Clouser was a native of Northumberland county, but she died in Union county in 1877, and was buried

beside her husband in the graveyard at White Deer Church. Their children were: Henry, deceased; Sophia, wife of Andrew Zong, both now deceased; Elizabeth (Mrs. Keefer); Sarah, who married Moses Baker, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county; and Mary, wife of John Shaffer, a farmer and stonemason in Kansas.

Mr. Keefer has retired from active business, the management of his farm devolving upon Charles H. Malada, a young man of eighteen, who from the age of two years has had his home with Mr. Keefer. After a life of toil, leisure is doubly sweet, and an abundant competence can be best appreciated perhaps by one whose labors have been but poorly requited in the past. Mr. Keefer is now regarded as one of the substantial men of his locality, in whose progress he shows a genuine interest. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, and in his political views is a Republican.

SIMON BENNAGE. The Bennage family of Union county traces its descent from Simon and Mary Bennage, who came to America from Germany during Colonial times, and located in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Their son Simon, the grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, was born in Heidelberg township, Berks county, August 19, 1757, and married a native of the county, Miss Elizabeth Renninger, and later moved to what is now White Deer township, Union county, purchasing the tract of land now known as the Bennage homestead. He was a successful man, and at the time of his death, December 24, 1821, at the age of sixty-four years, four months and five days, he owned several farms in the county and other land in New York State. Progressive and far-seeing, he sought to promote the best interests of the community which he helped to develop, and he was one of the organizers of the first Lutheran Church established there. He and his good wife spent their last days at the present homestead, and their remains were interred in the family burial lot in White Deer Church cemetery, where, as time has passed, their descendants have been laid for their final repose. Their four children were all born at the homestead: Samuel, March 28, 1788; David, December 28, 1791; Mary, October 15, 1794, and Elizabeth, January 5, 1798. All are deceased, the last having passed away at the age of nineteen years, ten months and ten days.

David Bennage, the father of our subject, spent his entire life at the homestead, following

agriculture as an occupation. He was married in the same township to Miss Nancy Ranck, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Geigley) Ranck, who were born in Lancaster county, and settled in White Deer township, Union county, at a time when, as they made their way by boat up the river, they saw the sites of the now thriving towns of Lewisburg, New-Columbia and Milton, but one house each.

To David and Nancy Bennage seven children were born, namely: Henry Simon and John R. W., who occupy portions of the old farm; Enos, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; David, a farmer in White Deer township, residing two miles north of the old homestead; Louis, who died April 27, 1866; and Mary A., who married Calvin Keefer, both now deceased. The mother of this family died February 24, 1864, and the father December 19, 1866. Both were members of the Evangelical Church and passed away in full faith in a future life, their remains now resting in the family burial lot. David Bennage owned at the time of his death 390 acres of land, which was divided into five farms for his surviving sons, and four of these are still in the family.

Simon Bennage was born February 28, 1831, and was reared at the old homestead. When he was twenty-one he and his brother Henry took charge of one of their father's farms in the same township, and after one year our subject settled at his present home. An old house stood there, which he occupied until 1859, when he built the handsome two-story brick in which he now resides. He has otherwise improved the place, a new barn, also built in 1859, being a notable feature. As a manager he is capable and successful, and his judgment is held in respect by his associates.

During the Civil war he went to the front as a defender of the Union, enlisting October 7, 1864, in Company E, 76th P. V. I. He took part in the Fort Fisher expedition, and previous to the battle was accidentally wounded in the head by a musket, the injury confining him to the boat for two weeks. Before the war was closed he went through a number of hot skirmishes, but, hostilities ending, he was discharged at Raleigh, N. C., July 18, 1865, and returned to his farm. Mr. Bennage has unusual talent as an artist and writer, and a diary which he began when he entered the army is a valuable record of events from his point of view. Several battle scenes sketched from memory of the struggles in which he participated are full of interest.

Politically, Mr. Bennage is a strong Repub-

lican, but his ambition does not lie in the direction of official life, although he has taken a loyal interest in all that concerns the welfare of his country, his State and his own community. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army Post, No. 129, of Milton, and of the Grange, at White Deer, No. 122.

In December, 1852, our subject was married to Miss Sarah Brown, and eight children bless their union: (1) Miss Mary A. Bennage is at home. (2) Miss Elizabeth R. died at the age of twenty-six. (3) John W. operates the home farm. He married Miss Amanda Noll, and has had three children—Bertha A., Delroy, and Mary E. (4) Sarah C. married John C. Baker, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county, and has two sons—Charles E. and George W. (5) David died at the age of nine months. (6) Miss Susannah was killed by a railway locomotive at West Milton, February 5, 1880, while in a sleigh with nine others, none of whom were seriously injured. (7) Ellen J. married Henry Mooser, of West Milton, and has had six children—Ralph C., Mary M., Sarah E., Raymond E., Jennie M., deceased, and James R. (8) George W., a farmer at the homestead, married Miss Minnie Snyder, but has no children. Mr. Bennage is not formally connected with any religious society, but his wife is a member of the Reformed Church.

She was born August 7, 1829, in Schuylkill county, Penn., where her parents, George and Sarah (Bartley) Brown, were born, reared and married. Her paternal grandparents, Adam and Catharine Brown, died there, and her maternal grandparents (Elizabeth (Dougherty) Bartley and husband) moved there from their early home at Reading, Penn., to spend their remaining years. George Brown, who was a farmer by occupation, settled in White Deer township, Union county, in 1839, and was prominent in local affairs as a Democrat, and a member of the Reformed Church. Of eight children, four are now living. Elizabeth died at the age of two years; Catharine married Israel Geyer, both now deceased; Jefferson resides in Kelly township, Union county; George is a resident of White Deer township, in the same county; Sarah, Mrs. Bennage, was the fifth in order of birth; Rebecca, deceased, was the first wife of the late Daniel Moyer, mentioned farther on; Mary A., formerly the wife of Isaac Kurtz, both deceased, he being accidentally killed by falling from a buggy; Elizabeth was the second wife of Daniel Moyer, deceased, and now resides in Buffalo township, Union county. Mrs. Bennage's mother died in 1844, at the age of forty-nine years, and the father married a second wife,

Susan Messersmith, by whom he had no children. He died in the spring of 1873, aged eighty-two, and she passed away in 1885.

ENOCH MILLER, of Mifflinburg, Union county, ranks among the leading contractors and builders of this section, his work including some of the handsomest structures in Union, Snyder and Northumberland counties. He has won a high reputation as an architect, his designs being at once artistic and practical. Since 1875 he has operated a planing-mill for the manufacture of doors, sashes and all sorts of finished wood work for interiors. From this it will be seen that in the most literal sense he has had a large share in the upbuilding of the thriving city of Mifflinburg, and the following biography will be of general interest.

Mr. Miller is of German descent on the paternal side, while his mother traced her ancestry to one of the French Huguenots who came to this country to find freedom of conscience. John Miller, the paternal grandfather, left the Fatherland about a hundred years ago, settling in Berks county, Penn., and his son, Moses W. Miller (our subject's father), was born there October 30, 1807, and in 1831 married Miss Mary Bartlet, a native of Oley township, Berks county, born October 30, 1807. Her father, Daniel Bartlet, who died in that county at the age of eighty-seven, left six sons, Jacob, Daniel, Isaac, Abraham, Samuel, and Peter, a physician. The name of this family was originally Bertolet as used in France.

In the spring of 1835 Moses W. Miller and his wife moved to Union county, locating on a farm in West Buffalo township, where he died May 23, 1844. He was a member of the Evangelical Church, and as a citizen was always keenly interested in the questions of the day, his political sympathies being with the Whig party. After his death Mrs. Miller purchased the farm, and in 1873 she built a house in Mifflinburg, where she spent her later years, her death occurring in 1893. She had seven children: Sarah (Mrs. Henry Maize), born January 30, 1832; Maria (Mrs. Hassler), born April 7, 1834; Enoch, our subject; Joseph, born November 17, 1837, now residing in Mifflinburg; Daniel B., December 29, 1839, a coach maker in the same place; John F., February 10, 1842, a resident of Limestone township, Union county; and George A., January 21, 1844, now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Miller, our subject, who was born November 4, 1835, was the first of the children born in Union county, and his early years were passed in



Ernoch Miller

the old home in West Buffalo township. As soon as he was strong enough he began working on neighboring farms, attending school in the winter only. At the age of fifteen he took charge of the farm for his mother, but after one year he went to Mifflinburg to learn the carpenter's trade with Joseph Boop. With him he remained two years as an apprentice, and one year as a partner, and then went into business on his own account. In 1860 he built a house and shop on the corner of Sixth and Market streets, and he has met with marked success in all his undertakings, his business, including the planing-mill, keeping about sixteen men employed. He has a handsome residence, erected in 1870. His wife, to whom he was married September 20, 1856, was formerly Miss Sarah Katherman, and she, too, is a native of Union county, her birth occurring September 6, 1837. Her parents, Frederick and Christiana (Stitzer) Katherman, were well-known residents of the county.

Of the nine children who have blessed our subject's home, the eldest, Mary C., married J. C. Bulger, a carriage dealer in Mifflinburg, and has had three children—Miller, May and John. (2) Frederick Warren, born July 7, 1858, died December 4, 1863. (3) Anna S. married D. B. Moss, a coach-maker of Mifflinburg, and has one child—James. (4) Edith married H. Bringham, of Lancaster, Penn.; he is now deceased. (5) Sallie B. died at an early age. (6) Bessie Virginia is at home. (7) Margaret B. married Henry W. Myers, of Birmingham, Ala. (8) Louisa M. is at home. (9) Georgia died of diphtheria in her second year.

The first vote cast by Mr. Miller was for James Buchanan, and he has always remained in the Democratic fold, although he is not a strong partisan. He is a prominent member of the Reformed Church in his city, and his fine musical talents have been effectively used in the service for twenty-five years, during which he has been a leader of the choir.

EDWARD RANCK. A biographical record of the pioneer residents of this section would be incomplete without special mention of the Ranck family, of White Deer township, Union county, who have been intimately connected with the development of that locality from a period long prior to the organization of the county.

The first ancestor of whom we have a distinct record was John Ranck, the grandfather of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. He came from Lancaster county, Penn., about 1797.

and settled upon a farm in what is now White Deer township, Union county, then part and parcel of Northumberland county, and his death occurred there in 1820, at the age of seventy-eight. A large tract of land which he acquired is still in the possession of his descendants, the homestead of our subject being a part of it. He was twice married. His first wife died in Lancaster county, but his second, Barbara, who accompanied him to his new home, survived him, passing away March 27, 1830, at the age of seventy-five.

Their son Jonathan, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, July 31, 1789, and having come to this section during his boyhood, became one of the prominent farmers of his time, his death occurring May 5, 1856. On April 2, 1815, he was married to his first wife, Miss Catherine Long, who died March 25, 1816, and on April 27, 1817, he formed a second union, this time with Miss Mary Dieffenderfer, who was born in January, 1798, in Union county, then within the limits of Northumberland county, where her father, Jacob Dieffenderfer, passed the greater part of his active life. She died in February, 1845, and on December 7, 1851, Jonathan Ranck wedded Mrs. Harriet (Kline) Dieffenderfer, widow of his second wife's brother. She died leaving no children. By the first marriage there was one son, Joseph, born March 15, 1816, died in May, 1895. Ten children blessed the second union: Sarah, born January 17, 1819, married the late Daniel Bennage, and died December 18, 1845; Moses, born September 4, 1820, is a retired carpenter residing in Michigan; Susannah, born January 14, 1822, is the wife of J. J. Brown, a well-known resident of Kelly township, Union county; Jacob, born January 28, 1824, died April 19, 1878; Edward, born December 31, 1825, is mentioned more fully farther on; Solomon, born September 9, 1827, is a retired farmer in White Deer township, Union county; Mary, born August 14, 1830, married Charles C. Wetzels, an architect of Danville, Penn.; Levi, born January 9, 1833, died in April, 1886; Jonathan, born April 2, 1834, is now living in retirement in White Deer township, Union county; Ellen, born January 18, 1837, is the wife of Samuel Hertz, a hardware merchant of Van Wert, Ohio.

Edward Ranck was born at the old homestead, and his youth was spent there, practical knowledge of all branches of agricultural work being gained in the labors of the farm. At twenty-one he left home and found employment as a farm hand, receiving for the first ten months only \$8 per month, and during the next season

he received \$10 per month for some length of time. The next year he spent with his father, who paid him \$100 for the year's work. He then rented a portion of the old farm, where he made a home for himself and bride, Miss Sarah A. Goodlander, to whom he was married December 7, 1848. Three years later he purchased the place and continued to reside there until 1883, when he moved to his present home, a fine estate near New Columbia, with a beautiful brick residence commanding a "cross roads."

Mr. Ranck has always taken a leading part in local affairs, his high character as a man and citizen, no less than his wealth, giving him great influence in the community. He has served as assessor one term and overseer of the poor for three terms, and was a valued adviser in the Republican organization in his locality until 1887, when he became identified with the Prohibition party. He and his wife have always taken an active interest in religious matters. For forty-six years he has been a member of the Evangelical Association, and for thirty years has been a class-leader and trustee.

Mrs. Ranck is a descendant of a well-known family, and was born in White Deer township, Union county, September 13, 1825, the daughter of Paul and Rachel (Heckel) Goodlander, who were natives of Northumberland county, but whose lives were mainly spent upon a farm in what is now Union county. They were devout members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ranck was the youngest of a family of five children, the others being: Elizabeth, who married Jacob Shirik, both now deceased; Polly, widow of Jonathan Moyer, of Milton, Penn.; Rachel, widow of John Grove, of Kelly township, Union county; and Samuel, a retired carpenter of White Deer township.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranck have had eleven children, of whom ten are living and married: (1) Mary E., born October 19, 1849, married H. H. Trumfeller, a clerk in a hardware store at York, Penn., and they have six children. (2) John J., born July 31, 1851, is a coachmaker and undertaker in New Columbia, Penn. He married Miss Sarah Smith, and has had five children. (3) Jeremiah, born September 2, 1852, died January 4, 1853. (4) William H., born October 24, 1853, is a farmer in Kelly township, Union county, and he and his wife, Ann Brown, have five children. (5) Rachel L. (twin to William H.), married David H. Bennage, who now manages our subject's farm, and they have one child. (6) Sarah A., born September 6, 1855, married W. H. Geyer, a farmer of White Deer town-

ship, and has had three children, one of whom is now deceased. (7) Edward F., born January 18, 1857, is a farmer in White Deer township, and is also engaged in school teaching. He married Miss Minnie Fry, and has had six children. (8) Samuel C., born November 20, 1859, is a general merchant in New Columbia. He married Miss Sarah Werkhiser, and has had three children. (9) Pharos F., born November 4, 1861, is engaged in farming in White Deer township, and also in school teaching. He married Miss Emma Bickle, and has had three children. (10) James A., born August 6, 1863, now a farmer on the old homestead in White Deer township, married Miss Liza Koch, and has had three children. (11) Minnie A., born May 6, 1869, married Thomas C. Bennage, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county, and has had one child.

ROBERT JOHN MOYER, who has won more than ordinary success in the honored calling of agriculture, was born July 6, 1851, in White Deer township, Union county, upon the farm where he now resides.

Like many of our well-known citizens, Mr. Moyer is of Berks county stock, his paternal grandparents, Henry and Mary (Keller) Moyer, having passed their lives there upon a farm. They had four sons and three daughters. Their son, Joseph K., the father of our subject, was born in Pike township, Berks county, and remained at home assisting in the labors of the farm until he was eighteen, when he began an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade. On becoming proficient in this business, he came to this section, settling in Kelly township, Union county. There he married Miss Elizabeth Heckel, a native of White Deer township, in the same county. Her parents, George and Hannah (Spotts) Heckel, were both born in the same county, in Kelly township, and were highly esteemed among the early agricultural workers of their locality. Their remains now lie in the cemetery at White Deer church.

Shortly after his marriage our subject's father purchased the old Heckel homestead of 162 acres, in partnership with a brother-in-law, John Moore, each paying the sum of \$1,500. They divided the farm and Mr. Moyer continued to cultivate his portion until 1876, when he retired from active business and removed to another house on the farm, where he and his good wife spent their remaining years, the latter's death occurring December 18, 1882, while the former breathed his last, September 5, 1890, at the age of seventy-three. He was prominent in the

community, and was a stanch Democrat in his political views. He and his wife were devout members of the Reformed Church, and for many years prior to his death he held the office of elder. They had five children: Mary (deceased), formerly the wife of Solomon Robenold, who now resides at Allentown, Penn.; Hannah and Henry, who died in 1866, within six weeks of each other, the former being sixteen years of age; Robert J., our subject; and Joseph H., a freight conductor of the Fall Brook railroad, now residing at Corning, New York.

As Robert J. Moyer's life has flowed on in the quiet activities of an agricultural community, he has been spared many of the exciting and often unpleasant experiences which some, whose histories are related in this volume, have passed through before acquiring a foothold in the business world. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-five, when he married and took possession of the old residence, his parents removing to the smaller home as has been said. For a number of years he rented the place, but in July, 1890, he purchased it, and has since continued to reside there.

His first wife, Miss Emma Dunkle, to whom he was married January 27, 1876, was a native of Kelly township, Union county, born in 1856. Her father, the late Peter Dunkle, was born in the same county, in Buffalo township, and became a leading farmer, but his last years were spent in retirement at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fannie Crowel, where he died August 6, 1894, at the age of seventy-four. His wife, Lydia Kiper, a native of Snyder county, Penn., died in January, 1891, aged sixty-five. Their children were: Catherine, Mrs. James McCormick, a widow residing at Knoxville, Tenn.; Clinton, a resident of Macon, Ill.; William, of Kansas; John L., a farmer near Salina, Mo.; Fannie, wife of Samuel Crowel, a printer at Lewisburg, Penn.; George and Calvin, residents of Kelly township, Union county; Miss Ella, who resides in Lewisburg; and Miss Ida, now of Orange, N. J. Mrs. Emma (Dunkle) Moyer passed to the unseen life May 6, 1886, leaving three children—Elizabeth L., George K., and John C., who are all at home.

On December 10, 1887, Mr. Moyer formed a second union, this time with Miss Emma Ranck, a native of White Deer township, Union county, and a daughter of the late John L. Ranck, who was born in the same township, and became a prosperous farmer and influential citizen, holding various township offices and supporting vigorously the Republican party in his locality. He was married in Union county to Miss Mary

Geyer, a native of Kelly township, who, like himself, was a devout Lutheran in religious faith. She died November 11, 1887, aged sixty-four, and he breathed his last August 15, 1895, at the age of seventy-three. Eight children were born to them: Joseph A., residing in White Deer township, Union county, is a farmer and school teacher, and also holds the office of justice of the peace; Louisa married George Derham, a farmer in Michigan; Harriet is the wife of Isaac Reed, a farmer of White Deer township; Emma, Mrs. Moyer, is the fourth in order of birth; Lavine married Levi Joes, a farmer in White Deer township; John C. is engaged in agriculture in Kelly township, Union county; Hannah married William E. Neiman, of White Deer township; and Annie is the wife of John Beck, a farmer in the same township.

Mr. Moyer is a genial man, who takes a loyal interest in every movement that promises to benefit the locality, and in conversation he makes an excellent impression. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and of White Deer Grange, P. of H., at New Columbia. For the past twenty-four years he has been also a member of Pomona Grange, of Union county, in which he has been continuously in office, and now holds the rank of master. Politically he is a Democrat, and for nine years he has been auditor in his township.

HENRY FRICK, one of the oldest residents of Lewisburg, Union county, is still actively engaged in business, and takes his accustomed interest in the questions and movements of the day. Born January 16, 1827, he retains his vigor of mind and body, and seems to hold Time at bay in a manner which some younger men might envy.

The Frick family is descended from Conrad Frick, who came from Germany in 1732, and settled in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, and built, in 1760, the first brewery in the village. He died there leaving a large family. One of his sons, Peter, went to Baltimore, Md., and others located in York county, Penn., and their descendants in those localities are now numerous. John Frick, another son of Conrad, and the great-grandfather of our subject, settled permanently in Lancaster, Penn., and the brewery which he built there in the last century is still standing. He had a large family, among whom was a son, John, our subject's grandfather, who made his home in Northumberland county, Penn., and built a brewery. He died there in 1811, leaving a family of eleven children. Of

his daughters Mr. Frick has no record, but he recalls the following concerning the sons: Jacob was cashier of the Penn Township Bank in Philadelphia. George A., an attorney, married and settled in Danville, Penn. Henry was a prominent resident of Milton, Penn., and was widely known as "Gen. Frick;" he was a prosperous publisher at Milton, and was unusually active mentally, possessing the rare gift of being able to talk upon one subject and write upon another at the same time; he was elected to Congress, and died in Washington, D. C., in the spring of 1844 while on duty. Frederick became a tanner, and located first at Danville, Penn., and later in Mercer county, where he died leaving a numerous family. Benjamin was a foundryman for some time, and subsequently engaged in business as a contractor for building railroads, bridges and similar structures; he located at Kiefersburg, Ohio, and later he and a son removed to Burlington, Iowa, where the father died. James went to Luzerne county, Penn., as the chief of a division on the canal, and his death occurred there.

John Frick, our subject's father, was the third son, and was born in Lancaster county, December 3, 1788. In the same year the family removed to Northumberland county, where he spent his entire life, his death taking place in 1847. He was a wheelwright by trade, and was prominent in local politics as a Democrat. In March, 1812, he married Elizabeth Gotshall, who died in 1859, aged sixty-six years. Both were devout adherents of the Lutheran Church. They had sixteen children, of whom, four died in childhood; Charles removed to Alton, Ill., and died there; Catherine married Hon. Eli Slifer, and both are now deceased; Rebecca married A. G. Voris, and both are now deceased; William (deceased) located first in Lewisburg, and later in Chester, Penn.; George A. (deceased) was an attorney in Lewisburg; Jacob served in the Mexican war under Zachary Taylor, and was also colonel of a regiment during the Rebellion, a medal being given him by Congress for valor in the famous charge at Fredricksburg; Anna (deceased) was the wife of Christopher Reich; Henry is mentioned more fully below; Edwin (deceased) was a boat builder; Miss Marion resides in Lewisburg, Penn.; Clarence G. is a merchant in Wilmington, Penn.; Susannah is the deceased wife of R. F. Brown.

Although our subject's birthplace was in Northumberland county, his boyhood was mainly spent in Lewisburg, where at the age of sixteen he began to learn the boat builder's trade. This acquired, he engaged in the business there, or-

ganizing the firm of Frick, Slifer & Co., which continued from 1845 to 1860, and during that time built 750 canal boats. Since 1860 Mr. Frick has been interested in the lumber business, and is one of the leading dealers in that line in his county. On November 6, 1855, he married Miss Sarah J. Blair, who was born December 2, 1829, and they are now nearing the fiftieth milestone of their wedded life. Six children have blessed their union: Ida is at home; Jennie married George Barron Miller, an attorney, and they have two sons—Harry B. and George F.; Walter, the city engineer at Carbondale, Penn., married Margaret Bennett, and has two sons—Henry and Walter; Ann married Dr. W. Leiser, and has one child—William; Sarah J. is the wife of B. S. Gundy, and has one child—Margaret; and Harry died at an early age. In his political views Mr. Frick is not hampered by partisan ties, measures and men being judged entirely on their merits. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

REV. WILLIAM WICKLEIN CLOUSER, a well-known clergyman of the Reformed Church, has won through his unselfish labors in the cause of the Gospel the respect and affection of a numerous and widely scattered flock. He ministers to the congregations at White Deer, Alvira, Mazeppa and at St. Peter's Church in Kelly township, Union county, preaching to two each Sunday, and the results of his work are to be seen in a deeper spiritual life among those who have come within range of his inspiration and influence.

Mr. Clouser was born June 25, 1842, in Robinson township, Berks Co., Penn. His parents, Benjamin F. (son of John Clouser) and Abigail Clouser (daughter of Jacob Wicklein), were also born in Berks county, the former on October 15, 1815, and the latter on June 7, 1820. Her mother was Margaret (*nee* Lindaman). They were married there, and later, in 1841, moved to Reading, Penn., where Mr. Clouser is now enjoying a well-earned leisure after a life of useful industry. Mrs. Clouser died April 27, 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years. In his earlier years the father was a farmer, and for some time in connection with that work he attended the Reading market with his produce, being one of the leading dealers there. Agriculture and horticulture occupied his time, and now, at the age of eighty-two years, he is a hale and hearty man. He is a member of the Reformed Church, but his wife was a Lutheran in faith. Of their seven children, our subject is the eldest; Mary, born



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November 23, 1845, married William Kerlin, who resides near Reading, and is engaged in farming, marketing and milling; Maggie, born April 3, 1851, married Harry Hoffman, a farmer of Robinson township, Berks county (their children are as follows: Lena, born June 22, 1877; Bertha, born September 18, 1879; Elsie, born August 12, 1881; and Katie Abigail, born September 22, 1886). Hannah, born November 6, 1848, died at the age of fourteen. Catherine, born June 7, 1855, is at home. Amanda, born February 25, 1859, died at the age of three years. Alvin, born August 22, 1863, and who is at home, was recently married to Miss Ida Brown.

Rev. Mr. Clouser remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty years, attending the schools of his native township until he was sixteen, when he began to teach school, an occupation in which he met with marked success. On leaving home he went to Delaware county, spending four years at Cartertown, and one at Marcushook, continuing the work of teaching. He then clerked for five months in a notion store at Lewisburg, for Abraham Mensch; but through these various changes the hope of finally entering the Christian ministry was his guiding star. In 1867 he began a course of study in the Reformed Church College and Seminary at Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Penn., where he was graduated in 1870, his ordination following. Since that time he has been in charge of the four stations named, each year seeing his influence for good made stronger. He has a pleasant home, one of its main features being a large and well-selected library, which indicates both the wide range of information and the excellent literary judgment of the owner. Although Mr. Clouser takes a keen interest in public affairs, local and national, he has never sought political office. He is often called upon, however, to act as adviser in various matters, and at present he is administrator of an estate. He is also at present serving his community in the capacity of secretary of the Board of Education.

On January 22, 1874, Mr. Clouser was married at Kelly Point, Union county, by Rev. D. G. Adams and Rev. J. G. Ansbach, to Miss Mary E. Gemberling, and three children—Elsa R., Minnie A. and Augustine I., have blessed their union. Mrs. Clouser is a native of Kelly township, Union county. Her father, Lewis Gemberling, who was born May 2, 1827, is now living retired at Kelly Point. Her mother, whose maiden name was Jane Pawling, died in October, 1856, at the age of thirty-one, and her remains were interred at Lewisburg. They had three children: Calvin (deceased), Mary E.

(now Mrs. Clouser) and Sarah E. (deceased), who was a twin to Mrs. Clouser.

Rev. Clouser began his pastorate of twenty-three years at the foregoing named places, October 1, 1870. When he first entered this field he was a mere boy, as it were. A period of twenty-three years of close application and unceasing labor, however, has changed the apparently boyish appearance, and made it to assume one of more advanced years. During this time almost an entire generation passed away. The elders and deacons whose names are on the call which he received from the charge are all gone, with one exception, and he is ready to depart. West Susquehanna Classis, under whose jurisdiction he has labored, and of which he has been and still is a member, has undergone almost an entire change. It has become a new classis. So a marked change can be observed on a general way. Villages have sprung up within the bounds of the charge; the Shamokin Division of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, which forms the eastern boundary of the charge, was constructed during the early part of his period. Here and there new church edifices have been built; and in many other ways a general improvement is evident in the onward progress of events. What a change! Altogether new congregations. Little children, then, but now full grown men and women. Young men and women then, but now stricken with the marks which time has wrought. The speedy end which many experienced by accident and disease—by falling trees, by drowning, by fire and other mysterious ways, not that we in any manner think of criticising our Heavenly Father's merciful Providence. A retrospect of the field during the time already mentioned furnishes wonderful and abundant material and reason for grateful remembrance of the goodness of God, and establishes a certain knowledge of the great realities which form a part of our being.

William W. Clouser is the author of a work, to be entitled "The Eventful Realities of My Life," which will soon be ready for publication. From this collection of writings have been selected a few facts bearing upon the results of his ministrations among the membership of his field of labor. They are as follows: Number of persons baptized, both infants and adults, 1,022; number of additions to the Church by the rite of confirmation and certificate and renewal of profession, 600; number of marriages solemnized, 246; number of funerals, 615; amount contributed for benevolent purposes, \$4,000; amount of congregational expenses, \$20,000; number of miles traveled, 5,000; number of

pastoral visits, 23,000; number of catechetical lectures, 1,400; number of sermons preached, 4,188. To this Mr. Clouser adds the following: "A glance at these figures would at once indicate the endless routine of work required—the continued wear upon the mental, moral and physical being, the frequent anxieties and misgivings with reference to the probability of success or failure of the work. I am heartily thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of my life and health in all these years. Not unto me, but unto His great Name must be ascribed whatever of success has resulted in my undertakings."

HENRY J. YOCUM, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of White Deer township, Union county, is one of our representative self-made men. He was born in Danville, Montour Co., Penn., January 18, 1860, the son of Anthony and Regina (Rein) Yocum, who were both natives of Germany, but who met and married at Danville. They had but little of this world's goods, and our subject had early training in industry and thrift, qualities which have been of use to him in his subsequent career. At the age of ten he found employment in the Danville Iron Works, and, his parents removing to Shamokin in 1875, he spent one year there in the coal mines.

The family then settled on a farm in White Deer township, Union county, and, after working for his father for a short time, Mr. Yocum was employed for three years by Charles Isley upon the Chamberlin farm in Northumberland county, Penn. Three years were then spent at Danville in the iron works, and then followed seven years at Milton in similar employment. In the spring 1887 he removed to his present homestead, which he purchased from John Jows, but he continued his work at Milton for three years longer. For the last seven years he has given his attention to the cultivation of his farm, and has also been employed in gathering cream for the Pleasant Valley Creamery Company at Milton. He was married, December 8, 1878, to Josephine Kolp, and two children have blessed their union: Harry A., born January 14, 1882, is at home, but Laura R., who was born July 10, 1879, died at the age of four years, nine months and twenty-six days.

Mr. Yocum has won many friends by his genial manners and his upright dealings, and, while he has never sought prominence, he has an influence in the community which speaks well for him. He is a Republican in politics, and,

in religious faith, is a Lutheran. Fraternally, he belongs to the Royal Arcanum at Milton, and to the Grange, No. 122, at New Columbia.

His father, Anthony Yocum, now a prominent farmer of White Deer township, Union county, has had an interesting career, which well illustrates the value of the sturdy self-reliance which is characteristic of the best class of German-Americans. His faithful helpmeet is also spared to enjoy the fruits of past labors, in which she shared.

Anthony Yocum was born February 13, 1827, and passed his youth in his native land. His father, John A. Yocum, a well-to-do grain merchant and miller, died July 2, 1842, at the age of forty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-eight days. He served as a soldier in the Napoleonic wars, and participated in many historic engagements, including the battles of Waterloo, Juneau, Magdeburg and Leipsic, and was on the road to Moscow when the terrible repulse which the army suffered there caused the memorable retreat and stopped the advance of re-inforcements. His wife, Eve E. Leis, was also a native of Germany, and for five or six generations in a direct line her paternal ancestors had borne the name of Michael Leis, and had been engaged in the blacksmith's trade. To John A. and Eve Yocum eight children were born, of whom two are now living: Anthony, and Susannah, widow of Joseph Grone, formerly a grocer of Danville.

After the death of his father, Anthony Yocum, then a mere lad of fifteen, took charge of the estate and business, which he conducted successfully for four years, but as the time approached when he would be compelled to serve his term in the German army, he determined he would not waste the best years of his early manhood in that way, and in 1847 he came to America, the voyage occupying forty-five days. Later, in 1854, his mother, her brother-in-law, and two of Anthony's sisters crossed the ocean and settled at Danville, Penn., and the mother died at his home in 1878, aged eighty-four years and three months.

On landing at New York Anthony Yocum was not long in realizing the extent of the sacrifice which he had made to reach this land of freedom. Instead of being at the head of a prosperous business, he was a poor emigrant, who could not speak or even understand the language of those about him, and who was more than once victimized by unscrupulous sharpers. Work of any sort was difficult to find, and he traveled long distances to secure employment on canals or in mines, which was occasionally varied by teaming and odd jobs of all kinds.

His first work was in an ore mine near Lancaster, Penn., where he worked one year at sixty-five cents per day. He then formed a partnership in the teaming business, but at the end of three trips his partner ran away with all the funds after pawning the teams. From 1850 to 1875, Mr. Yocum worked in the blast furnace at Danville, and then, after one year in Shamokin, he settled upon his present farm. He is interested in all that concerns the welfare of his adopted country, and in politics is an ardent supporter of Republican doctrines. He and his wife are Lutherans in religious faith.

Mrs. Regine (Rein) Yocum was born December 17, 1842, and came to America alone when only fifteen years old. Her paternal grandfather, Godfrey Rein, passed his entire life in the Fatherland, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and her father, Godfrey Rein, after serving for some time as a teamster in the Napoleonic wars, entered the employ of the government, being connected first with a stone quarry and later holding the office of street commissioner for twenty-five years, or until his death, which occurred in December, 1857, at the age of seventy-four. He married Barbara Messersmith, daughter of George G. Messersmith, a wagon-maker in Germany, and had five children: Rosanna, who died in White Deer township, Union county, was married (first) to Charles Haas, and (second) to August Seitz, both deceased; Amelie is the wife of R. Otterbach, a farmer in Illinois; Regina is the wife of Anthony Yocum; John is a farmer of White Deer township, Union county; and Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Henry Fleckinstein, of Danville, Pennsylvania.

To Anthony and Regina Yocum sixteen children were born, of whom Henry J. was the first. (2) Adam, born December 17, 1861, is a farmer in White Deer township, Union county, and has been twice married, first to Miss Mary Gruver, who died October 28, 1895, leaving four children—Katie, Franklin, Harrison and Raymond. His present wife was formerly Miss Louisa Joe. (3) Charles, born June 26, 1865, also resides in White Deer township, where he is engaged in farming and gathering cream. He married Miss Annie Laun, and has had five children—Clarence; Calvin; Walter (deceased); Nelson (deceased); and Paul. (4) John, born September 27, 1867, is a farmer in White Deer township, and he and his wife, formerly Miss Carrie Emery, have one son, George. (5) Anna R., born May 3, 1870, married J. N. Kutz, a machinist, of Milton, and they have no children. (6) George W., born August 21, 1872, resides with his parents. He is a talented artist and has studied at Shamokin,

Penn., and Centralia, Ill. When only ten years old he lost his right leg through an accident as he was riding on a stone wagon. (7) Rosanna, born July 8, 1874, married George Dougherty, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county, and has had two children—Anthony and Anna L. (8) Margaret, born November 26, 1876, married Simon Keefer, a farmer of White Deer township, but they have no children. (9) Catherine, born January 13, 1878, the wife of David Rowe, also a farmer of White Deer township, has no children. (10) Clara, born August 15, 1879, is at home. (11) Harriet and (12) Harry (twins), born April 1, 1881, died July 25, of the same year. (13) Ida, born April 5, 1882, and (14) Daniel, born April 26, 1883, are at home. (15) Edward E., born September 21, 1884, died October 3, 1884. (16) Anthony, born December 9, 1887, resides with his parents.

Mrs. Henry J. Yocum is of German descent, though remotely, her great-grandparents on the paternal side, George and Mary (Sowers) Kolp, having crossed the ocean at an early date to settle in Lancaster county, Penn. Their son, Andrew, Mrs. Yocum's grandfather, spent his life there, engaging in business as a farmer and carpenter, millwright and tailor, and acquiring a large fortune, a portion of which he lost, however, two farms being sacrificed to meet the demand for forfeited bail money. He married Elizabeth Sowers, of Lancaster county, and had ten children, none of whom are now living except Mrs. Yocum's father, the youngest of the family. The others were: Emanuel; Cyrus; Hiram; Andrew; Polly, who married Isaac Batzer, now deceased; Catherine, wife of John Batzer, a brother of Isaac, also deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Swarley, deceased; Leda, who married Isaac Shaffer, deceased; and Sallie, who never married.

Daniel Kolp, Mrs. Yocum's father, was born in Lancaster county, March 10, 1824, and was married there in 1840 to his first wife, Miss Harriet Masters, a native of the same county, born November 17, 1826. Her father, Henry Masters, was an extensive farmer in Lancaster county, where his death occurred, and her mother, Maria Masters, breathed her last in White Deer township, Union county, her remains being interred there. They had three children: Harriet; Matilda, born December 1, 1832; and Henry, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and now resides in Allentown, Penn. Mrs. Harriet Kolp died February 10, 1850, and was buried on the old homestead in Lancaster county. On October 24, 1852, Mr. Kolp was married to her sister, Matilda. He had been running a threshing

machine in Lancaster, Dauphin and Union counties since early manhood, but in 1856, after about twenty-seven years at that occupation he purchased a farm of 108 acres in White Deer township, Union county, paying for it \$1,950. He still resides there, and, as a Democrat, is prominently identified with local affairs, and he is a member of the Reformed Church.

By his first marriage, Mr. Kolp had the following children: (1) Lusetta, born October 21, 1841, married William Koch, a farmer in White Deer township, and has had ten children, all of whom are living—Addison, William H., Ida, Eliza A., Alpheus, Amanda, John O., Dora M., Hattie S., and Olive D. (2) Franklin, born February 21, 1844, is deceased. (3) Matilda, born June 13, 1846, married Henry H. Hebe, a railway conductor residing at Corning, N. Y., but has no children. (4) Addison, born June 24, 1847, and (5) Waris, born July 2, 1848, are deceased. By the second marriage there were six children. (6) Clementine, born July 10, 1853, died in April, 1855. (7) Daniel, born December 25, 1858, is a farmer in New York State, and he and his wife, Ellen Snyder, now deceased, had four children—Benjamin, Harry, James, and Mary. (8) Josephine, born February 2, 1860, is the wife of our subject. (9) Clareta, born August 10, 1861, died at the age of nine months. (10) Henry H., born March 20, 1863, is a carpenter in White Deer township, and he and his wife, Clara J. Koch, have five children—William W., Emma E., Bessie B., Nettie N., and Ralph R. (11) John G., born February 12, 1866, is a resident of Corning, N. Y., and by occupation is a railway brakeman. He married Miss Carrie Wertz, but has no children.

DAVID GROSS, sheriff of Union county, is one of Lewisburg's most popular citizens. Through his extensive business connections he gained, long ago, a high reputation as a man of ability and probity, and the wide influence thus gained has been increased by his faithful discharge of duty in public life.

Mr. Gross was born in Snyder county, October 4, 1833, and is of an old Pennsylvania-Dutch family. His grandfather, John Gross, a native of Berks county, Penn., settled in Snyder county in early manhood, and followed agriculture there for many years, his death occurring at the age of seventy-seven, when our subject was about ten years old. The late Jacob Gross, our subject's father, was born in Beaver township, Snyder county, in 1813, and died in 1877. He was a well-known agriculturist, influential in county

affairs and in the Republican party, and served two terms as treasurer of Snyder county. He married Miss Catherine Benfer, who was born October 12, 1813, in Pennsylvania, probably in Union county, and died February 15, 1886. She was a devout Christian and a member of the Reformed Church, but her husband was not identified with any religious organization. The Benfer family was also of Dutch origin, and her father, Daniel Benfer, was born in Union county and became one of the substantial business men of his day and locality. He was engaged extensively in farming, stock raising and milling, many mills in this section having been built by him. Our subject was the eldest of nine children, the others being as follows: William died in childhood; Malinda is the wife of Robert Smith, of Snyder county; Anis resides upon the old homestead; Wilson lives in Thompsontown, Juniata Co., Penn.; Susan married Joseph Staddon, of Norristown, Penn.; Matilda is the wife of Peter Bobb, of Beaver township, Snyder county; and Nancy and Robert died in childhood.

Mr. Gross, our subject, was reared at the old homestead in Beaver township, Snyder county, his early education being acquired in the neighboring schools. Farm work, as he found it in his early years, not being to his liking, he sought more congenial employment as a clerk in a store at Selins Grove, where he remained until 1857. He then married Miss Sarah Ann Walter, of Union county, and, removing to that locality, engaged in farming with his father-in-law. He also became interested in stock dealing, and shipped cattle and horses to various points, continuing that business for about two years after giving up, in 1885, the active management of his farming interests. He has 241 acres of land of his own, and two shares, amounting to 100 acres, in the old homestead, with an equity in 700 acres of timber land. He also holds a half-interest in a gristmill at Winfield, Penn. His wide acquaintance in the county, and his popularity among all classes, have made him especially available as a candidate for office, and he has often been placed upon the ticket of the Republican party in his section. In 1894 he was called to the office of sheriff, his term beginning in January, 1895.

Mrs. Sarah Ann (Walter) Gross, his first wife, was born in Union county, August 15, 1833, and passed to the unseen life June 19, 1884. Four children were born of this union: (1) Jane Anna, who died in childhood; (2) Glancy W., who lived only a few months; (3) Laura M., who married William Dunkle, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county, and has four



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living children—Estella, Edna, Forest D. and Ira; (4) Ira J., who resides in Russell county, Kans., married Miss Della Ulsh, and has one child, Norman. In June, 1888, Mr. Gross formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Jennie Ranck, a native of Union county. Socially, Mr. Gross is identified with the P. O. S. of A., and he is prominent in religious movements in his locality as a member of the Lutheran Church.

DANIEL SNYDER (deceased) was one of those gifted beings whose genius enables them to grasp intuitively any mechanical problem, and to do with ease the practical work for which others require years of training under experienced teachers. He was a native of the Keystone State, having first seen the light in Mahanoy, Northumberland county, in 1815, and the greater part of his life was spent at Lewisburg. His death occurred in 1870 at the comparatively early age of sixty-five. A loyal citizen, he gave attention to all questions of public interest, and every worthy movement had his sympathy and endorsement. In politics he was a firm adherent to Republican principles, and in religion he adhered to the Lutheran faith and was a leading member of the Church at Lewisburg. His business ability was not confined to one line of enterprise; for some years he carried on blacksmithing, while he also engaged successfully in the mason's trade and in teaming on an extensive scale.

Mr. Snyder married Miss Elizabeth Gibson, a native of Montour county, Penn., born in 1816, and two children were born to them: (1) Margaret (deceased) married C. H. Hassenplug, and has six children: Alice, wife of T. W. Palms, of Palms' Business College, Philadelphia, Penn.; Blanche, wife of J. O. Dreisbach, of Philadelphia; Charley; Eudora, wife of W. R. Follmer, an attorney of Lewisburg; Barron, and Emily. (2) Jonathan, born December 14, 1844, married Miss Isabella Kelly, and has nine children: Charles, Carrie Eliza, Minnie, Daniel, Grace, Emma, Jonathan, Irving, and Margaret. Mrs. Snyder occupied her pleasant home on Third street, Lewisburg, noted for her kindness, and her life gave evidence of the Christian faith which she so long professed as a member of the Lutheran Church, and in which she passed away December 27, 1897. Her family has been identified with this State from an early day, her grandfather, William Gibson, coming from Ireland in the eighteenth century. Her father, William Gibson (2), was born at Washingtonville, Penn., and died at Moore-

burg, Montour county. He married Miss Nancy Berry, by whom he had twelve children: May, William, John, Grace, Doan, Agnes, David, Elizabeth, Ellen, Sarah, Margaret and Matthew.

SYLVANUS BENNETT (deceased) was formerly a leading citizen of Lewisburg, being prominent not only in business life but in social and religious circles. He was born in that city March 9, 1835, and his parents, Peter and Mary Ann (Adams) Bennett, remained there throughout their later years, and were highly esteemed in the community for their excellent qualities. At the age of nineteen Mr. Bennett, having already learned the molder's trade, left his native city and went to Philadelphia, where he spent six years. Returning to Lewisburg, he entered a drug store belonging to his brother William and learned the details of the drug business, which he followed successfully until death, on January 17, 1882, cut short his promising career. He was a Methodist in religious faith, and, without being a politician, was an influential adviser in municipal movements and a leading member of the Republican party in his locality. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Rodenbaugh, a native of Perry county, Penn., born near Duncannon February 1, 1838, and five children blessed their home: (1) Mary, born May 5, 1862, died September 15, 1864. (2) R. Morgan, born June 15, 1865, is a machinist by trade, is unmarried, and resides at home. (3) Margaret, born April 28, 1867, married Walter Frick, city engineer at Carbondale, Penn., and has two children—Sylvanus and Harry. (4) Clayton, born December 26, 1870, is married, and is now in San Francisco, Cal. (5) Sylvanus, Jr., born May 3, 1878, died December 25, 1880.

MRS. BENNETT, a lady of unusual intellectual ability, is a valued member of Lewisburg's best social circles. She owns the post office building in South Market street, and resides there. The Rodenbaugh family is of German origin, Mrs. Bennett's great-grandparents having been the first of the line to cross the ocean. Their son Isaac, Mrs. Bennett's grandfather, was born in Bucks county, Penn., and followed farming for many years, his life extending several years beyond the allowed three-score and ten. He married Miss Steelwaggon, and had a son Jacob, who was born in Montgomery county, Penn., in 1812, and became a well-known minister of the Christian Church. He was married in his native county, in 1836, to Miss Susan Wagner, and continued to preach there until 1859, building up the Church and doing work which will never lose

its influence for good. He then removed to Lewisburg, where he established and developed a thriving congregation. He died July 3, 1894, but Mrs. Rodenbaugh, who was born July 23, 1808, is still living. They had the following children: Catherine, now Mrs. Morgan; Margaret, Mrs. Bennett; Ann, wife of George Slifer, toll collector at the Lewisburg bridge and notary public for the Union National Bank; John, who died in Lewisburg, eight years ago, leaving a family; Mary Jane, now Mrs. Rawn, a widow, living in Lewisburg; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. W. E. Cornog, of Sergeantsville, N. J., and Isaac Newton, who died in childhood.

SOLOMON BENNER, a retired agriculturist now residing in Vicksburg, is a member of a family which has been established in Union county since 1802, when the name first appears upon the tax lists.

That year our subject's great-grandfather, John Benner, a native of Germany and a shoemaker by trade, came to the county and located in Limestone township, a quarter of a mile west of New Berlin. His first purchase of land was small, but he added to it as time went on until he became the owner of more than 300 acres. He died prior to 1820, and his wife, Elizabeth Hishou, also a native of Germany, passed away between 1830 and 1840, the remains of both being interred at New Berlin. Among their large family of children were: John, our subject's grandfather; a daughter, who married Caspar Gost, a dealer in groceries, soft-beer, and cakes, in New Berlin; Susan, Mrs. Michael Neiman; Mary, Mrs. Joseph Lebkicker, of Liverpool, Penn.; and Harry, of Thompsontown, Penn., none of whom are now living.

John Benner was born March 9, 1783, and, coming to Union county with his parents, followed distilling in connection with farming at the old homestead. He was a powerful man, being able to lift a barrel of whiskey by the chime and raise it to his knee. While he was comfortably situated and took the world easy, extracting all the pleasure possible from it, he was not wealthy. As a citizen he was well-known and influential, and throughout his life he was a steadfast supporter of the Whig party. He belonged to the Reformed Church, and at various times held office. He was married at Carlisle, Penn., to Miss Mary Brownawell, who was born near that city in 1784, and died May 5, 1846, his own death occurring in March, 1856. Their children were: Henry, who settled in Centre county, and at his death was buried at New Berlin; John, our

subject's father; Matthias who died at New Berlin; Michael, who died in Brown county, Ohio; Samuel, who went west in early manhood and was lost sight of, a report coming back that he was waylaid and killed; Charles, who died in Limestone township, at the age of twenty-four; Aaron, who died in infancy; William, a resident of New Berlin; Edward, who died near Selins Grove, Penn.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Archibald Thomas, of Sandusky county, Ohio, now deceased; Sarah, Mrs. Elias Hummell, of Mifflin county, Penn., now deceased; and Mary, who married (first) Andrew Glover, and (second) George Benninghoff, and died in Snyder county.

John Benner, the father of our subject, was born January 25, 1801, in what was then Tulpehocken township, Lebanon county. He was but a babe when his parents moved to Union county, and he was reared at the old homestead, finding plenty of work to do as his strength increased. His schooling, which was often interrupted in order that he might help on the farm or in the woods, was meagre, but he made the most of what opportunities he found, and secured a fair knowledge of the common branches. By assisting his father in distilling he became familiar with that business, and later he learned the carpenter's trade. He continued to reside at home until his marriage on December 17, 1829, at Mifflinburg, to Miss Mary Leiby, who was born February 12, 1809, in Berks county, Penn., and came to Union county in childhood with her parents, John Jacob and ——— Leiby. The young couple began housekeeping at the Leiby homestead in Limestone township, Union county, and remained sixteen years, Mr. Benner following carpentering as a business. The first farm that he ever owned was in Lycoming county, now Gregg township, Union county, where he purchased 100 acres of land which proved to be of unsatisfactory quality. He was obliged to stay there six years because he could not sell it, but finally he found a buyer, and moved to East Buffalo township in the same county, and rented the old Harris farm for three years. He then bought the Adam Sheckler farm of 100 acres at Vicksburg, paying eighty dollars an acre, and continued to cultivate it until the spring of 1863, when he retired from active work, although in good health at the time. In 1860 he built the present commodious residence at the homestead, and after his retirement he spent much of his leisure time in reading, of which he was very fond. He was a quiet man, never given to argument, but the company of friends was always a pleasure to him. In early years he was a Whig, and later a Republican, but beyond cast-

ing his vote regularly he took no active interest in politics, invariably declining any official honors. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and at times held office, serving some years as deacon. His first wife died August 18, 1865, and on November 7, 1867, he was married to Mrs. Charlotte (Anderson) Heinly, widow of John Heinly. She survived him a few years, his death occurring August 31, 1875, after a lingering illness, and his remains, with those of both his wives, now rest in Dreisbach cemetery. Our subject was the youngest of three children by the first marriage, the others being Sarah A., born May 16, 1830, married Joseph A. Dietrich, and died in Lycoming county, February 21, 1862, leaving several children. Charles, born August 3, 1834, died January 21, 1841.

Mr. Benner's birth occurred September 16, 1838, in Limestone township, Union county, near New Berlin, and as the only son of a well-to-do farmer he had a better start in life than the average youth of that day. He had the full benefit of the local schools such as they were, his first teacher being Emanuel Engle, in the Turkey Run school. Constant training in the work of the homestead during boyhood enabled him to take charge of it on his father's retirement, and for some years he rented it. At the death of his father he was appointed executor, and after paying off the claims of his sister's children, the only heirs except himself, he took the remainder of the estate, including the homestead. He now owns two farms containing 130 acres of excellent land, and has a small tract of timber land on the mountain. His careful management has secured a handsome competence, and in September, 1897, he retired from business and located at Vicksburg to enjoy his leisure.

On December 2, 1862, our subject was married, in Lewisburg, to Miss Mary A. Miller, who was born in Snyder county, March 30, 1843, the daughter of Daniel and Esther (Wagner) Miller. Of five sons born to this union all but one are living: W. E., born November 19, 1864, is now a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; he was married, November 28, 1889, to Miss Sally E. Hubler, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Faust) Hubler, and they have one child, Mary S. John F., born May 15, 1866, died October 15, 1869. Charles A., born January 19, 1869, is a clerk in a store at Mazeppa, Penn. Newton M., born March 30, 1872, was married November 26, 1896, to Miss Margaret N. Klose, of Vicksburg. Elmer L., born June 17, 1877, is at home. Mr. Benner and all his sons are staunch Republicans, his connection with the party dating back to his first vote in Lincoln's first campaign. He has

never sought or held office and never argues on politics, contenting himself with voting regularly. He is active in religious work, and he and his wife are both members of Dreisbach Lutheran Church. Both have been teachers in the Sunday-school for many years past, and Mrs. Benner also takes a generous interest in the work of the Missionary Society.

HENRY JACOB SYPHER, the proprietor of the Spring Garden Grist Mill in Gregg township, Union county, is a man of high standing in his community, his energy and ability having been demonstrated in his successful business career. Like so many of our leading citizens he comes of Teutonic stock. His ancestors came from the Valley of the Rhine during the early part of the seventeenth century, and settled upon the Delaware river near the present site of Chester, Penn. His great-grandfather, Abraham Sypher, with five brothers, served gallantly in the Continental army during the struggle for independence, and participated in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, and were at Valley Forge with Washington. Later generations have been no less patriotic, members of the family bearing arms in the war of 1812 and in the Civil war. Gen. J. Hale Sypher, our subject's second cousin, enlisted as a private April 21, 1861, in the Cleveland, Ohio, Light Artillery, and served throughout the war in different commands, rising by successive promotions to the rank of general. At the close of the war he settled in Louisiana to engage in the culture of cotton and sugar, and was four times elected a representative from that State, serving in the XLth, XLIst, XLIInd and XLIIIrd Congresses.

Capt. Jacob Sypher, our subject's grandfather, earned his title by service in the war of 1812. He was a native of Perry county, Penn., but in early manhood he located in White Deer township, Union county, where he conducted a farm, and also built and operated a sawmill. His wife, Salome Steece, was a native of Union county, and a member of a well-known pioneer family. The late Abraham Sypher, the father of our subject, was born in White Deer township in November, 1821, and in 1849 went to Northumberland county, Penn., where he spent nine years as a farmer. He then returned to the old homestead and operated the sawmill for ten years, and in 1869 he bought the estate upon which our subject now resides, and where his remaining years were spent. A gristmill stood upon the place, and after rebuilding it on modern principles he operated it until 1892, when he

retired from business. He was a Republican in politics, but was not especially active as a partisan. His death occurred October 9, 1895, and his wife, Anna Follmer, who was a devout member of the Lutheran Church, died January 30, 1892. She was a native of Turbut township, Northumberland county, born March 28, 1824, and was a daughter of Henry and granddaughter of Michael Follmer. Henry Follmer married Miss Eve Follmer, his second cousin, and both passed their lives in Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he was extensively engaged in farming and in other business, including gristmilling and the manufacture of lumber. Our subject was the elder of two children. A younger sister, Leah Ann, married J. W. Bricker, a merchant at Spring Garden, where he now holds the office of postmaster. They have three children—Nathan, Anna and Laura.

Mr. Sypher first saw the light May 19, 1848, at the old home in White Deer township, Union county, and until he reached the age of twenty he resided at home, assisting his father on the farm and in the mill, while several winters were spent at work in the woods. His education was acquired in the local schools after the usual custom of country lads. On January 14, 1869, he was married at New Columbia to Miss Julia Berkheimer, and he then settled in White Deer township, where he operated a sawmill for a year. He then went to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where for twenty-three years he made his home upon a rented farm, but during the greater part of this time he was compelled to trust his agricultural work to hired help, as his time was largely taken up with his practice as a veterinary surgeon. In 1881 he was compelled to register in accordance with a new law, and from that time until 1892, when he gave up the business as uncongenial, he averaged one sick animal a day, and sometimes had thirteen in one day. During one year he spent \$270 for homeopathic and \$80 for allopathic remedies. There, as in his native place, he held the esteem of his neighbors, and an account of his life was published in 1892 in the History of Northumberland County. In 1892 he returned to Spring Garden to take charge of the mill which had been willed him by his father, and he has since become the sole owner of the old farm, having purchased his sister's interest. He runs his mill night and day, the average output for one month in 1896 having been ninety-one bushels per day, while he has, on one occasion, ground 155 bushels in one day. Politically, he is an Independent, voting always for the best man, and he is not an office seeker. He takes much interest in local

affairs, and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, Spring Garden Grange, No. 32, at Spring Garden.

Mr. Sypher and his wife have reared an interesting family of five children: (1) Anna M. married Harvey J. Sones, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, a teacher by occupation, who now holds the office of township assessor. (2) William H., a farmer in the same township, married Miss Maggie Lahr, and has one son, Morris H., and a daughter, born February 26, 1898. (3) George A., a miller at Spring Garden, married Miss Ida Kurtz, and has one daughter, Clara M.; his wife was born in March, 1874, near the old home of the Sypher family, in Northumberland county, and her parents, Josiah W. and Sarah Kurtz, still reside in that locality. (4) Miss Veronica is at home; (5) Miss Bessie L. married Le Roy Hunter, December 23, 1897, at Spring Garden.

Mrs. Sypher was born February 24, 1849, in Chillisquette township, Northumberland county. Her paternal grandparents, William and Mary Berkheimer, natives of Germany, came to America and settled on a farm in that county. Her father, George Berkheimer, was born there, but in 1854 he removed to White Deer township, Union county, where he followed farming in connection with the stone mason's trade. He married Miss Mercy Stanart, daughter of Jonathan and Susannah Stanart, then of Northumberland county, but later of Lewisburg, Penn., where Mr. Stanart engaged in the manufacture of brooms. George Berkheimer died in June, 1893, aged seventy-four, and his wife, on February 7, 1887, at the age of sixty-four years and four days. They had the following children: William F. and Susannah, who died in childhood; George, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county; Mary, who died at an early age; Julia, Mrs. Sypher; Jacob, now of Limestoneville, Penn.; Sarah E., wife of Dennie Hibler, of Williamsport, Penn.; Andrew, Caroline and Lehr, who all died in childhood; Samuel, a farmer in Northumberland county; Lavina, wife of John Baker, of Limestoneville; and Rebecca, who married William Hoffman, of Northumberland county.

MRS. SARAH YOUNG. In these progressive days it occasions no surprise to find a woman filling successfully a prominent place in the business world, and the subject of this biography, a wealthy resident of Buffalo township, Union county, sustains a high reputation for sagacity and enterprise, her fine estate near Cowan

being one of the best in the locality. She is the widow of the late Adam Young, who passed away October 8, 1872, leaving a large fortune, and since 1873 she has occupied her present home, where she has made all the improvements including the tasteful and commodious residence, built in 1882. Two daughters: Ida M., born September 19, 1868, and Nora M., born May 8, 1870, reside with her, and seem to have inherited her business talent. A son, Martin R., born August 24, 1871, died in his eighteenth year. The family is identified with the Reformed Church, Mrs. Young and both her daughter taking an active part in the various lines of work carried on by the society.

Mrs. Young was born April 11, 1843, in Buffalo township, the daughter of Abraham and Mary (Young) Spigelmeyer. She was reared in the same locality, receiving a common-school education, and her marriage to Mr. Young occurred June 13, 1867. On the paternal side she is descended from an old Berks county family, but her grandparents, Henry and Catherine Spigelmeyer, removed to Snyder county early in the present century. Her father was born August 6, 1806, in Berks county, and was the seventh son and youngest child in a family of eight. Coming to this section in boyhood, he learned the miller's trade at New Berlin, and, after working for some time for various employers, he and his father-in-law purchased a gristmill at Farmersville, now Cowan, which he operated during the remainder of his life. He died suddenly on August 30, 1862, his remains being interred in Dreisbach cemetery. For some years prior to his death he held the office of elder in the Reformed Church, of which he had long been an active member. He sympathized with the anti-slavery movement and the Republican party, but deprecated the use of force and did not vote in 1860, believing that Lincoln's election would precipitate war. On April 21, 1842, he was married to Miss Mary Young, who was born in Buffalo township, May 21, 1821, the daughter of Abraham and Mary Catherine (Reidy) Young. Mr. Young was a shrewd, enterprising business man, and, in addition to his work as a carpenter and builder, conducted a sawmill and the gristmill above mentioned. He was a staunch Democrat, and at one time was asked to become a candidate for the Legislature, but declined. Of his eleven children, three sons and six daughters lived to adult age.

To Abraham Spigelmeyer and his wife six children were born, of whom Mrs. Young was the eldest; Henry resides in Nashua, Iowa; Susannah lives in Cowan; A—— is a farmer in Buffalo township; Mary C. married James P. Glaze,

of Mazeppa, Penn., and John W. resides in West Buffalo township, Union county. The mother of this family survived the father many years, passing away October 16, 1886, at her home near Cowan.

The late Adam Young was born February 13, 1808, in Buffalo township, Union county, the son of Jacob Young, an early settler of that locality, who paid taxes there as early as 1799. This well-known pioneer was born in 1775, and died June 7, 1857, leaving a large estate. His wife was a Miss Bower, and of their children, Adam was the only one to reach adult age. He was reared as a farmer boy, with the customary school privileges, and was engaged in agriculture throughout his mature years. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and his political allegiance was given to the Democratic party. As has been said he was a successful business man, and he was at the same time popular among his associates, his genial manner making many friends. He was thrice married. By his first wife, a Miss Rockey, he had six children: Jacob (deceased); George W., of Mifflinburg, Penn.; John, of Three Rivers, Mich.; Maria, who married Hugh Reish, and died in Indiana; Sarah (deceased), the first wife of George Catherman; and Margaret, who after her sister's death married Mr. Catherman. By the second wife, Elizabeth Swartzlander, a native of Buffalo township, Mr. Young had twelve children: James, now residing in Darke county, Ohio; William D., a farmer in Buffalo township; Reuben, of White Deer township, Union county; Charles, a physician at Lynchburg, Penn.; Harvey, a farmer near Bellevue, Ohio; Oliver, a farmer at Three Rivers, Mich.; Oscar, who follows the same business in South Dakota; Ellen, wife of Aaron Nogel, of Buffalo Cross Roads; Leannah, Mrs. Oscar Fury, of Constantine, Mich.; Harriet, Mrs. William Kerstetter, of Buffalo township; Mary, Mrs. Milton Hendricks, of Buffalo Cross Roads; and Susanna, Mrs. Miles Miller, of Buffalo township, Union township.

WILLIAM JONES, a prominent member of the legal fraternity in Union county, was born August 9, 1822, but despite his years is too vigorous, mentally and physically, to dream of retiring from business, and at present in addition to his other cares is the superintendent of the Lewisburg Water Company.

On the paternal side Mr. Jones is of Welsh descent, but his father, the late Thomas Jones, was born in this State, and was for many years

a hotel keeper in Lewisburg. He was married to Maria Housel, a native of Northumberland county, Penn., where her father, Jacob Housel (who was of Dutch ancestry), was also born. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years. To Thomas and Maria Jones a family of seven children were born, viz.: Adella (deceased), formerly the wife of Dr. Thomas Thornton; Samuel, a banker, who died at Williamsport, Penn.; William, our subject; Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles Shortly), residing in Williamsport; John, a resident of the same city; Catherine, widow of William Humes, of Bellefonte; and Emily, wife of Judge Rockfeller, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

The subject of our sketch was born in Northumberland county, but his youth was mainly spent in Lewisburg, where he pursued his studies in the public school and the academy. His first employment was as a driver on the canal, from which position he soon rose to the management of a boat, but after six or seven years in this business he learned the coach maker's trade and worked as a journeyman for a time. A clearer perception of his powers led him to decide upon the study of law, and in 1848 he was admitted to the Bar and engaged in practice. Soon afterward he took a trip to California, where for two years and a half he supported himself by working at his trade and clerking in a store, with some legal business added from time to time. Returning home, he was married, in March, 1856, to Miss Ada Bell, a native of Milton, Penn. He located at Lewisburg, opening an office, and has since practiced law while attending to other lines of business, public and private. He is a stockholder in the water works which he now superintends, and he has been continuously active in political life, being regarded as a leader in the Republican party of his locality. He has served two terms as county treasurer, and had held office in the borough as treasurer and town clerk for more than thirty consecutive years; he resigned a few years ago, declining to accept any further responsibility. For fifteen years he was a member of the school board, serving as secretary, also as treasurer part of that time, and he has always been found among the chief workers for local improvement in all lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two daughters, Clara and Gertrude. (1) Clara married Horace I. Moyer, a civil engineer and contractor in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has two children—William and Adaline. (2) Gertrude is the wife of Jacob G. Stevens, of Chestnut Hill, Penn., a suburb of Philadelphia. They have one daughter, Katherine.

WILLIAM M. GINTER is numbered among the loyal sons of Lewisburg, Union county, who, passing their youth there, have devoted their mature years to the upbuilding and development of the interests of the place, each working in his own line in his own way. Mr. Ginter's specialty is photography, and his desire to be at the top in his chosen business has resulted most happily, the artistic quality of the pictures taken in his well-patronized gallery being equal to that of the best metropolitan work. He also conducts successfully an undertaking business, succeeding his father, the late David Ginter.

The Ginter family is of German origin, our subject's grandfather, John Ginter, having come from the Fatherland to locate, finally, in Milton, Penn., where he and his wife Elizabeth, a native of Switzerland, died and were buried. The late David Ginter, son of this John, was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1808, and at the age of twenty-three settled in Lewisburg, where he engaged in the cabinet-maker's trade, to which he afterward added the business of undertaker and funeral director. He was a man of intelligence and character, a member of the M. E. Church for sixty-five years, and in politics a Republican, having previously been an Old-line Whig. He was married to Miss Margaret Martin, who was born in Lewisburg in 1810, and was a member of an old Pennsylvania family. She died in 1877, he in 1893. Of their twelve children, six lived to mature age: Rebecca (Mrs. E. A. Stark, of Lewisburg); Peter M. (also of Lewisburg); William M. (our subject); Elizabeth (deceased); Harriet (a resident of Lewisburg); and Margaret (wife of Ralph Musser, of Williamsport, Penn.). An adopted son, Sidney Townsend, was reared by Mr. and Mrs. David Ginter from the age of five years, and is now a resident of Brooklyn, New York.

William M. Ginter, our subject, has always made his home in Lewisburg. On leaving the public schools he assisted his father in the furniture and undertaking business for a time, but having decided to engage in photography, he, in 1869, after due preparation, which he secured in his native town, opened a gallery, and has ever since conducted it with gratifying success. He now has with him G. B. Cook, an unusually capable photographer from New York City, and no expense or pains is spared to keep the work of the establishment at the highest grade of excellence. Since the death of his father, as has been noted, Mr. Ginter has also been engaged in business as an undertaker and funeral director. In 1881 our subject married Miss Julia C. Ritter,

a native of Lewisburg, and they have two attractive daughters, Marian and Eva.

Mr. Ginter served as a soldier in the Civil war, and is a member of the G. A. R. His military experience was somewhat unusual. He was drafted on the first call and sent a substitute, but when the Rebels invaded his native State he joined the State militia, Company E, 28th Regiment, to protect home interests. He also served for more than a year as a clerk in the commissariat department at Burnside's headquarters.

JOHN JEFFERSON RANCK, a well-known coachmaker and undertaker at New Columbia, is a self-made man whose history shows the triumph of a determined will over adverse circumstances.

Born in White Deer township, Union county, July 31, 1851, Mr. Ranck is a member of an old pioneer family of that locality, his great-grandfather, John Ranck, having settled there in 1797, purchasing a large tract of land, most of which is still owned by his descendants. John Ranck was born and reared in Lancaster county, and on coming to Union county was accompanied by his second wife, Barbara. He died in 1820, at the age of seventy-eight, and his wife in 1830, at the age of seventy-five.

Their son Jonathan, our subject's grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, July 1, 1789, but his life was mainly spent in Union county, where he became prominent as an agriculturist. He was married three times, (first) to Miss Catherine Long, (second) to Miss Mary Dieffenderfer, our subject's grandmother, and, (third) to Mrs. Harriet (Kline) Dieffenderfer, widow of the brother of his second wife.

Mrs. Mary (Dieffenderfer) Ranck was born in January, 1798, in Union (then Northumberland) county, the daughter of Jacob Dieffenderfer, and her death occurred in February, 1844. She had ten children, among whom was our subject's father, Edward Ranck, now a highly respected citizen of White Deer township, who resides upon a portion of the original homestead. He was born December 31, 1825, and has been engaged in agricultural work since early manhood. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, though formerly a Republican, and he holds a prominent place in local affairs, having served in various township offices in his more active days. For forty-six years he has been identified with the Evangelical Association, and for thirty years has been an official in the same.

On December 7, 1848, Edward Ranck mar-

ried Miss Sarah A. Goodlander, a native of White Deer township, Union county, born September 13, 1825, and a daughter of Paul and Rachel (Heckel) Goodlander. Eleven children were born to this union: Mary (Mrs. H. H. Trumfeller), John J. (our subject), Jeremiah (who died January 4, 1853, at the age of four months), William H. (a farmer of Kelly township, Union county), Rachel L. (Mrs. David H. Bennage), Sarah A. (Mrs. W. H. Geyer), Edward F. (a farmer and school teacher in White Deer township), Samuel C. (of New Columbia), Pharos F. (a school teacher and farmer of White Deer township), James A. (who is engaged in farming in the same township), and Minnie A. (Mrs. Thomas C. Bennage).

The subject of our sketch remained at home until the age of sixteen, assisting his father upon the farm in the summer, and attending school four months each winter. At sixteen he worked eight months during the busy season for an uncle, Levi Ranck, receiving \$8 per month. The next winter was spent at home, and in the spring he was employed by Jacob Kizer, of Kelly township, for a year, receiving \$16 a month for the eight months of the busy season, and tending stock in winter for his board while attending school. The following season was also spent with Mr. Kizer at \$16 a month, but the next winter Mr. Ranck returned home.

He then decided to learn the coachmaker's trade, and in the spring went to New Columbia to begin an apprenticeship, but work was so scarce that after six weeks he returned to Mr. Kizer's employ and remained until the next spring, the winter season, as usual, bringing him only his board. The outlook for his trade being more favorable, he went back to New Columbia and served as an apprentice to William H. Blind for two years, receiving \$75 for the term. Mr. Blind then employed him for a year at \$16 a month, and afterward Mr. Ranck worked at piece work as a journeyman for some time at various places, spending four months at Warrensville, Penn., with Samuel Keys, to whom he carried a letter of reference, three weeks at Saloma, Penn., with Frank Crape, and six weeks with David Crape. He next went to Jacksonsville, Penn., and remained with Ira C. Johnson for some time, but in the spring of 1874, after a few weeks spent at home, he went to Kalamazoo, Michigan.

In the fall he returned home, and, on December 15, 1874, he was married at Muncy Station, at the home of the bride's parents, to Miss Sarah J. Smith, who has since shared his joys and sorrows and lightened his cares with her womanly sympathy. After working at his trade for one

year in Elimsport, Penn., he returned to New Columbia and purchased his present property, where he built a shop and residence. As he was industrious and his workmanship was of the best, he succeeded in establishing a profitable trade, to which he added an undertaking business in 1893, in which he took into partnership with him his brother, S. C. Ranck.

Our subject has held a number of local offices, including that of register, and, in the spring of 1896, he was elected assessor on the Republican ticket. He has served six years as school director, his lack of suitable opportunities for study in youth making him desirous of securing better advantages for this and future generations. He belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of New Columbia, in which he holds the office of treasurer, and he and his wife are prominent members of the United Evangelical Church. Five children bless their union: Percy E., born October 27, 1875, is a blacksmith, and April 1, 1898, was taken in as partner in the carriage business; Charles S., born July 22, 1877, is a telegraph operator at Hall Station, Penn.; Estella, born June 19, 1879, and Harry B. and Harriet E. (twins), born July 26, 1881, are at home.

Mrs. Ranck was born August 16, 1854, in Clinton township, Lycoming Co., Penn. Her paternal grandparents, John and Saloma (Treon) Smith, were among the old-time agriculturists of that locality, and their remains now repose there. Her father, Ezekiel Smith, was born in the same township, and became a prominent farmer. For twenty years before his death, which occurred at Muncy September 15, 1895, at the age of seventy-eight years and nine months, he lived in retirement, and he left a large estate to his children. He was a Democrat in politics, and in active days wielded great influence in his community. He and his estimable wife, Catherine A. Metzger, were devout adherents of the Lutheran Church. Both were buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, in Lycoming county, Mrs. Smith having passed away January 16, 1892, in her seventy-third year. Her grandfather, Jacob Metzger, came from Germany and settled in Lycoming county, where his last days were spent, and her parents, George and Susan (Dietrich) Metzger, died there at an advanced age, after several years spent in retirement, and their remains now lie in the cemetery at Turbutville.

Ezekiel and Catherine Smith reared a large family: (1) Harriet, born in January, 1846, married Percival Weigle, a carpenter at South Williamsport, Penn., and has two children—Ella M. and Arthur L. (2) Caroline married Samuel Bastian, formerly a lumber dealer and now a

clerk in the office of the county commissioners of Lycoming county. They have three children—Jennie E., William H. and Edith. (3) Ellen married Jerome Dersham. (4) Hervey, born in April, 1850, is a wealthy farmer near Muncy Station, and is now county commissioner of Lycoming county. He married Catharine Walter, and has had four children—Walter E. (deceased), Elizabeth, Minnie and William. (5) Sarah J. married Mr. Ranck. (6) Susan A., who died in February, 1893, at the age of thirty-six years, was the wife of John App, a sawyer at South Williamsport. They had two children—Anna L. and Minda M., both of whom are living. (7) Anna, born in June, 1860, married Pierson App, a brother of John App, and resides at the old homestead. They have one daughter, Alta.

JEAN FRANCOIS ELYSEE AVIRAGNET, director of the Bucknell School of Music, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Union county, is a native of France, born July 30, 1828. In October, ten years later, he entered the Royal College at Bordeaux and pursued a literary course of study. In 1845, he went to Paris, and in 1847 he graduated from the Sorbonne. In 1851 he took up the teaching of French, Greek and Latin, and in 1852 he received a degree corresponding to the degree of Master of Arts. During all this time he spent his leisure moments in developing his taste for music, studying under Duprez, Delsarte and Reviol. Later he studied vocal music under Lamperti, in Italy. He then took up the study of harmony, and composed many songs which were published by Le Mene-strel, a publishing house belonging to Heugel, while Hartman, the publisher, also gave to the world some of Prof. Aviragnet's music.

Later our subject went to Mauritius and became a teacher in Latin, Greek and the Romance languages in Bourbon College; at the same time he was the musical critic of French editions of *Le Mauricien*, *Le Ceruceen* and the *Commercial Gazette*, papers published in both French and English. Up to 1865 Prof. Aviragnet was an amateur musician, in that year becoming a professional. Previously, however, he had taken parts in concerts and conducted a Philharmonic Society of Amateurs. After leading operatic orchestras for a time, he attracted the attention of composers, among whom was the late Ambroise Thomas, the celebrated author of "Mignon," "Hamlet" and many other masterpieces. These famous composers presented Prof. Aviragnet with well-merited testimonials of his worth as a musician.



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Prof. Aviragnet has traveled a great deal, and has spent many months in Italy, Spain, Egypt, Greece, India and the West Indies, leading orchestras and teaching vocal music and the languages. At the beginning of the Prussian war (1870) he chanced to be in his native country, and he at once entered the service of the French army as a private, later becoming a lieutenant and aide-de camp of the Commandeur Superieur of the 10th Arrondissement. At the beginning of the Commune the government of the defense Nationale was obliged to go to Versailles, and Lieut. Aviragnet was sent several times as a special messenger to Versailles, to the National Assembly. Being obliged to remain in Versailles, he was, by commission bearing date April 18, 1871, made officer d'ordonnance, for the organization of the legion of the 10th Arrondissement, which was with the army when it entered Paris and ended the Commune by bloody battles upon the streets of that city, May 21 to 28, 1871.

Four years before coming to the United States Prof. Aviragnet was a teacher of comparative languages at Bolivar College, Port of Spain, Trinidad. Although not connected with the music department of that institution, he organized a band composed of students of the college, which organization, during the vacation, made a successful tour in Venezuela. He then went to New York, where he taught music for one year, when he was engaged by S. W. Murray, of Milton, Penn., to teach music and the languages to his daughter and the children of several prominent Milton families. In 1887 he became a teacher at Bucknell Institute, the department of music being then a part of the Institute. Through dint of application, and by thorough work, Prof. Aviragnet raised the standard of the music department until the board of trustees deemed it wise to create a School of Music, with Prof. Aviragnet at the head as director. In 1893 the University conferred upon our subject the degree of Doctor of Music, an honor which he wears with dignity and merit.

Dr. Aviragnet is a member of the Society of Arts and Sciences, of England (Mauritius branch). He is a life member of the Association of French Opera Artists, to which organization Patti, Calve, Plancon, Lassalle, de Reske brothers, and many other well-known artists belong or belonged. He is also a member of the Music Teachers Association of America, and is widely known throughout eastern Pennsylvania as an instructor in Romance languages at the Mt. Gretna Chautauqua. He belongs, also, to the Modern Language Association of America.

HENRY BENNAGE. For more than a century the Bennage homestead in White Deer township, Union county, has been occupied by members of the family, having been first purchased by that noted pioneer, Simon Bennage, who was born in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Penn., August 19, 1757, the son of Simon and Mary Bennage, natives of Germany. He married Miss Elizabeth Renninger, also of Berks county, and soon after located at the present homestead, where a family of four children were born to them: Samuel, March 28, 1788; David, December 28, 1791; Mary, October 15, 1794; and Elizabeth, January 5, 1798. The father became one of the leading landholders of Union county, owning several farms beside the homestead of 160 acres, and he also had about 400 acres of land in New York State. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church in his township, and took a leading part in the development of the locality in all lines. His death occurred December 24, 1821, and his remains, with those of his estimable wife, now rest in the family burial plot in the cemetery at White Deer church.

David Bennage, the father of our subject, followed agricultural pursuits all his life upon a portion of the old homestead, and at his death, which occurred in 1866, he left an estate comprising 390 acres, which was divided between five surviving sons, all but one of the farms being still retained in the family. His wife, Nancy Ranck, who died in 1863, was a native of Lancaster county, Penn., and a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Geigley) Ranck, who was born, reared and married in Lancaster county, but settled in White Deer township, Union county, in pioneer times.

David Bennage was prominent in the local movements of his time, and he and his wife were leading members of the Evangelical Association. Our subject was the eldest of a family of seven children, the others being: Simon and John R., who also occupy a portion of the estate left by their father; Enos, a farmer in Kelly township, Union county; David, who cultivates a portion of the old farm; Louis, who died April 29, 1867, in Northumberland county, Penn., at the age of twenty-one; and Mary, wife of Calvin Keefer, both now deceased. The remains of the parents, together with those of all the other departed members of this family, repose in the White Deer Church cemetery.

Henry Bennage has always resided in Union county, but he can recall scenes quite different from those which now surround him. He was born at the old homestead January 31, 1828,

and was reared after the custom of those days, working upon the farm and attending the local schools as he had opportunity. At twenty-one his school days ended, and on January 15, 1850, he was married to Miss Mary Heimbach, and settled upon one of his father's farms, which he worked for one-half of the proceeds until 1863. He then moved to his present farm, which was in its primitive condition, and building a little home, 14 x 20 feet, he began the work of clearing. Five years of hard work enabled him to make many improvements, including the comfortable residence which he now occupies.

On August 16, 1864, Mr. Bennage enlisted in Company I, 202nd P. V. I., but as the company was too full he was transferred to Company G, same regiment. He remained in the service until after the close of the war, being mustered out August 3, 1865, but although he was engaged in several skirmishes he saw no important battles, and happily was never wounded. On his return to the paths of peace he again engaged in farming, but of late years he has allowed the active work of the place to fall into younger hands, while he enjoys a well-deserved leisure. His political sympathies have been with the Republican party from the early days of that organization, and he has been active in the local administration, holding office at times as assessor and school director. In religious work he is also prominent. At the age of fifteen he became a member of the Evangelical Association, but since the division of that society he has been identified with the United Evangelical Church. In his younger days he served as class leader, and at present he holds the office of trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennage have a goodly array of descendants, of which they may well be proud. They have had ten children, of whom eight are living: (1) Mary E., born December 21, 1850, died September 14, 1853. (2) John S., born January 14, 1852, married Miss Caroline Troxwell, and has had two children—Irene R., who is at home; and Jacob H. (deceased). (3) Hetty A., born May 10, 1853, married James W. Geyer, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county, and has had five children—Clara, Cyrus, Dora, Norman, and Reuben. (4) Rebecca A., born August 21, 1854, married William Harpster, of White Deer, Penn. (5) Sarah C., born May 12, 1857, married Robert Newman, of White Deer township, and has had two children—Kelly, and Irvin. (6) Samuel D., born August 26, 1859, who resides in White Deer township, married Miss Lida Becher, and has had one son, Albert. (7) Amanda J., born June 6, 1862, married Amos Kostenbader, of White

Deer township, and has had six children—Anna, Ernest, Morris, Sallie (deceased), John (deceased), and Susan. (8) Emma M., born November 1, 1866, married Ammon Hoffman, of White Deer township, and has had the following children—Ida (deceased), Beckie, Bertha, John, Mary (deceased), Luther, and Willard. (9) Ida S., born December 17, 1868, married James Keefer, a farmer in Montour county, Penn., and has had five children—Blanche, Harry (deceased), Raymond, Henry, and Herman. (10) James H., born August 30, 1872, died January 29, 1883.

Mrs. Bennage is a native of Union county, and was born December 18, 1830, in Buffalo township. Her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Bower) Heimbach, were born in Snyder county, the former in Middleburg, and the latter in Dry Valley. The father was a well-known blacksmith, and resided for many years in Buffalo township, Union county, where he died in 1885, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, who passed away two years before him, was also seventy-five years of age. They adhered to the Lutheran faith, and were devout members of the Church, and both were interred at Dreisbach Church in Union county. Their children were: Catherine, now the widow of Daniel Bailer, of Union county; Hattie, wife of Jacob Isley, a retired farmer in Clay county, Kans.; Mary, Mrs. Bennage; Jonathan, a resident of Buffalo township, Union county; Rachel, widow of Peter Reich, formerly engaged in agriculture in Dakota; Ellis, of Union county; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Puttick, of New Berlin, Penn.; Susan, wife of Henry Frock, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; Beckie (deceased), formerly the wife of Samuel Dauberman, a carpenter at New Berlin; John H., who lives in Buffalo township; and Martha M. Whitman (now deceased).

AMOS VASTINE PERSING, M. D., a prominent young physician and surgeon of Allenwood, Union county, was born October 17, 1868, in Elysburg, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

His parents were Emanuel S. and Catherine (Vastine) Persing. On both sides he traces his ancestry back to the early Colonial period, the Persing family being descended from three brothers who crossed the Atlantic from France and settled in New Jersey at a very early day. His paternal grandparents, Mathias and Johanna R. (Parent) Persing, were natives of Schuylkill county, Penn. The grandfather, who was a contractor in his younger years and a farmer later in life, did the stone work on the D. L. & W. R. R.

between Sunbury and Catawissa, Penn., and on the Crow Hollow railroad between Pottsville and St. Clair in Schuylkill county. The maternal grandparents, Amos and Susan (Lerch) Vastine, were natives of Northumberland county, and died on the old Vastine homestead in that county, which is now occupied by the parents of our subject. For several generations the Vastine family has been identified with the agricultural and distilling interests of Northumberland county, and the grandfather served as commissioner for one term. All of the Doctor's grandparents were buried in St. Jacob's Lutheran cemetery in that county. His great-grandfather, Felix Lerch, for many years conducted a tavern at Mt. Carmel, where his ancestors were early settlers.

Emanuel S. Persing, the Doctor's father, was born in Schuylkill county, in August, 1843, and was reared upon a farm, where he remained until joining the Union army during the Civil war. At the age of twenty-three he entered a mercantile establishment where he clerked for two years, but at the age of twenty-five again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of the valuable farm upon which he resides, but has practically laid aside business cares, leaving its cultivation to younger hands. In early manhood he married Miss Catherine Vastine, who was born in Northumberland county, in September, 1841, and their entire married life has been passed at Elysburg, where they are surrounded by hosts of warm friends and acquaintances. With the Lutheran Church they have long held membership, and, politically, the father is identified with the Republican party. Four children blessed their union: Amos V., of this review; Johanna R., who died at the age of eleven years; Sadie, who died at the age of seven months; and Susan B., at home.

At the age of seventeen Dr. Persing left home to attend Bucknell Academy, where he graduated two years later, and at once entered upon the study of medicine. Going to Mt. Carmel, he worked in the drug-store of Drs. Montelius & Williams for one year, and in the fall of 1889 matriculated at the Jefferson Medical College, which he attended for four consecutive terms, graduating May 2, 1893. Returning home, he conducted Dr. Gilbert's practice for two weeks while that gentleman was attending the World's Fair in Chicago, and in the following June located in Allenwood, where he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice, which is constantly increasing.

On March 15, 1894, Dr. Persing was married to Miss Estella V. Pensyl, and they have a son,

William E., born February 11, 1895, and a daughter, Katharine Viola, born May 29, 1897. Mrs. Persing was born April 23, 1869, in Elysburg, Penn., of which place her parents, William and Harriett (Hull) Pensyl, were also natives. There the mother's death occurred August 10, 1889, when in her fiftieth year, but the father is still a resident of Elysburg, where he owns and operates a tannery and farm. He was born in 1835, and is the father of seven children: Laura, now the wife of William Reed, a miller and farmer of Crawl, Northumberland county; Elmer and Katie, who died in infancy; Estella, the wife of our subject; Anna, now the wife of Preston A. Vought, a prominent lawyer of Mt. Carmel; and Viola and Carrie, still at home. Both parents were consistent members of the Baptist Church, and in politics the father is a Republican.

Although one of the younger members of the medical profession, Dr. Persing has been very successful in the practice of his chosen profession, and is recognized as one of the most skillful physicians and surgeons of Union county. In social as well as professional circles he stands high, and is an honored member of the Masonic Lodge No. 414, of Elysburg, and Camp No. 508, P. O. S. of A., of Allenwood. He is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society. Being a strictly temperate man, he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

MICHAEL KLECKNER (deceased) was for many years one of the most popular and well-known men of Union county. He was very influential in public affairs, as by his strong force of character and undoubted integrity he gained the confidence of the people, who saw in him a man whom they could trust as a guide and well fitted to hold public office. His entire life was passed in Union county, his birth there occurring January 7, 1807.

Solomon Kleckner, his father, came from Northampton county, Penn., to Union county, first locating in West Buffalo township, but, after several years passed there, removed to Limestone township. He died August 18, 1837, at the age of seventy-two, and was buried at Mifflinburg. His wife, a Miss Hoover, whom he had married in Northampton county, survived him a few years. By trade Solomon Kleckner was a clock maker, manufacturing the old-fashioned clocks then in use, but he also engaged in farming, and for years owned the mill at New Berlin. Being very successful, he became one of the most substantial men of Buffalo Valley, and at his death

left an estate valued at \$100,000. Physically he was of ordinary size; politically he was a Whig; in religious belief he was a Lutheran. In the family of Solomon Kleckner were the following children: John, who removed to Illinois; Jacob, who died in Limestone township, Union county; Peter, who is still living in Stephenson county, Ill., at the age of ninety-five; Joseph, who died in Rapidan, Va., and was buried in New Berlin, Penn.; William, who died at Vicksburg, Penn.; Michael; Susanna, who married Daniel Kline, and removed to Spring Mills, Centre Co., Penn., but died at Aaronsburg; Elizabeth, who married Martin Dreisbach, and died in Lewisburg, Union county; and Catharine, wife of Dr. J. P. Seebold, of Stephenson county, Illinois.

During his youth, Michael Kleckner learned the miller's trade in his father's mill at New Berlin, and after his marriage he located at that place, where he managed the mill for a short time. Subsequently he engaged in farming in Middle Creek township, Snyder Co., Penn., for a time, and then returned to New Berlin, becoming owner and proprietor of the "Union Hotel," which he conducted for half a century. He built extensive additions to the house, and as a popular landlord was known far and near.

On February 10, 1829, Mr. Kleckner married Miss Susanna Reber, who was born in June, 1812, near Lochiel, in Buffalo township, Union county, on a farm, where her parents, John and Catharine (Moser) Reber, had located in 1803. The father added to his place until he owned nearly 300 acres of the finest land in Buffalo Valley. In 1831, he removed to Lewisburg, where he died in 1852, at the age of eighty-two years. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Reber were ten children—John; Samuel, who was a member of the State Legislature in 1843; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Dr. Isaac S. Vorse; James; Mary, who wedded Jacob Dunkel; Susan, the wife of our subject; Margaret, who never married; Thomas; David; and Leah, who became the wife of Rev. D. Y. Heister, a German Reformed minister.

Mrs. Kleckner was reared in what is now East Buffalo township, Union county, and by her marriage to our subject became the mother of the following children: Jeremiah, who died at Cleveland, Ohio, May 1, 1881; Charles, proprietor of a boarding stable in Philadelphia; Catharine R. and John R., twins, the former of whom is now the widow of Charles Cawley, of Philadelphia, and the latter, a traveling salesman residing in Harrisburg, Penn.; Margaret, who became the wife of Dr. J. L. Brallier, and died in Altoona,

Penn., April 30, 1882; Samuel T., who died in Lewisburg, while his father was sheriff, October 24, 1875; Mary E., a resident of New Berlin; Anna E., wife of M. L. Schach, of Philadelphia; George W., a traveling salesman, who died September 29, 1879; Henrietta, who died in infancy, April 13, 1847; James R., who was a resident of Nanticoke, Penn., and died in May, 1897; Joseph R., who died in infancy, April 29, 1851; and Alice, a resident of New Berlin. The father of these children departed this life August 27, 1887, the mother on February 1, 1892, and both were buried at New Berlin.

Originally, Mr. Kleckner was a Whig in politics, and later became a pronounced Republican, doing all in his power to advance the interests of his party. From 1841 until 1843 he served as county treasurer, was county commissioner from 1864 to 1867, and sheriff from 1870 to 1873, the duties of which offices he discharged in a most efficient manner, winning the commendation of even his political enemies. On Christmas Day, 1882, he fell and sustained such injuries as to render him a cripple for the remainder of his life. He had hosts of friends, and being kindhearted and generous, he could never refuse to grant a favor, in which way he lost many a dollar. In early life he was a Lutheran, but later he became a faithful member of the Reformed Church. During his career as a public official, Mr. Kleckner still retained control of the hotel, which property has been under the management of the family for over sixty years, a case doubtless without parallel in the county or in central Pennsylvania. Since their father's death Misses Mary E. and Alice Kleckner have conducted the hotel, in a manner which reflects great credit upon their business ability, and they have perpetuated the excellent name and reputation it has borne for over sixty years, it being considered the best hotel in any town, the size of New Berlin, in central Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN KEISER. The beautiful borough of West Milton, Union county, was established by the Keiser family upon land which has been held in the family since 1836, when Jacob and Elizabeth (Elick) Keiser, the parents of the gentleman whose name opens this biography, came from Northampton county, Penn., their native place. They settled upon a farm, whose fields, once covered with abundant crops under their skillful and energetic management, are now being built upon by the settlers in the thriving little town.

Jacob Keiser was a son of Michael Keiser, a



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Mary L. Kewen

native of Pennsylvania, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was born in Northampton county, Penn., February 26, 1807. He was a man of great force of character, a Republican in politics from the organization of that party, and was prominent in the community, holding various local offices. He died February 12, 1867, aged fifty-nine years, eleven months and four days. His estimable wife, who was born in Northampton county, September 11, 1805, daughter of Christopher Elick, survived him many years, breathing her last October 8, 1892, at the age of eighty-seven years and twenty-six days. Both had been consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and passed away in the full faith of a future life, their remains being interred in Church Hill cemetery, Kelly township, Union county.

Jacob and Elizabeth Keiser had eleven children: (1) Susanna married Solomon Ranck, who was formerly engaged in agriculture and later in coachmaking, but now lives in retirement at New Columbia. They have one son, Harrison Ranck. (2) John A., a well-known retired farmer of West Milton, was educated in the common schools of that locality, and has always made his home there. He was married December 29, 1859, to Miss Sarah Heilman, daughter of John Heilman, of Lycoming county, Penn. She died in November, 1860, and was buried in Lycoming county. One child survived her a short time only. On March 13, 1861, J. A. Keiser married Miss Sarah J. Deitrick, by whom he had two children: Jane Estella, born February 8, 1865, died February 18, 1869, and was buried in Church Hill cemetery; and Elmer Edgar, born February 7, 1863, was nearly killed when a boy by a kick from a horse; but he has made a brilliant record as a student, and is now a successful physician in Tacony, Penn., a suburb of Philadelphia. After completing the course offered in the Oakland school near his father's home, he entered the academy at Lewisburg in 1879, and later took a course in Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Penn., graduating in June, 1886. In October following he entered the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1889 was graduated with the degrees of A. M. and M. D. He then engaged in practice at Tacony, where he has ever since remained, his abilities commanding success from the first. In May, 1891, he married Miss Genia Deans, daughter of John Deans, of Phoenixville, Penn., and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, now Bucknell University. Two sons, Hubert Deans, born in 1894, and Laurence Botton, born in 1896, have blessed this union. (3) Caroline died at the age

of nineteen years. (4) Harrison and (5) Reuben are twins. The former is now an agriculturist residing in West Milton, Union county; he married Miss Elizabeth Wise, daughter of John Wise, and has had six children—Laura, Marget, Ambrose, Annie R., Sarah and Harry. Reuben, a retired farmer in Northumberland county, Penn., married Miss Elizabeth Foresman, and has four living children—Brison, Frederick, Grace and Estella. (6) William died in April, 1890, at the age of fifty years, and was buried in Lewisburg cemetery; he married Miss E. Alice Yarger, daughter of Jacob Yarger, of Hartley township, Union county, and has had six children—Lewis J., Annie, Morris, Mary, Lester, and Hattie. (7) Jacob married (first) Miss Rebecca Deitrick, who died leaving one daughter, Rebecca; he then married Miss Susan Leinbach, by whom he had five children—Edward L., John, Ammon, Erl J., and Catharine. (8) Aaron M. died in infancy. (9) Samuel, a farmer in West Buffalo township, Union county, was elected in 1896 to the office of associate judge of the county; he was married (first) to Miss Carrie Ruhl, who bore him six children—Elizabeth J., Clara A., Clement C., Jennie, Mabel, and Grace C. Reese. His present wife (formerly Miss Susannah Beaver) is a daughter of Rev. Adam Beaver, a minister of the Dunkard faith. (10) Benjamin F. is mentioned more fully below. (11) Melancthon, formerly a prosperous farmer and dairyman, died in May, 1890, and was buried at Mifflinburg; he married Miss Emma Rothermel, daughter of Isaac Rothermel, of Union county, a shoemaker by trade; they had three children—Clarence, Susie and Mary.

Benjamin F. Keiser was born January 30, 1846, at the old homestead, on the site of the present village of West Milton, and his early life was spent in the healthful activities of farm life, while the neighboring schools afforded him an education. In the spring of 1868 he went with his brother, Samuel, to West Buffalo township, Union county, and purchased a farm; but after remaining there six years he sold his interest to his brother and returned to West Milton. For one year he was out of business, and he then purchased a third of the old homestead, which originally comprised 105 acres. Two acres of this were sold to John Datesman, whose son now owns and operates it. Since his first purchase of thirty-six acres, Mr. Keiser, in 1892, bought sixteen and sixty-eight one-hundredths of the John Datesman lot, which adjoins the homestead on the south. The town of West Milton was laid out January 8, 1872, by Harrison and Melancthon Keiser, and previous to 1874 they

sold eight lots. In December, 1883, B. F. Keiser laid out an addition, surveyed by J. A. Gundy, and he has disposed of twenty-nine lots.

Since 1875 Mr. Keiser has been engaged in business in addition to the management of his farm, and he deals extensively in coal, flour, feed, and similar commodities. He is a man of unusual ability and public spirit, and has done much to advance the interests of the town. He and J. H. Krietzer, of Milton, were the first to circulate a petition for the erection of the iron bridge, 1,400 feet in length, between Milton and West Milton, which was secured after a fierce opposition, and was built in 1894 at a cost of \$75,000. In 1888 Mr. Keiser helped to win another advantage for his town in the Philadelphia & Reading railroad extension, known as the Catawissa & Williamsport branch, the ground at West Milton being leased by him to the company at one dollar per year for ninety-nine years. His best work, however, and that with which future generations should connect his name most gratefully, is the establishment of better schools in his locality. From 1876 to 1890 he served as school director of Kelly township, and during that time new buildings for educational purposes were secured in the Moore and West Milton districts. The latter was opposed by the non-progressive element, but Mr. Keiser's personal influence won the day. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a leading member of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Milton Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 256.

On February 3, 1881, Mr. Keiser was married to Miss Mary L. Pawling, a native of Kelly township, Union county; and a daughter of John Pawling, a prominent agriculturist. Four children have blessed this union: James L., born November 21, 1881; George O., June 26, 1886; John R., May 9, 1889; and Bertha A., June 5, 1896.

JOHN O. BENNAGE, a wealthy retired agriculturist of White Deer township, Union county, represents worthily a family which has been prominent in that locality from an early day.

The name is of German origin. Our subject's great-grandparents, Simon and Mary Bennage, crossed the ocean in Colonial times to make their home in Pennsylvania. Simon Bennage, the grandfather of our subject, was born August 19, 1757, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, and was the first of the family to settle in Union county, where he acquired large tracts of land, most of it being still in the possession of his

descendants. He also owned about 400 acres of land in New York State, and at the time of his death, which occurred December 24, 1821, he was considered a very rich man. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church in his locality, and his public spirit was demonstrated in other movements for the advancement of the community. He and his wife, Elizabeth Renninger, a native of Berks county, reared a family of four children—Samuel, David, Mary and Elizabeth, all now deceased.

Samuel Bennage, our subject's father, was born on the old homestead March 28, 1788, and passed his life in that vicinity, conducting a sawmill and an extensive farm. He was married in Union county to Miss Susan Ganger, a native of Northumberland county, and our subject was the youngest of seven children of this union, the others being as follows: Adam is a retired farmer in Illinois; Eve, the widow of John Buch, resides at Niagara, N. Y.; Mary married Henry Buch, a brother of John Buch, and both are now deceased; Elizabeth, widow of George Dersham, lives at Niagara, N. Y.; Susan, widow of Solomon Dietrich, resides in Hancock county, Ill.; and Sarah is the wife of Samuel Goodlander, a retired carpenter in White Deer township, Union county. The father passed to the unseen life April 6, 1866, aged seventy-eight years and nine days, and the mother attained the advanced age of ninety-two years and twelve days, her death occurring April 19, 1885; both were devout members of the Lutheran Church, and the father was prominently identified with local improvements, and with the work of the Republican party. They breathed their last in the home now occupied by our subject, and their remains were interred in the burial-ground at White Deer church.

John O. Bennage has always had his home upon his present farm, where he was born March 10, 1838. During all this time the longest period of absence (up to the trip referred to further on) was seven weeks, when he visited a sister in New York State. On December 25, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary A. Snyder, and they are nearing their golden wedding day. Farm management has occupied much of his time and attention, and he has a high reputation as a manager, but in the spring of 1892 he rented the homestead to his son, John H. Bennage, and has retired from business. Old age, however, is still far off, for a finer specimen of physical manhood would be hard to find, his "six feet one" in height being well proportioned by his 258 pounds, and his estimable wife also enjoys the best of health.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Bennage is a Republican, and he holds at present the office of supervisor and school director, having served in the latter capacity nine years. For four years he was constable in his township. He is a prominent member of the Grange of New Columbia and the Alliance of White Deer township, and takes an interest in all the questions of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennage have had seventeen children, one of whom died unnamed, the others were: (1) Jennie is deceased. (2) William, a farmer in New York State, is not married. (3) Sylvester is deceased. (4) Mary S. married Samuel Yost, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county, and has had two children—Cora and Edward. (5) Charles E., a laborer in White Deer township, married Miss Emma Baker, and has had five children—Ernest, Sadie, William (deceased), Nellie and Martha. (6) Elizabeth married William Wentzel, who is engaged in trucking in Northumberland county, Penn., and has one daughter, Cora. (7) John H., who manages the homestead farm, married Miss Susan Ware. (8) Minta married William P. Cameron, a wealthy retired citizen of Buffalo township, Union county, and has had three children—Mary, William and Rosa. (9) Thomas C., a farmer in Kelly township, Union county, married Miss Minnie A. Ranck, and has two sons, Clyde and Willard. (10) Manford E. resides at the old homestead. (11) Lillie married William Shreck, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county, and has had three children—William, Mary and Ray. (12) Rosa married Wilson Confer, of Jerseytown, Penn., and has two daughters, Myrtle and Mary. (13) Rebecca is deceased. (14) Irvin, a farmer in White Deer township, is unmarried. (15) Tuella and (16) Oliver S. are at home.

Mrs. Bennage was born November 11, 1839, in Gregg township, Union county, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rotherme) Snyder, natives of Berks county, who came to Union county in early life and remained, the father being engaged in milling. He worked at White Deer mill until it was destroyed by fire, when he went to Forestville Mill. The mother, who was born October 16, 1809, died August 5, 1854, and the father breathed his last December 16, 1877, at the age of sixty-four. They were members of the Reformed Church, and were highly respected among their associates. Mrs. Bennage was the eldest of a family of eight children, the others being: Elizabeth married Israel Eaton, a printer in Philadelphia; Rebecca resides at Williamsport, Penn.; Catherine, Mrs.

John Irvin, resides in Gregg township, Union county; Charles E. is a lumber dealer in West Virginia; and Lida, Daniel and Joseph died in childhood.

On December 10, 1897, our subject and his wife returned from a trip which they entered upon October 11th of that year. They went to New York State to visit two sisters, and to Dallas City, Ill., where they visited another sister. They also visited a brother in Iowa, having a most enjoyable trip and visit.

JACOB HEINLEY, a prominent resident of Lewisburg, Union county, spent many years in the honorable calling of agriculture before retiring to that charming little city to enjoy a well-earned repose.

Born October 19, 1820, in Buffalo township, Union county, Mr. Heinley is of a hardy and long-lived ancestry, his father attaining the age of ninety-four years, six months and sixteen days. The family became identified with Berks county at an early period, which county was probably the birth place of our subject's grandfather, John Heinley, who settled in Union county in 1798 upon a farm north of Vicksburg, where he died in 1845, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Eva Hummel, passed away in the fall of 1848, aged seventy-six years. They had eleven children: George (who died at the age of twenty-one), David, Jacob (who died near Lewistown, Mifflin county), John, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Pollie, Eve, Hester, Catherine and Lydia.

David Heinley, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, in 1793, and died in 1887. He retained his vigor and strength almost to the end of his life, and at seventy-seven drove a team and rode a mower in the hay field. He was active in politics, first as a Whig and later as a Republican, and held several county offices. Coming to Union county in childhood, he passed his life there. In 1820 he settled upon a farm in Buffalo township, but in 1843 removed to Kelly township, where his remaining years were spent. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Elizabeth Reedy, was born in 1803, and passed to her eternal reward in 1846. Of their five children our subject is the eldest, the others being: Catherine, who married Isaac Hollenbach, resides in Kelly township, Union county; John is a farmer of Rice county, Kans., and wedded Eve Ann Hertz; Mary Ann married Jacob Kostenbader, of Kelly township; and Miss Amelia makes her home with our subject.

Mr. Heinley was reared as a farmer boy and attended the schools in the vicinity of the old

homestead, the subscription schools of his first years being superseded by the modern system before his school days ended. In 1850 he was married to Miss Mary Ann Moore, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1825, and at the age of four years accompanied her parents to Union county, where she grew to womanhood. The first twelve years of their married life were spent upon a farm in Kelly township, but Mr. Heinley then sold the place and moved to White Deer township, in the same county, where he remained four years. His father's health began to fail, and Mr. Heinley returned to the homestead where for thirteen years he conducted the farm and cared for his father as he quietly passed toward life's setting sun. This duty performed, he retired to Lewisburg, a comfortable income enabling him to enjoy a time of leisure. He and his estimable wife have reared a family of four children, all of whom are living: (1) David M., a farmer, resides in White Deer township. (2) Miss Rebecca E., who, while popular socially, finds her greatest pleasure in the home, to which her domestic gifts enable her to add comfort and attractiveness. (3) John W., who resides in White Deer township, Union county, married Miss Lizzie Hummel, and has one daughter—Nellie. (4) Jerome B., a farmer in Colorado, married Miss Nellie Hamlin, and has three children—Berintha, Jennie and Amelia.

Mr. Heinley is not a politician, according to the common acceptance of that term, but he has always taken an keen interest in political questions. In the days before the war, when "State Banks," secession, the fugitive slave law, and other vital issues were agitating the country, he watched as a participant the mighty movements around which the present political clans crystalized. An uncompromising Whig in the days of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, he followed the natural channel of his thought, and became a Republican on the organization of that party. He was bitterly opposed to human slavery, is justly proud of having cast his vote from the first for the party whose greatest achievement was the removal of this disgraceful blot upon our National honor.

FRANCIS E. BROWN, proprietor of the Lewisburg stock yards, and one of the leading business men of Buffalo Valley, has shown in his successful career that he has the ability to plan widely and execute with energy, a combination which, when possessed by men in any walk of life, never fails to effect notable results.

Mr. Brown is a representative of an old and highly respected family. John Brown, the

great-grandfather of our subject, came from Pine Grove township, Berks county, now a part of Schuylkill county, in 1804, and located near the present site of Smoketown. His son Abram married Annie Gundy, a member of a prominent family in this section, whose ancestors had settled in what is now Union county before the Revolutionary war. The name was originally Van Gundy, and the family is of Holland-Dutch extraction. She was the eldest child and only daughter of Christian Gundy, born February 3, 1766, in Lancaster county, Penn., and her mother, whose maiden name was Mary M. Fullmer, was a native of Berks county, born September 16, 1773.

Abram and Annie (Gundy) Brown had the following children: John, a farmer, died in East Buffalo township, Union county; Martha married Levi Sterner; and died in Lewisburg; Elias is mentioned more fully below; Sarah, widow of Daniel Shrack, resides in Wyoming, Del.; Jacob died November 17, 1896, in Kent county, Del.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Wilson Linn) died at North Wales, Penn.; Abram died at seven years of age; and Christian died when nineteen years old.

Elias Brown, our subject's father, was born February 3, 1820, in East Buffalo township, Union county, and, being reared at the old homestead there, attended the local schools of the time with occasional opportunities to study in the schools of Lewisburg. On March 11, 1845, he was married in Buffalo township, in the same county, to Miss Mary M. Gebhart, and the first two years of their wedded life were spent upon a farm, in East Buffalo township, belonging to an uncle, George Gundy. In April, 1847, he purchased a farm in the same township for a permanent home, to which he added at various times until he owned 135 acres. The buildings on the place were poor, but he replaced them all with modern structures and made other substantial improvements. Successful in business, he was prominent in local affairs, and although a fearless and outspoken Democrat in a Republican stronghold, he was often chosen to office in the township, his ability and fidelity winning the praise of all classes and parties. For more than sixty years he was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, serving as elder during much of the time, and frequently representing the society as a delegate to the Synod. He was of average height and compact build, and an excellent constitution prolonged his life beyond the ordinary limit, his death occurring March 29, 1895. His remains were interred at Lewisburg.

Of his children, the eldest, Mary E., born July 6, 1846, married Jacob Farley, of White



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Deer township, Union county, and has had eleven children, all living: Miss Sarah L., born July 23, 1848, died April 18, 1877. Miss Malinda A., born November 17, 1850, is at home. Catherine P., born March 10, 1853, married William Groover, of East Buffalo township, and has had nine sons, of whom all but one are living. B. Ogden, born March 22, 1855, resides at Linn-town, Penn., he married Sarah Jane Hummel, and has three children. Francis E., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. Abram G., born October 2, 1861, a farmer at Linntown, married Clara E. Eyer, but has no children.

Our subject's mother, who died March 25, 1897, was born in Buffalo township, Union county, November 4, 1825, and was educated in the schools near her home, receiving fair opportunities for that day. The Gebhart family is numerously represented in this section, the Centre county branch spelling the name Gephart, although old records and papers established the proper form as Gebhart. The head of the Union county branch was John Philip Gebhart, who located, about 1810, in Buffalo township, between Lewisburg and Buffalo Cross Roads. In connection with farming he followed distilling, then a common business, and accumulated a goodly share of wealth. He was of small stature but active, and took a leading part in local affairs and in the Lutheran Church. He died in middle age, and his remains now rest in Dreisbach cemetery. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Gebhart, reared a large family as follows: Jonathan and John George died in Buffalo township; John removed to Indiana, and died there; Henry, who resided near Zion, Centre county, died in Lewisburg; Michael settled in Millheim, Penn.; Peter died in Buffalo township, Union county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Reidy) died in Illinois; Sarah (Mrs. George Shaeffer) died in Centre county; Molly (Mrs. Thomas Iddings) died in Buffalo township, Union county.

John George Gebhart, Mrs. Brown's father, was born May 3, 1798, in Bethel township, Berks county, Penn., and coming to Union county in boyhood was reared at the old Gebhart homestead, a part of which he inherited. He was a large man, five feet, nine and a half inches in height, and weighing 240 pounds. Although well educated in German, he attended English schools only a few months, but he was always keenly interested in all that concerned the welfare of the country. In politics he was an ardent Republican, and previous to the organization of that party he was an Old-line Whig. He always made his home at the old farm, his sister Eliza-

beth keeping house for him before his marriage, and at his death, which occurred December 13, 1870, he left a fine estate of 140 acres, with an extensive tract of timber land.

J. G. Gebhart was married March 14, 1824, at the site of the present village of Vicksburg, Penn., to Miss Mary M. Sheckler, who was born February 26, 1806, daughter of Daniel and Mary M. (Renner) Sheckler. She survived him many years, breathing her last on August 29, 1896. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Gebhart held different offices at times. Their children were: Mary M. (Mrs. Brown); Susannah (Mrs. Andrew S. Ruhl), who was born April 9, 1827, and died in 1889 at Buffalo Cross Roads; Daniel, a resident of Buffalo township; Sarah, who died in infancy; and Margaret E., who died at four years of age.

We will now return to the subject proper of this sketch, who was born at the old homestead September 11, 1857, and has always maintained his residence there. His early education was such as the district schools of the day afforded, and his first teacher was Jonathan Royer at the Fairfield school, along the pike. His business acumen was displayed at an early age, his present calling being undertaken in an unusual manner. When fifteen years old he received \$2 as a premium at the Lewisburg fair, and with this he bought from his father a lamb, which with its progeny was sold a year later to William Steiner, a Lewisburg butcher, for \$10. This seemed to the delighted boy to be "the biggest \$10 that he had ever seen," and his inclination to continue in the business being encouraged by his father, he made other successful deals, and soon became an excellent judge of live stock.

In the fall of 1878 Mr. Brown began shipping sheep to Philadelphia in partnership with the late J. W. Rodenbach, and in 1880 he engaged in business at Lewisburg, associating himself with Cobb Brothers, of Spring Mills, N. Y. Five years later he began work upon the stock yards, a short distance west of Lewisburg, causing a decided sensation in business circles, not a few predicting failure for the undertaking. But Mr. Brown is not the man to misjudge a situation, and his able management secured a firm basis for his enterprise, which is now one of the most extensive of its kind in central Pennsylvania. He has handled over four thousand head of cattle in one year besides many hogs, sheep and horses. The inauguration of regular cattle sales has attracted buyers far and near, and customers from seven counties are supplied from his yards, which he replenishes chiefly from Buffalo, New York.

In May, 1894, Mr. Brown established a retail meat market in Lewisburg, which he still conducts successfully, and he is also a stockholder and director in the Home Telephone Company at the same place. Thoroughly straightforward in his dealings, he has won a high reputation for integrity, while his courteous and agreeable manner easily transforms acquaintances into warm friends. He is ever ready to forward any movement that promises to benefit the community, and in 1892 he erected at the stock yards a commodious hall, known as "Brown's Lyceum," used as a polling place at elections and by the Farmers Alliance for their meetings. Mr. Brown gives the use of this gratuitously to a Sabbath-school and Church, and is, himself, an active worker in that line. He is also prominent in other work of the Reformed Church, of which he is at present a trustee. For three years—1888, 1889 and 1890—he was president of the Union County Agricultural Society, and with the exception of those years, he has served as vice-president since 1884. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, as a member of the Chapter.

Mr. Brown is one of the leading Democrats of his county, his popularity among all sorts and conditions of men making him particularly available as a candidate in that Republican stronghold. In 1890 he was defeated for the Legislature by 173 votes only, the normal Republican majority being 1,200. In his own district, which usually polls 75 Democratic votes in a total of 280, he had a majority of 73. The city of Lewisburg gave him a majority, an honor that no other Democratic candidate for the Legislature has ever gained. It is quite probable that he would have been elected except for the fact that the Assembly of that year was to choose a United States Senator. In various township offices, including those of assessor and inspector of elections, Mr. Brown has shown the devotion to public interests that marks the ideal official.

ABRAMHAM MENSCH. Among the prominent and wealthy farmers of Lewis township, Union county, the subject of this sketch holds an enviable position. He was born February 19, 1828, in Columbia county, Penn., and is of German descent; Christian Mensch, his grandfather was a native of the Fatherland, born June 30, 1745. His wife, too, was a native of Germany. On coming to the New World they located in Berks county, Penn. Adam and Abraham Mensch, brothers of Christian, born in Germany June 2, 1745, and February 25, 1750,

respectively, accompanied Christian and wife to this country.

Abraham Mensch, Sr., father of our subject, was born January 24, 1774. For some years he was engaged in the hotel and mercantile business in Berks county. However, finally selling out there, he moved to Columbia county, and was occupied as a farmer; ten years afterward he bought another farm in Lewis township, Union county, and moved there, becoming one of the well-known and most prosperous agriculturists of that township, where he spent his remaining days. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Elizabeth Miller, by whom he had two children: John, born in 1800, became a farmer of Limestone township, Union county, where he died September 2, 1858; and Elizabeth, born in 1797, married Jacob Seichler, a prominent farmer of Danville, Penn. The wife and mother died shortly after the birth of her son, and Mr. Mensch afterward married Miss Hannah Yotter, who was born January 24, 1785. Our subject is the youngest of the eight children born to this union, the others being as follows: (1) Reuben, born September 15, 1806, was a farmer of Lewis township, Union county, where he died March 21, 1865. (2) Lydia born March 14, 1809, died, unmarried, July 1, 1852. (3) Sarah, born June 21, 1811, died March 28, 1876. (4) Benjamin, born July 1, 1813, was an agriculturist of Lewis township, Union county, and died December 4, 1889. (5) Nancy, born November 7, 1815, is the wife of Samuel Stees, of near Mifflinburg. (6) Esther, born December 12, 1817, wife of Michael Swartz, of Lee county, Ill. (7) Christian, born May 20, 1820, married Miss Mary, daughter of John Beichler, a carpenter and farmer by occupation. They have five children—John B., Beneval, William, Emanuel A., and Daniel C. (8) Beneval, born in 1822, died in infancy. The mother's death occurred March 4, 1858, and the father passed away January 15, 1861, both being interred in Ray's church graveyard, in Lewis township, Union county.

Abraham Mensch, Jr., when only four years old was brought from his birthplace in Columbia county, to Union county, where he was reared upon the home farm, aiding his father, as soon as he reached a sufficient age, in its cultivation and improvement, and attending the subscription schools of the locality. He continued under the parental roof until his marriage, with the exception of a year and a half spent in farming on his own account. From his father he inherited considerable property, and his industrious, thrifty habits have enabled him to add to this until to-day he is numbered among the most pros-

perous and substantial citizens of the community. On January 15, 1856, he was joined in marriage with Miss Salinda Kleckner, a daughter of George Kleckner, who was a plasterer by trade, but in later life purchased a farm and devoted his attention to agriculture. Mrs. Mensch has six brothers and sisters, namely: Daniel, John F., Henry H., Hannah C., James and Caroline, and she also had one brother, John F., who was killed in the Civil war. In politics, our subject is a staunch adherent to the principles of the Democratic party, in which he sees the best guarantees for the preservation of our national liberty, and he has been called upon to serve as overseer of the poor two years, as treasurer of the school board for a number of years, and also as school director. In religious belief he is a Lutheran. A progressive, enterprising citizen, he gives his support to every movement calculated to benefit the community or advance the general welfare.

DAVID JOHNSON, one of the oldest and most honored citizens of Hartley township, Union county, is a worthy representative of a family noted for its patriotism. Mr. Johnson was born in Richmond, New York, in 1806, and is a son of Peter Johnson, a gunsmith by trade, who is said to have made the rifle used by Davy Crockett, the well-known hero of the Mexican war. Although they have reached very advanced ages, all of the four children of the family are still living, namely: William, born in 1800, is a retired merchant living in Hartley township, Union county. He has reared a family, all of whom are now grown and in business for themselves. Alanson, the second son, is a farmer of Canada. David is next in order of birth. Caroline, who now weighs about 380 pounds, is married, and reared a family in Michigan, most of whom are now residing in California.

As his school privileges were very limited, David Johnson is almost wholly self-educated, but being of a studious nature and possessing a retentive memory, he has become a well-informed man by extensive reading since reaching maturity. He is especially proficient in the use of the pen. By occupation he is a farmer, and although he has performed much hard work in course of his life, he is still well preserved for one of his years.

Military life has ever had great attraction for him, and in 1847, during the Mexican war, he enlisted for five years in the United States army, and served until hostilities had ceased, when he was honorably discharged. He participated in

the principal battles of that struggle, and aided in the capture of the City of Mexico. Graphically he described the peculiar rattling sound of the soldiers' bones as the shot from the enemy's artillery literally tore them limb from limb. He served under General Scott, for whom he has great veneration. During the Civil war he endeavored to enlist, but he was always rejected on account of disabilities occasioned by his service in the Mexican war. He was married to Miss Cordelia E. Brown, by whom he had five children, as follows: Albert, who is married and is engaged in lumbering in Union county; George, who lives with his parents; Mary J., wife of Robert L. Timmons, a farmer and miner of Plymouth, Amador county, California; Estella, wife of Matthias Lanors, a miner living at San Francisco, California, by whom she had one child; and Rebecca, now a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Becoming dissatisfied with all of the existing parties, Mr. Johnson is now an Independent in politics. After a long, honorable and useful life, actuated by unselfish motives, prompted by patriotism and guided by truth and justice, he may in old age rest assured that the people of this country are not unmindful of those who have devoted themselves to their interests

MENRY GROOVER. It would be difficult to find a more concise expression of practical wisdom than is contained in the homely and somewhat abrupt injunction, "mind your own business." That it is a good rule to follow has been abundantly demonstrated in the lives of many of our substantial citizens, and all who know the quiet, industrious agriculturist whose history is here outlined will agree that it has been an important factor in his success. Mr. Groover is noted also for his strict honesty in dealing with others, and his unassuming manners do not blind his neighbors to his sterling worth.

In both paternal and maternal lines Mr. Groover is of German descent, but his parents, Nicholas and Susanna (Rufe) Groover, were born, reared and married in Bucks county, Penn. They spent some years in Columbia county, and then settled in Union county, first upon a farm in White Deer township, and later, in 1856, upon the present homestead near Lewisburg. It was purchased from George Reed, and at the time was but little improved, the log cabin and other buildings contrasting strongly with the neat and commodious structures which have since been erected.

Our subject's father was a stout, robust man,

a hard worker, and continued to attend to business until he reached an advanced age. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and while conducting his farm did much work in that line, especially after his removal to the vicinity of Smoketown. At the age of seventy-seven he made several bureaus, one of which is now a cherished heirloom in our subject's home. His thrift and industry gained him a competence, and in addition to his farm he owned some property in Lewisburg. A staunch Democrat politically, he took a keen interest in the success of his party, and made a point of casting his own vote regularly. In religious affairs he was active in holding office in the White Deer Lutheran Church, with which he and his good wife were identified many years. He attained the age of eighty-three years, his birth occurring early in 1799, and his death in October, 1882. His wife, who was born April 3, 1806, lived to be more than sixty years old. The remains of both now rest in White Deer cemetery.

Their children were: Thomas, a carpenter of New Columbia, Penn.; William, who went west, and has not since been heard from; Mary, who married James Yost, and died in White Deer township, Union county; Samuel (deceased), formerly a resident of the same township; Eli, a farmer of Marshall county, Iowa; Rufus and Aaron, who died in childhood; Henry, our subject; and Sarah, now Mrs. Isaac Reber.

Mr. Groover was born February 6, 1843, during his parents' residence at the farm in White Deer township. He had a district-school education, attending the Ramsey school in White Deer township, and the Gundy school in East Buffalo township. His life at home familiarized him with farm work, and he made choice of that calling in early manhood. When eighteen years old his father gave him his time, and he began to work at the carpenter's trade, but finding it uncongenial he found employment as a farm hand.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Groover was married to his first wife, Miss Mary J. Shively, a native of Limestone township, Union county, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Catherman) Shively, and rented for a short time in Smoketown, with John Reber. His parents were then beginning to feel the effects of their advancing years, and in the spring of 1865 Mr. Groover took charge of the homestead, which he afterward purchased, both parents remaining with him during their last days. Many improvements have been made in the place under Mr. Groover's management, including a well-arranged barn.

Mrs. Mary Groover, who was a devout and consistent member of the Lutheran Church, of

Lewisburg, died February 19, 1893, and was interred in White Deer cemetery. Mr. Groover afterward formed a second union, this time, December 15, 1896, with Mrs. Rosa Riehl, *née* Smith, widow of Joel L. Riehl, and daughter of Jacob and Malinda (Walter) Smith, of Snyder county, Penn. Three children blessed the first marriage: Miss Sallie L. Groover is at home; Ada A. married Thomas Reardon, of Shippenville, Clarion Co., Penn.; and Susanna died in infancy.

While Mr. Groover is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, he has never been a seeker for office. He is a prominent worker in the Lutheran Church of Lewisburg.

G F. ERDLEY. The subject of this sketch stands second to none among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of East Buffalo township, Union county, whose record it has been deemed wise to preserve in this manner for the perusal of coming generations. As a judicious tiller of the soil he has met with excellent success, and as a business man and citizen occupies an enviable position among his neighbors. His life has been one of unabated industry, and he certainly deserves the wonderful success that he has achieved.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Erdley was born March 26, 1842, in Middle Creek township, Snyder county, and the birth of his father occurred in the same township, in 1801. The family was founded there by the grandfather, Jacob Erdley, Sr., who when a young man emigrated from Berks county, Penn. He was the youngest of a large family that was noted for strength, one of his brothers, a large, powerful man, having killed a bear in a hand-to-hand fight. Jacob Erdley, Jr., the father of our subject, followed farming and also conducted a water-power sawmill. He married Mrs. Barbara (Bollander) Mowry, a daughter of Henry Bollander, a farmer by occupation. By her first marriage she had three children, two sons and one daughter, who were reared by Mr. Erdley, and ten children, five sons and five daughters, were born to the second union. The parents both departed this life in Snyder county.

The educational privileges of our subject were only such as the district schools of his native township afforded, and at the age of nineteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade at Middleburg, Penn., under the direction of Samuel Stetler, who gave him \$50 for his two-years' service, out of which Mr. Erdley saved \$34. Going to Brush Valley, Centre Co., Penn., he worked

at his trade in Rebersburg for James Mallory for a short time, and then entered the employ of Samuel Wise, at Madisonburg. On leaving there he went to Bellevue, Ohio, where he worked a short time, and then returned to Brush Valley, working for Samuel Condo, at Rockville. Subsequently he started a shop of his own at Wolfs Store, in Centre county, successfully carrying on business there for two years.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Erdley was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Meese, who was born in Brush Valley, October 2, 1841, and is a daughter of John Meese. Nine children bless their union: Thomas J., a farmer of East Buffalo township; and Charles E., Elizabeth, Elmeda, John M., William J., Minnie, Ida and Lottie, all at home.

After his marriage Mr. Erdley began farming in Miles township, Centre county, near Madisonburg, upon rented land, and his first purchase consisted of seventy-eight acres in Haines township, the same county, for which he went heavily in debt. After five years spent upon that place he came to East Buffalo township, Union county, in 1873, and bought of Elias Rhel 100 acres at \$80 per acre, again going in debt for much of the amount. The buildings were poor, and on April 21, 1877, his barn with all the stock and implements, was destroyed by fire, causing a great loss. He then built his present barn, and has since erected all of the substantial buildings now in use upon his place. Prospering in his undertakings he has become the owner of 253 acres of valuable farming land, besides twenty-two acres of timber.

Mr. Erdley has not confined his attention alone to general farming, but in July, 1894, he erected a creamery, which he has since successfully operated, keeping on hand an average of fifty cows for the manufacture of butter, which is sold in the coal regions. Probably no man in the county has done as much as he in the way of introducing good stock, having upon his place full-blooded Chester-white and Berkshire hogs, excellent draft horses and thoroughbred Durham and Jersey cattle. He has the largest herd of cows in this section of the State. Progressive in his ideas, he keeps well posted on the markets, and knows exactly when to sell his products at the best prices. He also uses the most improved machinery in carrying on his work, and while other farmers are complaining about the hard times and poor prices, he goes to raising some other articles more saleable. He has erected a mill for grinding bones to be used upon his farm as fertilizers, and also has a blacksmith shop upon his farm, where he does his own work

in that line. He also built a chop-mill, preparing his own chopping, and also that for his neighbors. In 1897 he built two houses, and intends to build a barn in the spring of 1898, then will divide his land in three farms, which he will give to two of his sons to superintend the ensuing season. Possessed of more than ordinary business ability, wide-awake and energetic, he has become one of the most extensive farmers and substantial business men of Union county, and is ably assisted in his work by his sons, who are steady-going, industrious young men.

Although not strictly partisan, Mr. Erdley generally supports the men and measures of the Democracy, and, socially, he holds membership in the Farmers Alliance. He and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Reformed Church, of which he is now serving as trustee, and the family is one of prominence in East Buffalo township, holding a high place in social circles.

CHARLES W. PAWLING (deceased) was for many years one of the leading and prominent agriculturists of Gregg township, Union county. He was born on the old Pawling homestead at Selins Grove, Penn., and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his time, being chiefly employed in assisting his father in the fields and attending school. He completed his literary education in the Mifflinburg Academy. In 1859 he went to Elkhart county, Ind., on a prospecting tour, but at the end of six months returned to Union county, satisfied that Pennsylvania was good enough for him. Purchasing the Brown property in Gregg township, where his widow is still living, he there continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1880, when he removed to Allenwood, the same county, where he lived retired until called to his final rest, May 16, 1881.

Mr. Pawling was a man of excellent principles and a blameless life, and thoroughly enjoyed the esteem and respect of the community in which he resided, and died mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He took an active part in the work of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a faithful member, and did all within his power for the betterment of mankind or to promote the general welfare.

On September 12, 1858, at Freeburg, Penn., by Rev. Ellenmyer, Mr. Pawling was married to Miss Lydia Long, who was born in Selins Grove, October 22, 1837, and they became the parents of two children: Cora E., who was born November 12, 1859, and died March 10, 1881, and

Charles W., who was born January 7, 1861, and died July 21, 1885. The latter was for a time a student in Allegheny College at Meadville, Penn., but owing to ill-health was compelled to return home before completing the course. He remained with his mother after his father's death, and finally decided to travel through the West with the hope of recovering his former strength, but while passing through the Indian Territory caught a severe cold, which caused his death. In 1885, Mrs. Pawling returned to the farm, which is one of the finest in Union county, and has since made her home there. She is an attractive and accomplished lady of rare ability, is prominent in social and religious circles, and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Benjamin and Elizabeth (Fetter) Long, the parents of Mrs. Pawling, were natives of Maytown, Lancaster county, and Reading, Penn., respectively, but were married at Selins Grove, where they spent the remainder of their lives upon a farm, which the father operated. He died April 14, 1854, aged fifty-four years, and his wife, who was born April 1, 1801, died February 28, 1875. Both held membership in the Lutheran Church, and in his political affiliation, the father was a Democrat. In their family were the following children: Jacob (deceased) was a farmer of Indiana, and left three sons; Elizabeth is the wife of Daniel Ott, a retired farmer of Selins Grove; Hester is the widow of Benjamin Pawling, of White Deer township, Union county; Henry died at the age of twenty-one; Calvin, a retired carpenter living near Selins Grove, married Catherine Haines, whose father, Captain Haines, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war; Lydia C. is the widow of our subject; and Mary is the wife of Col. William Snoddy, an attorney of Alva, Oklahoma.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Pawling, Jacob and Elizabeth (Whittier) Long, were born, reared and married in Maytown, Lancaster Co., Penn., but became early pioneers of Snyder county, where they purchased a large tract of land adjoining the town of Selins Grove. The grandfather was the founder of the first Church established at that place, and served as its elder for many years. His remains were interred in the Selins Grove cemetery. In his family were four children, all now deceased, namely: Jacob; Mary, who wedded Daniel Lebo; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Mathias Donbauch, also deceased; and Benjamin, the father of Mrs. Pawling. The maternal grandparents were Peter and Marie (Snyder) Fetter, natives of Germany, who, on crossing the Atlantic to the New World, located near the old Row's church, in Snyder

county, but later became residents of Union county, where the grandfather followed agricultural pursuits. They had six children who married, but are now deceased, namely: Catherine, wife of John Row; Elizabeth, mother of Mrs. Pawling; Philip, who married a Miss Zearfoss; Solomon; Benjamin; and Lydia, wife of Peter Row.

JAMES SCHOCH. The Schoch family has been prominent in the vicinity of New Berlin, Union county, from the early days, and one of its chief representatives at the present time is the respected citizen whose biography we now present. Mr. Schoch, has nominally retired from an active tanning business in which he was engaged, but continues to find ample employment for his time, the force of habit being yet strong upon him.

Mr. Schoch traces his descent to that well-known pioneer, Matthias Schoch, whose remains now rest near Selins Grove. Jacob Schoch, a son of Matthias and the grandfather of our subject, was a prosperous farmer and blacksmith, and owned a large amount of real estate which he sold to his sons as they reached maturity. He was a small man, but possessed much strength and energy, and reached the good old age of seventy-nine. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and his interest in the welfare of the community was shown in many ways. At his death he was interred in the cemetery at New Berlin. He was twice married, and his first wife, a Miss Hendricks, was the mother of all his children, whose names with dates of birth were as follows: George, born March 23, 1796, died August, 1877, at Freeburg, Penn.; Catharine, born 1797, died in 1803; Michael, born 1799, died in Middleburg, Snyder county, Penn.; Jacob, born 1801, died 1853, in Snyder county, Penn.; Elizabeth, born March 31, 1803, married Philip Gross, and died in New Berlin; Sem, born October 7, 1805; John, born 1808, died 1863 in Snyder county; Catharine, born 1809, married George Snyder, and died in 1883; Abraham, born January 30, 1811, died March 19, 1881; David, born 1813, died in Snyder county; Mary, born 1815, married the late Beatty Cook, and now resides in New Berlin; Benjamin, born 1819, died at Selins Grove; Susanna, born 1821, married Rev. Anspach, and lives in Mifflinburg.

Sem Schoch, the father of our subject, was born in Snyder county, near Smith Grove. He received a limited education, but had an acute intellect which enabled him to secure practical knowledge on various subjects. During his

youth he learned the tanner's trade at Freeburg, Snyder county, and in early manhood he established a tannery of his own at New Berlin, which is still in the possession of his descendants. In 1860 he made our subject his partner and in 1866 he withdrew from the business altogether, giving his attention to agriculture, and his extensive investments in the West, to which section he had made many visits. At the time of his death in July, 1887, he owned two farms, and was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his locality. A portion of his fortune was inherited from his father, of whose will he was executor. Politically he was a Democrat, and for many years he attended the Lutheran Church at New Berlin, of which he was a consistent member. Among his good traits was a generous hospitality, nothing pleasing him better than to receive his numerous friends at his own home, and while New Berlin was the county seat his table was seldom without a guest. His first wife, Miss Esther Klose, was born and reared in Snyder county, where their marriage occurred. She died January 5, 1845, and in February, 1846, he married Mrs. Margaret (Ruhl) Kleckner, widow of George Kleckner. There were nine children by the first union, the names with dates of birth being here given. Susannah, born March 11, 1827, married Benjamin S. Winter, and died in New Berlin; Charles, born October 2, 1828, died in St. Joseph county, Mich.; Elizabeth, born October 25, 1831, married Wilson Van Valzah and resides in New Berlin; Caroline, born February 17, 1834, is the widow of P. O. Catherman; Sarah, born April 5, 1836, married George Glass, of Freeburg, Penn.; James, born April 3, 1838, is mentioned more fully below; Louisa, born October 22, 1840, married Orlando Russell, of Michigan; Sevilla, born September 18, 1841, married John Klose, of the same State; and Anna, born August 13, 1843, is the wife of Fred Knight. Three children were born of the second marriage: Jane, born April 9, 1847, married John Spangler, of Limestone township, Union county; Araminta, born May 23, 1849, is the wife of Thomas Spangler, of the same township; and Jacob M., born July 25, 1850, resides in Philadelphia. The mother of this family, who was born January 29, 1809, died in May, 1887, and her remains were buried beside those of her husband and his former wife in the cemetery of New Berlin.

With this review of the history of this well-known family we will now return to our subject, who was born in the thriving little town where he makes his home, and to whose interests he has given his best efforts. His education was acquired there, beginning in the public schools,

with Miss Kate Kessler as his first teacher, and at eighteen he entered the seminary to pursue higher branches of study. During boyhood he was employed at various times in his father's tannery, and thus he gained a complete knowledge of the business. In 1860, as has been said, he took a more responsible share of the work as a partner, and six years later he became the owner of the plant. Since October, 1884, his son, Brainard S., has had charge of the business, making the third in the line of descent to conduct it. As one of the leading capitalists of his locality, Mr. Schoch gives much time to various kinds of investments, and his shrewd judgment is shown in their successful management. He owns considerable real estate, including 125 acres near New Berlin, and an extensive tract in Kansas. He has an elegant home at New Berlin recently remodeled, and his family hold a high position socially. He was married August 23, 1861, to his first wife, Miss Rebecca W. Peters, daughter of Michael Peters, a leading resident of Hartley township, Union county. She died July 10, 1865, leaving two children: Brainard S., born February 10, 1862, who resides at the old homestead and conducts the tannery, and Ida M., who was born September 6, 1863, and died August 20, 1870. Mr. Schoch's second wife, Miss Mary Eyer, was a native of Dry Valley, and a daughter of Abraham Eyer. She passed away September 20, 1877, and her only child, Anna M., who was born December 25, 1872, died November 16, 1879. Mr. Schoch formed a third matrimonial union with Miss Margaret E. Gephart, a native of Millheim, Penn., born January 6, 1855, the eldest daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Decker) Gephart. By this marriage there are two children: Pauline S., born June 11, 1881, now attending the college at New Berlin, and Frederick G., born August 1, 1886, who is also at home.

As a good citizen Mr. Schoch is interested in public progress. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are both active members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has been treasurer for a number of years and at present holds also the office of trustee.

SPANGLER. Most of those bearing this name, that are here represented, trace their ancestry back to an old Northumberland county family, but the family is now most numerous in Snyder, Union and Centre counties. The name of Spangler appears quite often in this volume, and just as often as we have introduced a sketch of some one of that family, just so often

will you find the highest type of American citizenship. JOHN SPANGLER is by no means an exception to that rule. He is one of the honest, industrious farmers and well-to-do citizens of Limestone township, Union county.

On Penn's creek, two miles and a half west of New Berlin, John Spangler was born February 27, 1843, his parents being Daniel and Lydia (Maize) Spangler. He was born in the same stone house which he now occupies, it being built by his paternal grandfather in 1802. So well was it constructed that for sixty-six years the first roof lasted, and the whole building is in such an excellent state of preservation to this day that it will undoubtedly last another century.

Upon his present farm John Spangler was reared, and his education was obtained in the neighboring schools, his first teacher being Jacob Sanders, but his advantages were limited, as the farm work extended throughout most of the year. After one season's crops were at last threshed and ready for use, it was only a few weeks before the spring work began, so that he had but little time to attend school. Most of his early life was spent under the parental roof, but for two seasons he worked away from home; the first, when eighteen years of age, receiving \$10 per month for his services.

In New Berlin, December 20, 1866, Mr. Spangler was married to Miss Jane Schoch, who was born at that place, April 9, 1847, a daughter of Sem and Margaret (Ruhl) Schoch. With Miss Kate Kessler as teacher, she began her learning in the schools of New Berlin, and there completed her education. She has been the mother of five children: Annie, born September 12, 1867, died August 12, 1870; Clementine, born October 22, 1869, is now the wife of Jacob Miller, of Limestone township, Union county; Reno S., born August 3, 1871, is one of the steady-going young men of Limestone township; he assists in the operation of the home farm, and is also interested in the lumber business; Maggie, born October 8, 1873, is the wife of H. P. Goodling, of York, Penn.; and one child (unnamed) (the last), born February 3, 1876, died March 13, 1876.

After his marriage, Mr. Spangler rented his father's farm, and such arrangements continued until October 19, 1871, when he and his brother Christopher bought the homestead, our subject receiving ninety-two acres when the property was divided. He was obliged to go in debt, but by industry, perseverance and good management, he has succeeded in clearing the place of all incumbrances, and has made many valuable and useful improvements, his farm being now one of

the best along Penn's creek, either in Union or Snyder counties.

An excellent citizen, of the strictest integrity, he is highly respected by all who know him, and he and his family occupy a position of prominence in the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spangler are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, taking a leading and active part in its work, Mr. Spangler now serving as a deacon, and in this capacity has been foremost in matters pertaining to the best interests of the Church.

REV. AMMON STAPLETON, A. M., M. S., Lewisburg, Union county, was born near Spangsville, Berks Co., Penn., January 15, 1850, a son of William and Elizabeth (Specht) Stapleton, also natives of Berks county.

The ancestor of the subject of this sketch was Robert P. Stapleton, born in England, in 1690, of noble origin, but becoming a Quaker he was ostracized by his people, and hence emigrated to Pennsylvania. In 1732 he acquired a fine plantation in Oley township, Berks county, but in 1750 he migrated to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, where he died in 1754, leaving four sons and six daughters, all married.

Our subject emanates from the emigrant Robert P. Stapleton's son John, in whose care the Oley estates were left. John died in Oley, in the same year (1754) as his father, leaving a son, John, Jr., born in 1751, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war. He died in 1820, leaving a son, William, Sr., whose son, William, Jr., born in 1815, is the father of Rev. Ammon Stapleton. In 1853, the parents of our subject removed to Buffalo Valley, Union county, where the latter's early boyhood days were passed. In 1861 he was sent to Berks county where he remained with his relatives till 1863, when he returned. In July, 1864, then but fourteen years of age, he enlisted under the call of President Lincoln for volunteers to repel the invasion of the Rebel General Early, and saw nearly five months' active service as a member of Company F, 195th P. V. I., his regiment participating in the Shenandoah Valley campaign under Sheridan, where he heard the roar of battle at Winchester, Cedar Creek, &c. Returning home in November, 1864, he re-enlisted in February, 1865, in Company I, 192nd Regiment, which was assigned to Hancock's Veteran (First) Corps, and which was kept in service until August, 1865.

In 1867 Mr. Stapleton began his collegiate studies, intending at first to prepare for the medical profession; a change in his purpose of life, however, led him to prepare for the ministry in-



Rev. A. Stapleton, A.M., M.S.

stead, and he completed his course at Central Pennsylvania College, in 1871. In March, 1872, he entered the itinerant ranks of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the (now) United Evangelical Church. Amid all the cares and arduous labors of his itinerant life, he never for a moment discontinued his studies, his special field of research being the natural sciences. In the field of geology and paleontology he had many eminent correspondents, among them the world-renowned Prof. James Hall, of the New York State Museum, and Prof. Williams, of Cornell University, while his researches resulted in the discovery of hitherto unrecorded fossils. Later he turned his attention to Colonial history, and in 1891 was elected, on the recommendation of Hon. John Blair Linn, ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth, as a member of the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

Mr. Stapleton's services to his Conference and denomination have been very valuable. For seven years he was secretary of his Conference; in 1891 was a delegate to the Philadelphia General Conference, and, in 1894, to the Naperville (Ill.) General Conference, at which time he was one of the secretaries. In 1895 he was elected to the office of presiding elder, his headquarters being at Lewisburg.

Besides many serial magazine and newspaper articles on science and history, Mr. Stapleton published, in 1885, "Natural History of the Bible", and, in 1895, "Compend of Church History"; his large history of his denomination is at the present time (1897) going through the press; besides three works—"The Evangelical Catechism", "Evangelical Cabinet", and "Memorials of the Huguenots",—as yet unpublished.

In 1875 Rev. Ammon Stapleton was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Crandall, of Canton, Bradford Co., Penn., and they have two sons and three daughters living.

JOHAN DEWIRE, of Lewisburg, is a man whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances shows what can be done by industry and economy, especially if a sensible wife seconds his efforts to secure a home and competence. Born of poor parents, Mr. Dewire was obliged to make his way in life without any of the aids which are usually considered essential to success.

Thomas Dewire, his father, was born in Ireland in 1800, and his people being of very limited means, came as a young man to this country to work as a laborer on a canal then in process of

construction along the Susquehanna river. He spent seven weeks on the ocean, and, on landing, had but a few cents in his pocket. He was a short man, stout in build, and a hard worker, but never made over fifty cents a day. While in one of the shanties where he boarded while working on the canal, he made the acquaintance of Miss Julia A. Barnhart, daughter of John Barnhart, of Berks county, Penn., who was also a day laborer. Love laughs at poverty as well as at bars and locks, and the two were married, managing in some way to maintain a home on his scanty wages. He remained in Pennsylvania, living for a time in Northumberland county, and later removing to Union county, and the last six years of his life were spent in East Buffalo township, near Hardscrabble.

In politics Thomas Dewire was a Whig. Having been reared as a Catholic, he clung to that form of faith for many years, but in 1843 he joined the Evangelical Association, of which his wife was a devout member, and remained steadfast to its principles until his death, which occurred at Lewisburg in 1846; his widow survived him nearly forty years, dying January 27, 1883, at the age of sixty-nine. The last ten years of her life were passed at the home of our subject, and when she passed away her remains were laid to rest in the Lewisburg cemetery, those of her husband being in the old Lutheran cemetery at Lewisburg, beside the present Lutheran church. Seven children were born to Thomas and Julia Dewire: Margaret, who married (first) Noah Young, and (second) Jefferson Kaler, and died in East Buffalo township; John D., our subject; Rosanna, now Mrs. Jacob Akey, of Lycoming county, Penn.; Thomas, of East Buffalo township, Union county; James, who died when seven years old; William, of Turtleville, Penn.; and Alexander, who served in the 51st P. V. I. during the Rebellion, and died in 1881.

John Dewire was born March 25, 1833, his parents then residing in Northumberland county, near Tuckahoe. As they remained in that locality until he was seven years old, his education was begun there, but on their removal to Union county, he attended the Jefferson school house. With these somewhat limited advantages his education stopped, and the consciousness of his own deprivations has made him a firm friend of better educational opportunities for the rising generation.

At the time of his father's death Mr. Dewire was only thirteen years old, but, as the eldest son in a large family of children, a heavy sense of responsibility rested upon him. His widowed mother worked at knitting and spinning, but her

earnings were not sufficient for the needs of so many. For two years Mr. Dewire worked in a tannery at Lewisburg at \$2.50 per month, and then hired out at \$5 per month to farmers in the vicinity, working for some time for William Brown and Byers Ammon. Later he worked for one year in the construction of the Winfield furnace, and he was afterward employed as a workman in the mines of the company for twenty-three years, during which time he managed to save the money to buy his present home near Lewisburg.

On October 9, 1855, Mr. Dewire was married to Miss Mary C. Zearns, who was born at Middle Creek, Snyder Co., Penn., October 4, 1837, the daughter of Levi and Esther (Gemberling) Zearns. The father died leaving three small children: Lydia, now Mrs. George Bower, of Selins Grove; Mary C., Mrs. Dewire; and Amanda, widow of William G. Smith, residing at Lewisburg. The mother married a second husband, Frederick Hare, by whom she had four children. She died at Selins Grove at the age of sixty-nine.

When Mrs. Dewire was eight years old she was placed among relatives, and until her marriage her life was passed without a fixed home. It is not to be wondered at that both our subject and his wife should devote their energies to securing a home of their own, and their delight and satisfaction can only be imagined when in March, 1866, they finally found themselves actually in possession of their cozy house. Continued effort has brought increased prosperity, and other land has been added until they now own about forty-seven acres of excellent land. Not one cent of indebtedness stands against any of it, and they have a comfortable sum of money invested in other ways. And this success, remarkable under the circumstances, has been won by honest means, a notable fact in these days of unscrupulous methods of business, and among all Mr. Dewire's acquaintances there is not one man who can justly charge him with a wrong.

Ten children have been reared in this home, their names with dates of birth being as follows: Oliver, April 18, 1856, is a carpenter and car builder at New Columbia, Penn.; Albert, September 24, 1857, is employed as a brakeman on the Reading railroad; Emma, August 22, 1859, married Andrew Yeager, of Sunbury, Penn.; Charles F., April 17, 1863, is a teacher at Lewisburg; Ada, July 15, 1864, married William I. Hess, of Riverside, Penn.; C. Nervon, October 13, 1867, lives in Winfield, Penn.; Jane E., January 28, 1872, married Samuel Paul, of New Columbia, Penn.; Alice, October 11, 1875, married William Richards, and lives in Sunbury; Ed-

ward J., April 21, 1878, and Minnie, July 18, 1880, are at home.

In religious faith, Mr. Dewire is inclined to the Evangelical Church, of which his wife is a member. Politically, he is a steadfast Republican, but though a regular voter he is not an office seeker. He served, however, as tax collector in East Buffalo township when Jacob Mac-hamer, Thomas Barber and Mr. Shuck formed the board of commissioners. He is identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, belonging to Justitia Grange, No. 434, at Lewisburg.

AS. HOCH. Among the most attractive homes in the pleasant little city of New Berlin, Union county, is that of the well-known merchant whose career this biography outlines. Although now retired from active business, Mr. Hoch has been long and prominently identified with mercantile circles in this section, having successfully conducted establishments at various places.

Mr. Hoch is of German ancestry, his grandfather having been the first to cross the ocean from the Fatherland. Samuel Hoch, our subject's grandfather, a farmer in Snyder county, died at a comparatively early age leaving a large family of children, of whom our subject's father, John Hoch, was among the oldest. The family was separated after this bereavement, and John Hoch, then quite a small boy, was hired out to a farmer, an entire stranger, no provision being made for his schooling, which was limited to a few months snatched at intervals in his work. At sixteen he began an apprenticeship to a carpenter, Albright Swineford, receiving his board and clothes, and this business he followed at Middleburg, Penn., throughout his active life. He retired from business at the age of fifty-seven, and the last few years of his life were spent in Mifflinburg, his death occurring at seventy-seven. His wife, Elizabeth Swineford, a daughter of his former employer, died at New Berlin, Penn., but both were buried at Middleburg, her birthplace, and their home during the greater portion of their wedded life. She was a Lutheran in faith, while Mr. Hoch belonged to the Reformed Church, and he gave liberally toward the support of both Churches. He held various offices in the Church at Middleburg, and at one time saved the edifice from being sold by the sheriff, a subscription being raised by him for this purpose. This task was undertaken on foot through Centre and Union counties, and many weary miles were traversed before the object was accom-

plished. Politically, he was a staunch Republican, and while he was not eager for official honors he held some minor offices. He was of a stout build, and in his active days was a hard worker, accumulating two competences in his lifetime, the first having been lost through the unscrupulousness of others. His home was to him the dearest spot on earth. Of his three children, our subject was the eldest; Abraham died in infancy; Mary M. married Samuel E. Long, and resides in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

A. S. Hoch was born June 11, 1836, at Middleburg, and such schooling as fate vouchsafed to him was obtained there. While he was a boy his father's business reverses compelled him to leave school and assist in supporting the family, as he could earn fifty cents per day at carpentering. By the time his father had retrieved his fortunes our subject was past school age, and thus he began his independent business career at twenty-one with but little preparation. His hard work during boyhood had undermined his health, and he could not continue the carpenter's trade, so he accepted a position as clerk for Daniel J. Bogar, a merchant in Middleburg, Snyder Co., Penn., at ten dollars per month and board. After a short time Mr. Bogar failed, and Mr. Hoch then spent more than two years in clerking for Reuben Keller, at Adamsburg, Penn. In the fall of 1860 he established a mercantile business of his own at Margaret's Mills, Snyder county. His capital amounted to \$39 at the time, but he had won the confidence of some monied men, among whom was Robert W. Smith, of Middleburg, Snyder Co., Penn., a former employer, who gave him a start. In 1861 Mr. Hoch transferred his business to Kelly Cross Roads, Penn., and later opened another store at Kelly Point, where he was the first merchant. He built up a large trade at both places, and while there was instrumental in having a post office established at each. In March, 1888, he moved to New Berlin, where his son, John W., was in the same line of business as senior member of the firm of Hoch & Kline, and by purchasing Mr. Kline's interest our subject entered the firm, which then became Hock & Son. Five years later he retired, and the firm has since been known as Hoch & Oldt. A handsome competence has rewarded the past years of effort, and Mr. Hoch is now enjoying his well-earned leisure. He is jovial in manner, and is well-preserved, looking ten years younger than he is. He and his wife are prominent in social life, and in the work of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Hoch has twice held the office of elder, and for two years was president of the Christian En-

deavor Society. He also belongs to the Masonic lodge at Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania.

On April 16, 1857, Mr. Hoch was married to his first wife, Miss Amelia Saltzman, who was born in November, 1838, in Adamsburg, Penn., the daughter of William and Catherine Saltzman, well-known residents of that village. She died June 18, 1884, and her remains now rest in the Lutheran cemetery in Kelly township, Union county. Of her two children, the first, Lizzie, died in childhood; John W., born August 7, 1859, is now one of the leading merchants of New Berlin, as noted above. Mr. Hoch's present wife, whom he wedded October 16, 1888, in White Deer township, Union county, was formerly Miss Ida M. Keefer. She was born in Buffalo township, Union county, the daughter of Martin and Utica (Herman) Keefer, who reared a family of ten sons and three daughters, of whom she is the eldest.

In his political sympathies Mr. Hoch has always been a Republican, and he walked three miles to cast his first vote for John C. Fremont for President. Wherever he has resided he has taken an influential part in local affairs, serving as assessor, overseer of the poor, school director in different places, and in New Berlin as a member of the city council, of which he was president for three years.

WILLIAM LAIRD IRWIN. This gentleman is now living in the town of Mifflinburg, and is a native of Union county, born in Buffalo township, in 1844, a son of James and Amelia (Pontius) Irwin. William Irwin, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, but when only twelve years old came to America and took up his residence in Pennsylvania, becoming one of the pioneers of the central portion of this State. He was an enterprising, progressive man, a Presbyterian in religious belief, and died at the age of sixty-eight years. The maternal grandparents were Peter and Barbara (Kleckner) Pontius. The grandfather, who was a farmer by occupation, died at the age of eighty years. The father of our subject also engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout life.

William Laird Irwin is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being: Robert H., now a farmer of Cowan, Union county, enlisted in Company E, 51st P. V. I., which was assigned to Burnside's Corps. For three years he served his country with distinction, was the first man on the Antietam bridge, and threw open the gate for his comrades to follow. Peter Pontius, the second son, enlisted in

Company F, 49th P. V. I., was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness, and incarcerated in Andersonville, Ga., where his death occurred September 22, 1864. James Winfield is now a farmer of Montour county, Penn. Jennie died unmarried. John S. is a farmer living near Kelly Point, Union county. Joseph C. is a resident of Mifflinburg. Amelia P. died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended the public schools of his native county, and after finishing his education worked on his father's farm until twenty years of age. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he also joined the Union service in 1864, enlisting in Company E, 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and faithfully served his country until the war had ended, and his services were no longer needed, being mustered out June 5, 1865. He then devoted his time and attention to farming, in which occupation he is still engaged.

In December, 1871, Mr. Irwin led to the marriage altar Miss Mary Wilson Snodgrass, a daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Wilson) Snodgrass, of Cumberland county, Penn. Her father followed farming, and also operated a foundry and gristmill. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have one daughter, Anna Blanche, who was born in Mifflinburg, November 17, 1872. For some time she attended the public schools, but completed her education in a select school of Mifflinburg. With the Presbyterian Church the parents hold membership, and the family is held in the highest regard by all who know them. In his political affiliations Mr. Irwin is an inflexible adherent to the doctrines and principles of the Republican party. He is a public-spirited, enterprising man, and takes an active interest in everything which seems to promise a benefit to the community.

HENRY EISENHAUER, a venerable and highly-respected resident of Kelly township, Union county, has been for many years a leading agriculturist of that locality, and although now retired from active business, he owns, among other property, 638 acres of the best land to be found in that region of fertile farms.

Born October 10, 1819, in Snyder county, Penn., he comes of pioneer stock, his grandparents, Martin and Sarah Eisenhauer, having settled there at an early day upon a farm. The first years of their married life were, however, spent in Berks county, Penn., and our subject's father, Abraham Eisenhauer, was born there. He also followed agricultural pursuits, his life being spent mainly in Snyder county, where he was prominently identified with local affairs, as a

member of the Reformed Church, and a warm sympathizer with the doctrines of the Republican party. He was married in Snyder county to Miss Eve Bolender, a native of Union county, and daughter of Henry Bolender, a prominent farmer, who came originally from Lancaster county, and whose death occurred in Snyder county. Mrs. Eisenhauer died in 1840, at the age of forty-two, but our subject's father lived a few days beyond his eightieth year, breathing his last in 1878.

They had ten children (of whom six are still living): Elizabeth married Henry Rearick, a farmer, and both are now deceased; Henry is mentioned more fully below; Catherine is the wife of Jacob Walter, a farmer in Cook county, Ill.; Amelia married George Utt, a farmer, and both are now deceased; Barbara married Fred Engle, a farmer at Middleburg, Snyder county, and both now deceased; Mary is the widow of Reuben Agler, of Beavertown, Penn., who, at the time of his death, was a retired farmer; Sarah married William Hess, a merchant at Philipsburg, Penn.; Lucinda is the widow of Samuel Bowen, formerly an auctioneer at Middleburg; Robert (deceased) was a farmer in Michigan, and Benjamin is now engaged in agriculture in Michigan.

Mr. Eisenhauer, our subject, was reared to farm life, and while assisting in the work at home attended the local schools. He remained with his father until the age of twenty-eight, when he went west on a prospecting tour; but finding "no place like home," he decided to return to his native place to live. He rented one of his father's farms for nine years, and his industry and thrift being rewarded with good returns he purchased a farm of 230 acres in Union county, to which he removed in 1857. Thereon he remained until the spring of 1896, when he took possession of his present residence near Kelly Point. He is a leading member of the Reformed Church at White Deer, in which he has been an officer for over forty years, and in politics he is a staunch Republican.

In February, 1847, Mr. Eisenhauer was married at Middleburg, Penn., to Miss Esther Agler, a daughter of Jacob and Esther Agler, well-known residents of Snyder county, Penn. Twelve children were born of this union, their names with dates of birth being as follows: Uriah A., November 4, 1847, is a farmer in Kelly township, Union county; Orgim Z., February 18, 1849, is also a farmer in the same locality; Ursh A., August 29, 1851, is engaged in farming in Union county; Thama E., July 17, 1853, married Benjamin Stahl, a carpenter in Union coun-



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ty; Alvy J., January 3, 1856, died at an early age; Alice Esther, December 30, 1857, is the wife of Charles Cooper, a merchant at Milton, Penn.; Sarah E., September 17, 1860, died at two years of age; Sybilla A., April 29, 1862, resides in Chicago, Ill.; John H., June 1, 1864, is a farmer in Kelly township, Union county; and Mary A., May 31, 1867, died in infancy. Two sons died at or about birth, unnamed, one born July 1, 1852, and the other born March 10, 1859. The mother of this family passed to the unseen life May 31, 1867, at the age of forty years and three months. On November 7, 1867, Mr. Eisenhauer formed a second union, this time with Miss Semmira Baker, the ceremony being performed at Mifflinburg, Penn. They have one son, William S., born June 25, 1868, who is now a farmer in Kelly township, Union county.

Mrs. Eisenhauer is a bright, clever woman, devoted to her home, and has been a true helpmeet to her husband. She was born May 30, 1840, in White Deer township, Union county, a daughter of Samuel and Christiana (Kunes) Baker, and granddaughter of Michael and Sarah (Wolfenberger) Baker, who came to this section from Lebanon county, Penn., and passed their last days upon a farm in White Deer township. Samuel Baker was born in Union county, and became a successful farmer there. In politics he was a Democrat, while in religion he adhered to the principles of the Evangelical Church, of which he was a member. He died in June, 1882, aged eighty years, six months and three days, and his wife passed away December 21, 1878, at the age of sixty-seven years and nine months. She was a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., where her parents, John and Hannah (Smith) Kunes, were lifelong residents. The children of this union were: Uriah, who died at the age of ten years; Semmira (Mrs. Eisenhauer); Samuel S., who is in the drug business at Coburn, Penn.; Anna B., wife of George P. Straub, foreman in a car factory at Watstown, Penn.; Levi, who died in infancy; and Michael, a merchant at Watstown, where he conducts an extensive business.

MISS ESTHER VONEIDA. The Voneida homestead in Buffalo township, Union county, is one of the oldest estates in the locality, and is now occupied by the fourth generation in direct descent from the original purchaser, Philip Voneida, a native of the Palatinate, Germany, and a miller by trade, who on arriving in this country settled first in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, but later became a pioneer in

Buffalo Valley. He and his wife, Hannah Reed, reared a large family, and their descendants are numerous in this section, and especially in Centre county.

Their son Peter, the father of the estimable lady whose name introduces this sketch, was born at the homestead July 25, 1780, and being reared to farming, followed that occupation there throughout his life. He was successful, financially, and left a comfortable competence at his death. In person he was short and heavy set, and his good constitution enabled him to do much hard work in his time. He was a staunch Republican in politics. His disposition was most genial, and he greatly enjoyed social intercourse often visiting his friends while making his own home a center for a most generous hospitality. As a citizen he was highly esteemed in the community where he resided so long. He died August 26, 1853, after a lingering illness of seven years, having suffered three severe strokes of paralysis. On September 11, 1810, he was married to Miss Esther Kauffman, who was born June 31, 1793, the daughter of John and Catherine Kaufman. She died July 8, 1865, a broken limb becoming inflamed and causing her death at the end of seven weeks of suffering. Both were devout members of the Reformed Church and died in that faith, their remains being interred at Dreisbach Cemetery. They had twelve children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Philip, November 24, 1811, died July 13, 1877, in Nippenose Valley; John, April 13, 1813, died March 13, 1871, in the same locality; Daniel, May 22, 1816, was also a resident of Nippenose Valley, and died there July 6, 1893; Catherine, May 21, 1818, married Michael Groove, and died July 29, 1885, at Mifflinburg; Jacob, April 16, 1820, resides in Nippenose Valley; Peter, March 12, 1822, died in Northumberland county April 24, 1894; Solomon, February 9, 1824, died April 22, 1826; David, October 25, 1825, died in Buffalo township April 2, 1891; Henry, February 11, 1828, died April 27, 1837; Joseph, June 10, 1830, died in Lewisburg April 22, 1889; Hannah, March 10, 1834, died in Lewisburg May 29, 1896; Esther, December 2, 1836, is now a highly-esteemed resident of Lewisburg. She was born at the old homestead, and in childhood attended the Pontius school in the same neighborhood, but, as the youngest of the family, her parents looked to her for much attention in their declining years, and her generous affection made her more than willing to sacrifice her education to their need. An unusually intelligent mind has enabled her to make good her early deprivation, and she is well informed upon the topics

which interest people of culture. She owns 145 acres of land in East Buffalo township, Union county, and a pleasant home in Market street, Lewisburg, purchased in 1883. She and her sister Hannah resided at the home farm until April 1, 1884, when they removed to Lewisburg. Miss Hannah Voneida passed to the unseen life in 1896, as has been said, leaving the memory of a devoted Christian character, and Miss Esther still occupies the home which their mutual affection had brightened for each. She takes a kindly interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community, and is a member of the Reformed Church, having made profession of her faith at the age of seventeen.

A E. REEDY. Few men in any calling have a keener appreciation of life than is displayed by the subject of this biography, one of the most progressive farmers of Buffalo township, Union county. Extensive travel and intelligent observation, together with a generous course of reading, have given him a wide range of information, and this without the sacrifice of material success, for while he has never made the acquisition of money his sole ambition, he has prospered as well as the most parsimonious.

Mr. Reedy comes of an excellent family, a leading characteristic being the mutual helpfulness by which its members sustain each other at all times. His ancestors located in Berks county, Penn., at an early day, and his grandfather, Michael Reedy, enlisted from that county as a drummer boy in the Revolutionary army at the age of sixteen, and served under General Rochambeau. After the war closed he followed the tailor's trade for many years, but never accumulated enough money to buy a home. For seventeen years he was a cripple from rheumatism, and his means being exhausted during the enforced idleness, he decided to seek a home in Union county, where, land being cheaper, he might hope for better opportunities. Possibly he hoped to derive benefit also from the change of air. At any rate the long journey was made about 1820, Mr. Reedy lying on a feather bed in the wagon which conveyed the household goods. He and his wife, Anna M. Sarvey, reared a large family, but some of the children remained in Berks county, only four accompanying them, viz.: Jonathan, who died in 1896 at Millmont, aged ninety-six years; Emanuel, our subject's father; Michael, Jr., who went west, but has not been heard from since the war, when he was living in Michigan; and Lydia, Mrs. George Baker, who died in Kelly township, Union county.

Emanuel Reedy was born February 28, 1810, in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and was, therefore, about ten years old when he came to Union county. His education was limited to a few months' attendance at a country school near Kelly Point, and at an early age he was bound out to David Heinly, a farmer of Buffalo township, to remain until he was eighteen. After he had served his term he learned the miller's trade at what was known as Chamberlin's mill, on Buffalo creek, but later he engaged in farming. As long as his parents lived he gave his income toward their support, and thus handicapped it was many years before his energy and industry, his only capital, began to bring him a return. The first land he ever owned was a farm in Kelly township, now in the possession of one of his sons, and in the fall of 1876 he bought the "David Herbst farm" of 108 acres in Buffalo township at \$115 per acre. He was an excellent business man, shrewd and far sighted, and notwithstanding his meager schooling he was remarkably accurate in arithmetical calculations, which were all made by a mental process. His sound judgment caused his advice to be sought on important matters by his neighbors, by whom he was held in the highest esteem. Politically he was a Republican, supporting that party steadfastly from its organization.

On April 4, 1839, Emanuel Reedy was married to Miss Rachel Engelman, who was born November 28, 1814, in White Deer township, Union county, and died January 5, 1894, at the farm in Buffalo township. His own death occurred there April 17, 1884. Both were devout Christians, and for many years were members of the Union Church at Mazeppa. An instance which shows Emanuel Reedy's kind heart and family pride even more clearly than did his filial affection in his youthful days, was his care for his brother Jonathan, who became helpless in his old age. Our subject and his brothers continued the regular contribution to the support of this uncle after their father's death, feeling that they were only acting as he would have done had he lived. Of his five children our subject was the youngest, the others being: Samuel, born February 5, 1841, died August 26, 1843; Anna M., born February 7, 1843, married M. L. Weaver, and died in Buffalo township in 1881; John, born November 8, 1844, resides in Union county; Levi, born April 6, 1847, is a farmer and stock dealer at Buffalo Cross Roads. A valuable estate was left to the children, and with characteristic unity of spirit and action the three surviving brothers kept the property intact, and all worked together until each had a good farm

of his own. The result is seen in their prosperity, and, to-day, it would be difficult to find three brothers in Buffalo Valley who are as successful in all ways.

A. E. Reedy was born September 18, 1851, in Kelly township, Union county, and during boyhood attended the "Hill school," in that township, Miss Jane Thompson being his first teacher. He was an apt pupil, but the limited opportunities and faulty methods of the country school prevented him from feeling great enthusiasm over his studies, and he did not avail himself of the chance to pursue them further. Under his father's management he gained a thorough training in agricultural work, which has since proven of great service to him. At eighteen he entered the store of A. S. Hoch, of Kelly Point, as a clerk, and, with some interruptions, held the position for seven years, living at home in the meantime. In 1877 the family moved to the farm in Buffalo township, where he now resides, having bought the place after his father's death. He is a good manager, his neat and well-kept farm showing his systematic and precise methods. The residence, which was built in 1795, is in an excellent state of preservation. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Reedy has from early manhood been engaged at different times in buying and selling live stock.

He is a firm believer in the policy of the Republican party, but while he earnestly desires the success of its principles he cares nothing for official honors. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and has been a trustee in the Church at Buffalo Cross Roads, to which he has always been a liberal contributor.

On January 4, 1887, Mr. Reedy was married to Miss Mary E. Reedy, a native of White Deer township, Union county, and a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Vocht) Reedy. She died April 1, 1894, leaving no children, and was buried in the cemetery at Union church, in Mazeppa. She was a very intelligent woman, and for some years previous to her marriage was a teacher in Centre county. Her memory was remarkable, a Bible having been presented to her by the Buffalo Cross Roads Sunday-school for committing 3,000 verses of Scripture. A devout and consistent follower of Christ, Presbyterian in faith, she was loved by all who knew her, and the inspiration of her life still remains a power for good.

FREDERICK O. WHITMAN, the late postmaster at Lewisburg, Union county, is deservedly popular among all classes, his work while in charge of the Lewisburg *Journal* having

made his name familiar for many years past. He held his position in the public service from 1893 to 1897, and won added popularity by his unflinching care for the interests of the people.

Mr. Whitman is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Middletown, Dauphin county, December 29, 1840. The Whitman family is of German origin, and our subject's great-grandfather, and grandfather, John Whitman, came to America when the latter was a boy. They settled in Dauphin county, where John Whitman became a prominent agriculturist, his remaining years being spent there. The father of our subject, George Fencil Whitman, was born December 22, 1809, and died in 1887. His wife, Mary Hemperly, a native of Middletown, Dauphin county, born September 15, 1815, and her death occurred in 1891. Of their children four lived to mature years: Benjamin, a publisher in Erie, Penn.; Frederick O., our subject; Kate E., wife of Henry C. Demming; and George, a well-known clergyman of the Baptist Church, now residing in Buffalo, New York.

Frederick O. Whitman, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in the county of his birth, and in 1855 commenced his apprenticeship in the office of the Middletown *Journal*. Shortly afterward he went to Harrisburg, and was employed in the office of the *Daily Herald*. When this was sold to the Patriot & Union Association, he finished his trade on the daily issued by this company. When the war for the Union broke out, he was at work in the office of the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, and October 3, 1861, he joined Company I, 93d P. V. I., as a "high private." He was in course of time promoted to corporal, and when his three-years' term was ended, in October, 1864, he was third sergeant of his company. Mr. Whitman took part in most of the many battles in which his regiment was engaged, which included Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven-Days' fighting, Chantilly, Antietam, First and Second Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Washington, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, and the Sheridan march up the Shenandoah Valley. At Salem Church (near Chancellorsville) he was severely wounded in the breast, and was left lying unconscious on the battlefield. When his senses returned he managed to reach the Union lines by slow and painful marches. After some months' retirement at the army hospital, he returned to his company in time to take part in Gen. Grant's movements. At Winchester he was slightly wounded in the left leg. On October 28, 1864, he was discharged from the service

on account of the expiration of his term of enlistment, and at once recommenced his trade.

In 1869 Mr. Whitman was married to Miss Lizzie B. Walter, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn. Her father was a graduate of Yale College and her mother of Harvard Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Whitman have had eight children, five of whom have died. The following survive: Edgar O., Benjamin, and Mary Emma.

In 1871 Mr. Whitman purchased the *Lewisburg Journal*, and conducted it for over twenty-four years, till May, 1895. A loyal Democrat, he has filled various positions of honor in his party. He has been a delegate to State conventions, was the nominee for county treasurer, etc. In June, 1893, he was appointed, by President Cleveland, postmaster at Lewisburg. Upon the expiration of his four-years' term, and the coming into power of the Republican party, he was succeeded August 1, 1897, by another. On August 17, that year, Mr. Whitman purchased the large grocery establishment at the corner of Third and Market streets, Lewisburg, and is managing it apparently with unusual success. Whatever success he may have attained, he claims, has been largely due to the able and intelligent assistance he has received from his accomplished wife. He has had a varied experience in business life—has tasted the bitterest of afflictions and sorrows, had miraculous escapes while in the army, but has a never-faltering faith in an overruling Providence, and the salvation accorded to all through a blessed Saviour.

Mr. Whitman is a member of the Baptist Church of his city, and is also identified with the F. & A. M., G. A. R., and the Protected Home Circle.

JOHAN KAUP. A cultured mind and polite manner adorn any calling, and, in the progressive and enterprising agriculturist whose history we now enter upon, they are leading characteristics, and have had no small share in gaining for him the influential place which he holds in the community.

Mr. Kaup is the owner of a fine farm of 127 acres in Buffalo township, Union county—the old Martin Dreisbach estate—and his residence occupies the site of the original dwelling built by Mr. Dreisbach in 1797. As a citizen Mr. Kaup is well known for activity in forwarding various helpful movements, especially those which relate to educational and religious advancement, and his views have weight among all classes. He is of an old Pennsylvania family; his grandparents, Christian and Anna M. (Bensinger) Kaup, came from Berks county to this section in 1815,

locating in West Buffalo township. Christian Kaup was a staunch Whig, and in religious faith was a Lutheran, and he became one of the prominent citizens of his locality in his day. For a time, in early manhood, he followed the weaver's trade, but later he engaged in farming. He died at the age of seventy-six, and his wife passed away in her eighty-ninth year. Of their large family, several died in infancy. The others were: Fred, who died in Oregon; Catherine, who married (first) George Conser, and (second) Mr. Garrett, and died in Illinois; Christian, Jr., who died in Centre county; Susan, wife of John Gable, of Osage, Iowa; William, who was a resident of Oak Hall, Penn., died in October, 1897; Elias, who died in West Buffalo township, Union county; Isaac, who died in Kansas; Levi, our subject's father; and Maria, who became Mrs. Jacob Miller, of West Buffalo township, and died in February, 1898.

Levi Kaup, who is now a venerable resident of Union county, was born in West Buffalo township January 31, 1823. During his active years he was a gunsmith, and he also owned and operated a farm in his native township. He was married there to Miss Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Joseph Hoffman, a well-known resident of the same locality. She was a devout Lutheran in her religious views, and her death, which occurred April 7, 1890, was deeply mourned. Her remains now rest in the cemetery at Mifflinburg. Two children, William E. and Mary L., did not live to adult age, the latter dying when four years old. Two sons survive, John, our subject, and Alfred, a resident of Mifflinburg, and the father makes his home with them, visiting them alternately.

The subject of our sketch was born June 15, 1855, in West Buffalo township, Union county, and was reared as farmers' sons usually were in those days, the Kauffman school in that neighborhood furnishing him his only educational privileges. At eighteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade with Jacob J. Strickler, receiving \$14 for twenty-six days the first summer. Notwithstanding his somewhat meagre advantages in the way of schooling he had prepared himself for teaching, and at the age of twenty he took charge of the Red Bank school in West Buffalo township at a salary of \$25 per month. Later he taught in Lewis township, Union county, and in the winter of 1881-82 he taught in Nodaway county, Mo., also two terms in Buffalo township, making in all nine consecutive terms. His summer vacations were spent in working at his trade, sometimes for Mr. Strickler and sometimes for himself.

On February 8, 1883, Mr. Kaup was married in West Buffalo township to Miss C. Alice Kauffman, who was born in that township, May 18, 1858. Her father, the late Amos Kauffman, a prosperous farmer, was a native of the same locality, a son of David Kauffman. He died at the age of fifty-eight; but her mother, Mrs. Catherine J. (Taylor) Kauffman, daughter of James Taylor, a well-known resident of the township, is yet living at the age of sixty. Mrs. Kaup was the second in a family of three children. The eldest, David, resides in Mifflinburg, and the youngest, Lizzie, is the wife of A. L. Shoemaker, of West Buffalo township. During the first year of their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Kaup remained at the Kauffman homestead, but, on March 11, 1884, they removed to their present farm, which they rented until September 1, 1893, and then purchased, the owner at that time being Amos Kauffman. They have a pleasant home which is brightened by two attractive daughters, Lizzie M., born May 5, 1884, and Maud C., born August 31, 1886.

Mr. Kaup and his wife are both members of the Lutheran Church; he has for years held office as deacon and later as trustee, and he is now serving the fifth successive year as superintendent of the Sunday-school at Dreisbach church.

His interest in the cause of education has been shown by his faithful work as school director in his township, and he is active in local politics as a member of the Republican party. At present he is filling the unexpired term of J. F. Schrock as township auditor.

TEDWIN IRLAND, engineer of the Lewisburg Water Works, is noted as a veritable mechanical genius, and, although he lacked the advantage of a thorough technical education in his youth, he has made good the deficiency in the practical school of experience.

The Irland family became identified with Northumberland county many years ago, our subject's great-grandfather and grandfather having come from Scotland to follow agriculture in that locality. James Irland, the father of our subject, was one of a family of seven children, of whom, Thomas, Margaret (who married Samuel Oakes), Ann (wife of Benjamin Simington), and John are now recalled. James Irland was born in Northumberland county, not far from Milton, and died in 1855. His life occupation was farming, and his political affiliations were with the Democratic party. He was married to Miss Louise Weimer, a native of Sunbury, who died February 4, 1897, at the age of seventy-four.

Her father, Peter Weimer, was a lifelong resident of Sunbury. She was the youngest of four children, the others being: Sarah, who married a Mr. Wallace, and resides in Lebanon, Penn.; Mary, wife of James Lughow; and Ann, now Mrs. Boyer.

To James and Louise (Weimer) Irland four children were born, our subject being the youngest; the others were: John W., who was a soldier in the Union army, and died from disease contracted in the service; Anna, who married William P. Furey, of Newport News, Va.; and Margaret, who married R. A. Lawshe, of Lewisburg.

Our subject was born July 9, 1852, at the old homestead near Milton. Left fatherless at the age of three years, he was reared in the city of Lewisburg, where he attended the public-schools and the academy during boyhood. He made early choice of the machinist trade, in which he served an apprenticeship at Lewisburg. Six years were then spent at Hazleton, Penn., and ten in Lebanon, and, thus prepared by experience and by the observation of the work of some of the best mechanics of the day, he decided to return to Lewisburg and proffer his services to the municipality. He was appointed engineer of the water works in 1892, and, as might be expected, has filled the position with signal ability.

Mr. Irland is not only well-known for his proficiency in his chosen line, but his strength of character and high qualities, as a man and a citizen, have given him wide popularity. In political affiliations he is a Republican, and he is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church. He was married to Miss Emma McCurdy, of Jersey Shore, and they have one son, George Allison.

JOHAN GROFF, now living retired on the old Groff homestead, is one of the wealthy and prosperous agriculturists of Gregg township, Union county, as well as one of its most honored and highly respected citizens. His birth occurred October 12, 1827, near the city of Lancaster, Penn., but almost his entire life has been passed upon his present farm, the family being among the early settlers of Union county.

Both the father and grandfather of our subject bore the name of John Groff, and were natives of Lancaster county, Penn., where the latter followed farming throughout life. The former, who was born November 24, 1790, came to Union county, in 1832, and took up his residence upon the present homestead of our sub-

ject. He was a progressive farmer, and became one of the influential citizens of Gregg township. On January 31, 1821, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah J. (Downing) Burkes, who was born in West Virginia, August 26, 1789, and was a consistent member of the Society of Friends. She was twice married, her first husband being John Burkes, by whom she had three children—Jane married Mark McCleas, who was wounded during his service in the Union army, and both died in the West, whither they had removed at an early day; Rebecca became the wife of Lewis McMertry; and Phœbe married a Mr. Pents, but both are now deceased.

To John and Sarah Groff were born the following children: Samuel and Mary (twins) were the oldest. The former married Fannie Waltman, but both are now deceased, and the latter wedded Charles Ludwig, a retired lumber merchant of Van Buren county, Mich. Ann became the wife of James Walton, both of whom have passed away. Eliza is the wife of Calvin Smith, a retired farmer and tobacco grower of Jersey Shore, Penn. John is next in order of birth. Benjamin, deceased, married Dina Kling, who now resides in Miller county, Mo. John Groff, Sr., the father of this family, died August 16, 1864, the mother in 1866, and both were laid to rest in the Baptist church cemetery, in Gregg township, Union county.

Upon his present farm our subject spent his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads of that period in a new and undeveloped country, aiding his father in the arduous task of clearing and improving a farm in the midst of the forest. On attaining to man's estate he was married, May 27, 1852, to Miss Catherine A. Moore, who was born October 23, 1829, in Clinton township, Lycoming Co., Penn., near Montgomery, and is a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Miller) Moore, of that county, where the mother died in 1881, at the age of eighty years, but the father passed away at the home of our subject in 1883, at the age of seventy-nine, and was buried in the graveyard at the Brick church, Clinton township, Lycoming county. There were only two children in the family, the sister of Mrs. Groff being Sarah Jane, now the widow of Elias Strow, a farmer and merchant, who died leaving three children: Anna, Emma and Thomas. Mrs. Groff's paternal grandfather was Michael Moore, of New Jersey, who died in Clinton township, Lycoming Co., Penn., and was buried there, and the maternal grandfather, Conrad Miller, lived and died in Little York, Pennsylvania.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Groff, namely: (1) Emily, born May 13,

1854, is the wife of James Snoddy, a farmer of Lycoming county, and they have two children—Mattilina and John O. (2) Samantha I., born January 8, 1856, died on the 28th of the following September. (3) Susan A., born September 29, 1857, married Silas Bailey, a farmer of Lycoming county, and has six children—Laura, Eva, Catherine, Groff, Hess and Harold. (4) Joseph M., born February 8, 1860, married Flora L. Dunbar, and is engaged in farming in Gregg township, Union county. (5) John C., born September 28, 1863, died July 13, 1864. (6) William D., born October 9, 1865, is a druggist of Nortonville, Kans. He married Florence Webb, and has three children—Vera F., Hazel C. and John R. (7) Mary M., born March 3, 1868, is the wife of Joseph Piatt, a farmer of Lycoming county, by whom she has one child—McCall. (8) Sarah K., born October 13, 1873, is the only one of the children now at home.

A thorough and skillful farmer, Mr. Groff has met with a well-deserved success in his chosen calling, becoming one of the most substantial citizens of Gregg township. As a Republican, he takes a deep interest in public affairs, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business. He has, however, acceptably served as school director for six years. For the past thirty years he has been a deacon in the Baptist Church, with which he is connected, and is always ready to aid and relieve suffering and distress. He is kind, unaffected and approachable, and his courteous manner has gained for him many warm friends.

AMOS SCOTT, a well-to-do agriculturist of Gregg township, Union county, now living in retirement at his homestead, a beautiful farm between Allenwood and Elinsport, was born March 6, 1840, near his present home, and is of Scotch descent on the paternal side.

Henry and Mary Scott, great-grandparents of our subject, came to America before the Revolutionary war, and settled near Montoursville, Lycoming Co., Penn., where they purchased an extensive tract of land. They continued to reside there with the exception of brief periods when rumors of an attack by the Indians compelled them to flee for safety to some less exposed place. Their children, who were all born there, were as follows: Hannah, born January 14, 1761, died in infancy; Hannah (2), born October 14, 1762; John, born March 20, 1765; Joseph, born December 26, 1766; Susannah, born June 6, 1769; Solomon, born December 22, 1771; Amos,

a sketch of whom follows; and Henry, born August 7, 1783.

Amos Scott, our subject's grandfather, was born April 30, 1779, and died April 14, 1843; his wife, Rachel Blakeney, who was born January 25, 1783, died June 18, 1841. Her mother was a native of Ireland. Amos and Rachel Scott had a family of eight children, viz.: Charles, born December 4, 1803, died January 7, 1876; Henry is spoken of fully farther on; Sarah, born August 18, 1808, died April 6, 1882; Rachel, June 29, 1812, died February 15, 1880; George, born November 8, 1814, was drowned October 28, 1816; Mary, born December 21, 1817, died November 8, 1889; Amos, born October 5, 1820, is the only survivor of this family, and is now a retired physician residing at Rockford, Ill.; and Martha, born November 8, 1823, died January 13, 1861.

Henry Scott, our subject's father, was born near Montoursville, Penn., October 19, 1806, and died June 23, 1890, at the present homestead, leaving an estate valued at several thousand dollars. For forty years previous to his death he was afflicted with rheumatism, and lived in retirement, but in his early days he was an active, energetic worker. He was married November 27, 1834, at his native place, to Miss Mercy Rodgers, and for some time made his home in Fairfield township, Lycoming county. On April 1, 1837, he removed to Washington township, in the same county (now Union county), locating upon a farm on South creek, where the only dwelling was an old log cabin so poorly built that as one lay in bed the stars could be seen through the cracks or slits in the roof. In 1845 he built a new house, and lived upon this farm until 1854, in which year he purchased, from Jacob Slenker, the present homestead on Spring creek, and moved into an old stone house, which was built in 1800, which house is still standing near the main road between Allenwood and Elimsport. On this property Mr. Scott built a barn in 1858, and in 1865 a new house. He was a well-read man, especially familiar with the Bible, and was a liberal and active member of the Baptist Church at White Deer. In politics he was a Republican, and from time to time he served in various local offices with ability and fidelity. His beloved wife, who still resides with her son Amos at the homestead, was born September 1, 1816, near Montoursville, the eldest child of William and Isabella (Huston) Rodgers. She has one brother, John, living in retirement at Montoursville, and a sister, Fannie (lately deceased), who resided at Muncy, Penn., and married (first) Jacob Bastian (now deceased),

and (second) Fleming Wilson (also now deceased). Henry and Mercy Scott had four children: Isabella, born January 27, 1837, married Franklin Hamilton, of Muncy, Penn., and died July 26, 1872; Amos is the second in order of birth; Rachel, born February 24, 1842, died in infancy; Mary E., born September 8, 1847, is the wife of F. D. Thomas, a farmer of Gregg township, Union county.

With this review of previous generations we may now return to our subject, who was reared to manhood at the last mentioned farm, and when he became competent to manage the estate he relieved his father of much business and care. He was educated in the local schools, and also attended Bucknell Academy, at Lewisburg, for several months. On August 27, 1862, he married Miss Hannah C. Houston, and from that time until the death of his father he resided at the old stone house mentioned above. In the fall of 1890 he removed to the newer residence which he had thoroughly renovated, painting and papering it throughout. He has two daughters, both of whom are highly gifted and have received excellent educational advantages: (1) Ra Chella, born October 17, 1864, was the first lady to graduate from Bucknell College, her course being completed in 1885, and for three years she was one of the faculty of the State Normal School, at Mansfield, Penn.; she married George W. Beale, an Englishman by birth, who is now a leading attorney of Scranton, Penn., and they have two children—Catherine L. and Hannah H. (2) Miss Frances G. Scott, born December 17, 1877, is now a student at Bucknell Seminary.

Mr. Scott is a man of fine intelligence, fond of reading and art, and is a graduate of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. He is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, in which he has served as clerk for thirty years. At one time he was a master in the Spring Garden Grange, but he has retired from the order. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, but although his ability and high standing as a citizen give his opinions great weight, he has not entered public life, further than in the spring of 1897 he was made chairman of the Republican County Committee of Union county, and in the same year was also appointed chairman of the Farmers Institute Committee of said county.

Mrs. Scott, who also possesses much literary and artistic taste, was born August 27, 1839, at Muncy, Penn., and is a granddaughter of Robert and Isabella Houston, pioneer residents of that locality. Her father, the late James Houston,

was born and reared in Lycoming county, and after spending some years at Williamsport as a wagonmaker, he settled upon a farm in the same county, where his death occurred in September, 1870, when he was seventy-one years old. He was a popular man, holding local office at times, and was said at one time to know every man in his county. He had a brother, Matthew Houston, a merchant tailor at Richmond, Va., who among his customers had Jeff Davis, Robert E. Lee and others of note. James Houston was married at Muncy to Miss Rachel Clayton, a Quaker, but he was not a member of any Church. Mrs. Houston, who died August 30, 1858, aged fifty-eight, was a native of Chester county, where her parents, Jacob and Hannah (Miller) Clayton, were also born, but the family removed to Muncy later, and both parents died there. They were devout Quakers in religion, and were held in high esteem among their acquaintances. Mrs. Scott was the youngest in a family of seven children: Isabella married William George, a retired blacksmith of Lycoming county; Isaac M. (deceased) was a successful physician in Iowa, and served as surgeon in the Civil war; Miss Keturah resides at Montoursville; Robert (lately deceased) was a farmer in Muncy Valley; Zillah married Henry Sunderland, a miller of Pennsdale, Penn.; Rachel J. is the wife of Farr Taylor, a wealthy lumberman of Hughesville, Penn.; and Mrs. Scott.

URIAH ABRAHAM EISENHAUER is a prominent and successful agriculturist of Kelly township, Union county, residing near Kelly Point, and is actively identified with the various progressive movements of his locality. He is a native of Snyder county, Penn., and is a great-grandson of the well-known pioneer farmer, Martin Eisenhauer, who came from Berks county, Penn., at an early date.

Abraham Eisenhauer, our subject's grandfather, was born in Berks county, but the greater portion of his life was spent in Snyder county, where he engaged in agriculture as an occupation. He was married there to Miss Eve Bolander, a native of Union county, and a daughter of Henry Bolander, a prominent farmer. She died in 1840, at the age of forty-two, and in 1878 Abraham Eisenhauer passed away in his eighty-first year. They had ten children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry Rearick, deceased; Henry, our subject's father; Catherine, Mrs. Jacob Walter, of Cook county, Mich.; Amelia, Mrs. George Ott, deceased; Barbara, Mrs. Engle, deceased; Mary, Mrs. Reuben Aigler, of Beavertown, Penn.; Sarah, Mrs. William Hess, of Philipsburg, Penn.;

Lucinda, Mrs. Samuel Bowen, of Middleburg, Penn.; Robert, deceased; and Benjamin, a farmer in the West.

Henry Eisenhauer, the father of our subject, was born in Snyder county, October 10, 1819, and is now one of the wealthy land owners of Kelly township, Union county. He has a pleasant home near Kelly Cross Roads, and has retired from the active management of his farms. He was married in February, 1847, at Middleburg, Penn., to Miss Esther Aigler, daughter of Jacob and Esther Aigler, well-known residents of Snyder county, and of this union ten children were born, as follows: Uriah Abraham, November 4, 1847; Orgim Z., February 18, 1849; Ursh A., August 29, 1851; A. Jacob, January 3, 1856 (deceased); Thama E., July 17, 1854, now Mrs. Benjamin Stahl; Alice, December 30, 1857, Mrs. Charles Cooper; Sarah E., September 17, 1860 (deceased); Sybilla, April 29, 1862; John H., June 1, 1864; and Mary A., May 31, 1867 (deceased). Mrs. Esther Eisenhauer died May 31, 1867, aged thirty-nine years and three months. The father was married November 7, 1867, to Miss Semira Baker, by whom he has had one son, William S., born June 25, 1868.

The subject of our sketch was reared upon a farm, receiving his education in the local schools. He remained at home until the age of thirty, with the exception of five months spent in traveling through the West prospecting and sight-seeing. A comparison of his native State with others made him content to settle down here, and ever since engaging in farming on his own account he has resided at his present home. Financially he has prospered, and, as every good citizen should be, he is interested in public affairs. In politics he adheres to the Republican party. He is a member of the St. Peters Reformed Church at White Deer, and also belongs to the Justicia Grange at Lewisburg.

On September 21, 1879, Mr. Eisenhauer was married in Kelly township, Union county, at the residence of the bride's parents, to Miss Lucy A. Grove, and two sons have blessed their union—John H., born August 13, 1882; and Arthur A., born December 13, 1884. Mrs. Eisenhauer is a native of Kelly township, where she first saw the light September 22, 1858, and is a granddaughter of Abraham and Susannah (Leiser) Grove, who were early settlers in Union county. Her father, John L. Grove, was born there in 1835, and has been for many years a leading agriculturist of Kelly township. Her mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Dieffenderfer, was born in the same county, September 20, 1826, and died February 16, 1893. Both parents united many

years ago with the Lutheran Church, and helped in every way to further the cause of religion in their community. Of their children, Mrs. Eisenhauer is the eldest; William H., of Mazeppa, Penn., is in the employ of the Pleasant Gap Creamery; Abraham L. is a farmer at Swengel, Penn.; Amos is engaged in agriculture at Rand, Penn.; Elizabeth J. married John Alleman, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; and Norman resides at the homestead with his father.

FRANKLIN GEMBERLING, a well known resident of Kelly township, Union county, is a descendant of an old pioneer family of this State, whose history takes us back to the time when our largest cities were mere hamlets, surrounded by unbroken forests, through which the traveler made his way along Indian trails. Among the earliest settlers in the Tulpehocken region were Jacob and Catherine (Wolfensberger) Gemberling, our subject's great-grandparents, their home being in what is now Lebanon (then Lancaster) county, Pennsylvania.

They had fourteen children, of whom the third in order of birth was a son Philip, our subject's grandfather, who was born July 27, 1773, three years prior to the Declaration of Independence. During his childhood the family moved to Schaefferstown, and in his ninth year they settled in the Shamokin region, the father purchasing 300 acres of land at the present site of Selins Grove for six shillings per acre. To use his own words, "Ei das war eine lust es anzusehen." As railroads and canals were then unknown, the family carried their simple furniture in keel boats while they rode in slow-moving wagons, with the exception of the mother, who was on horseback. They passed the site of the city of Harrisburg; where there was but one house at that time (1782), and the remainder of their journey occupied four days, the road being merely an Indian trail. On arriving at Selins Grove they found but three houses—that of Col. Eyer, one on the Richter homestead, and one owned by the late Gov. Simon Snyder, which had formerly belonged to Leonard App. The 300 acres in the Gemberling homestead remained in the family eighty years, Jacob Gemberling having intended it for his posterity as well as for himself. He died there at the age of eighty-eight, and his good wife was far advanced in the seventies when she was called away. The remains of both now rest together in the old "Gottes Acker" at Selins Grove. An interesting relic of this famous pioneer couple is an old clock six feet high, now in the possession of our subject, and still in running

order. Their son, Philip Gemberling, purchased 250 acres of land from his father at \$16 per acre, and became one of the leading citizens of his locality, his influence shaping the future of the community in a marked degree. Physically strong and healthy, he was no less vigorous and forceful mentally, but his practical nature found an outlet for its energies in the activities of common life, rather than in the departments of art, literature and science. He died of apoplexy in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He was twice married. By his second wife, Eve Gass, with whom twenty-two years of wedded life were spent, he had five sons and four daughters.

Philip Gemberling, Jr., the father of our subject, was born and reared at the old homestead at Selins Grove, and was married in that town to Elizabeth Martin, a native of Northumberland county, Penn. Early in their married life they removed to Union county and settled upon a farm, where they passed their remaining years, Mrs. Gemberling passing away October 13, 1861, at the age of sixty-three years and nine months, and the father following her in April, 1870, aged seventy-four years. They had the following children: Mary A., who married David Grove, a farmer of Union county, both now deceased; Levi, a farmer of Kelly township, deceased; Christopher, deceased, formerly in the butcher business in the West; Lewis, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; Frederick, a retired farmer residing in Lincoln, Ill.; Sarah J., wife of Thomas Huntington, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Barbara A., deceased, formerly the wife of John Pawling, of Kelly township; Benjamin, who died in Ohio; Franklin, our subject; Elizabeth M., wife of Benjamin Miller, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; and Catherine E., wife of Daniel E. Sanders, who is mentioned below.

Franklin Gemberling is a native of Union county, where he first saw the light, October 6, 1835. His youth was spent in active work upon his father's farm, the neighboring schools furnishing him an elementary education, which he has supplemented by a wide and varied course of reading. At the age of twenty-seven he engaged in agriculture on his own account, but in 1869 Mr. Gemberling retired from business, and his time has since been given to reading and various occupations, in which a refined and cultivated taste finds pleasure. He continues to reside with Mr. Sanders, and he is prominently identified with local affairs, although his influence is exerted in a quiet manner. In politics he is a Republican, and he belongs to the St. Peters Reformed Church at White Deer.

JOHAN HUBLER, SR. The Hubler homestead on Turtle creek, in East Buffalo township, Union county, has now been in the possession of the family for a century, and is one of the oldest farms in that locality. Its first settler, John Hubler, the noted pioneer, was the grandfather of the present owner, whose history forms the subject of this brief but interesting biography. Henry Hubler, a son of the pioneer settler, was born on the same farm in 1801, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits. He married Rebecca Heimbach, and had five sons and one daughter, of whom four sons lived to adult age.

John Hubler, Sr., the fourth son of Henry, was born at the homestead June 23, 1832, and has always resided there, the title coming to him in 1877. His eldest son, John Hubler, Jr., now relieves him of care, having rented the place, and the fifth generation is represented by some bright and attractive grandchildren, who make the old home merry. Mr. Hubler can tell of many changes which have taken place under his observation, and one with which he is especially pleased is the introduction of improved methods of education, his own schooling having been limited to the old-fashioned subscription schools of the early days. Like most country boys, he received thorough and practical instruction in farm work, as there was always plenty to do at home. As a young man he would occasionally spend a day working for some neighbor, but he never "hired out" as a regular hand, and on attaining his majority he took charge of the homestead, working it on the shares.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Hubler married Miss Eliza Hauck, a native of Buffalo township, Union county, and began housekeeping at the farm. After the death of his father, in 1874, he rented the place, and when his mother passed away, three years later, he became sole owner. Of his six children, all are living: Margaret married F. W. Getz, of Linntown; Miss Lizzie is at home; John is married, and now conducts the farm; Miss Angie is at home; Katie married Prof. A. D. Miller, of Lewisburg; and Samuel lives at Freeport, Ill.

Mr. Hubler has done much hard work in his day, and has secured good results, his later years being blessed with a comfortable competence. Since 1892 he has allowed himself to enjoy his well-earned leisure, although he shows but few signs of his years. He has never entered the political arena as an office seeker, but his interest in national and local movements has been none the less keen on that account, nor does his influence lose in power from being quietly exercised. In early life he was a Whig, and since the for-

mation of the Republican party he has been one of its staunchest supporters. With his estimable wife he united many years ago with the Lutheran Church, and in all movements tending to promote the general welfare he has been prompt to sympathize and to aid.

On November 26, 1889, the family circle was broken by the death of the beloved wife and mother, whose remains were laid to their final rest in Dreisbach cemetery. She was a member of a well-known family of Buffalo township, Union county, her father, John Hauck, being a prosperous agriculturist and highly-respected citizen. His wife, Margaret Weidler, to whom he was married December 14, 1822, died in 1861, and he passed away in the following year. They had eleven children: Mary A., born June 9, 1824, died October 14, 1829; Henry W., born August 6, 1825, died at Sunbury, Penn., leaving a family; William, born January 26, 1828, died at Lewisburg in April, 1896; Eliza, Mrs. Hubler, was born December 29, 1829; Levi, born October 12, 1831, died in Lewisburg some years ago; Benjamin, born November 21, 1833, died at Vicksburg, Penn., where he was engaged in the hotel business; Harriet, born April 27, 1836, married Joseph Kleckner, and died in Monroe, Wis.; Samuel, born September 7, 1838, died March 2, 1842; John A., born May 1, 1842, resides in Illinois; Martin L., born September 24, 1844, was killed in a railway accident in Texas in 1877; and Charles W., born November 20, 1846, is now a resident of East Buffalo township, Union county.

CAPT. J. P. BROOKE. Pennsylvania has reason to be proud of her brave sons in the dark days of the Rebellion, and has never ceased to honor those who bore aloft in her name the banner of freedom and union. Happily many of these gallant defenders still live, and this volume preserves for the perusal of future generations stories of patriotic devotion which knew no limiting sense of expediency, and gave without reserve in response to the nation's call.

The subject of this sketch, now a prominent citizen of Lewisburg, Union county, was among those who gave the first years of his manhood to the cause. He enlisted September 16, 1861, at the age of twenty-one, in Company F, 51st P. V. I., entering for three months only, but before the time expired the magnitude of the work to be done was realized, and the North gathered her strength for a prolonged struggle. Capt. Brooke re-enlisted for three years of the war, and remained in the service until his regiment

was disbanded at the close of that historic pageant, the Grand Review. In 1862 he was promoted from the ranks to first sergeant, then to first lieutenant, and in 1864 was commissioned captain. His first service was along the coast, but later his regiment was assigned to the Army of the West, remaining therewith until the spring of 1864 when he was transferred to the Army of the Potomac. Among the engagements in which Capt. Brooke took part were those of Knoxville, Vicksburg, Newbern, Cold Harbor, the battle of the Wilderness, and the final campaign that ended at Appomattox Court House. He was wounded twice, first time at Cold Harbor, and again at the battle on the railway near Weldon.

Captain Brooke was born in Berks county, Penn., October 9, 1839, and is of an old Philadelphia family, his grandfather, Roger Brooke, and father, Bowyer Brooke, being natives of that city. The latter, who was born in 1808, learned the blacksmith's trade there in his youth, but in early manhood settled in Berks county, where he engaged in agriculture. Later he became a merchant in Montgomery county, and while there served a term as prothonotary of the county. In the "fifties" he spent some time at Pottstown, Penn., as train dispatcher on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, but his last days were spent in Philadelphia where, after serving some years as inspector in the custom house, he engaged in the coal business. His wife, Rebecca (Ives), who was born in Berks county, in 1807, died in 1876, and his death occurred April 17, 1891. They had the following children: Reese, who died in childhood; Harriet, deceased; William, who died at an early age; Rebecca and Mary, both now residing at Philadelphia; and J. P., our subject;

Capt. Brooke attended the schools of Berks county until he was twelve years old, at which time the family removed to Montgomery county, where his studies were continued. On leaving school he learned the jeweler's trade, and on his return from the army he engaged in that business in Lewisburg, following it fifteen years, but retired some years ago. In 1884 he was elected county treasurer, serving one term, and he is a leader in the Republican organization of his locality, being the present chairman of the County Committee. His interest in military affairs has continued, and he is a member of the G. A. R., while for fourteen years he has been identified with the Pennsylvania National Guards, serving as lieutenant, captain and major, respectively, and now holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Socially, he is identified with the F. & A. M., and he is a prominent member of the Presbyte-

rian Church at Lewisburg. In 1867 he married Miss Mary Anna Stevens, a native of Montgomery county, born January 14, 1843, and four children have blessed the union: (1) Clara, widow of H. B. Proctor, has two children—Ethel and George; (2) Harriet is the wife of Walter V. Smith, and resides in Philadelphia; (3) Frank, a traveling salesman, is not married; and (4) Donald, is at home attending school.

ANDREW GROFF. The Groff family, which is well known in this section, is frequently called Grove, the change having been made many years ago by David Groff, an early settler and an uncle of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. The family came to Union county from Lancaster county in 1831, the grandparents of our subject, Abraham and Nancy (Graybill) Groff, settling with their children upon a farm in Kelly township, where they passed their remaining days, the grandfather retiring from active business some years before his death. Among their sons was David Groff, or Grove, mentioned above, who was born in Lancaster county, but spent the greater part of his life in Union county, where he was known as a wealthy farmer and a good citizen.

Another son of Abraham and Nancy Groff was the late John Groff, our subject's father, who was but twelve years old when he accompanied his parents to their new home. He became an extensive agriculturist, and was prominent in local affairs as a member of the Reformed Church, and also as an active worker in the Republican party, holding the office of supervisor two terms. His death occurred April 26, 1891, when he was aged seventy-two years; his wife, Rachel Goodlander, an estimable lady, who was born in Union county, February 11, 1819, is still living in the enjoyment of excellent health, and resides with her children. The children of this worthy couple were: Elizabeth J., deceased, formerly the wife of Jeremiah Hummel, a farmer in Snyder county, Penn.; Andrew; Nancy, widow of Wentel Swartze, of White Deer township, Union county; Reuben, a retired farmer in Kelly township; and Sarah A., wife of Isaiah Beaver, of East Buffalo township, Union county.

Andrew Groff was born at the old homestead in Kelly township, Union county, July 4, 1844, and spent his early life there, his education being acquired in the local schools. On May 19, 1867, he was married at Milton, Penn., by Rev. Samuel Reed, to Miss Julia A. Kline, and he established his home on his present farm near West Milton. He purchased sixty-nine acres at

\$125 per acre, and by his judicious management has made the place one of the finest farms of its size in the locality. On March 15, 1898, he moved from his farm to West Milton, and is now living retired. Clever and genial, he is highly esteemed, and while never an active politician, he has much influence in the community and in the local Republican organization. In religious faith he adheres to the doctrines of the Reformed Church, in which he was reared. He has a pleasant home, in which two daughters have grown to womanhood—Leah Ann, born November 8, 1868, is the wife of Newton Spangler, a school teacher of Buffalo township, Union county; and Abbie M., born September 21, 1872, married Charles Edward Herman, a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Lewisburg, Union county.

Mrs. Groff is a native of Columbia county, Penn., where she first saw the light May 23, 1844. Her parents, Samuel M. and Julia A. (Ritts) Kline, were born, reared and married in Berks county, Penn., but settled in Lycoming county, Penn., where the father, a stone mason by trade, died September 21, 1876, aged eighty-nine years and five months. He was a Democrat in politics, and was prominently identified with the Reformed Church for many years previous to his death. The mother spent her last days in Union county, at the home of J. D. Kline, a grandson, where she closed her eyes in death February 21, 1886, in her seventy-eighth year. Seven children were born of this union, of whom all are living except David, the eldest, who died at the age of sixty-three. (1) Mary, who resides at Lewisburg, Penn., married (first) Amos Whitmeyer, and after his death became the wife of Henry Fenstmaker, now also deceased; both husbands served as soldiers in the Civil war. (2) Elizabeth J. married (first) Andrew Bennett, deceased, and (second) Alivan Sickles, a farmer in Corey, Cass Co., Mich. (3) Henry C. is a farmer in White Deer township, Union county. (4) Julia A. married our subject. (5) Rebecca is the wife of William Huntington, a farmer in Kelly township, Union county. (6) George W. is an agriculturist near Salina, Kansas.

HARRY N. HOFFMAN, a leading pharmacist of Lewisburg, Penn., is a young man of more than ordinary ability and enterprise; these traits have been put to good account in his business, which has proved a grand success, won only by diligent work and attention to business.

Mr. Hoffman was born April 15, 1867, in

Lewis township, Union county, Penn., in which county his family has been represented for several generations. William Hoffman, his great-grandfather, was born in Germany, and at an early date in this country's history came across the "briny deep," for a short time locating at Germantown, Penn., in the year 1801 settling in Union county, where he followed masonry as an occupation. He was married to Catherine Millhouse, and they both enjoyed this life to a good ripe age, he dying May 3, 1847, at the age of 72 years, 3 months, and 8 days; his wife lived to be 89 years, 8 months and 20 days old, dying July 28, 1876.

William Hoffman, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in West Buffalo township, Union county, and from the time he was quite young was a very successful agriculturist. He married Miss Mary Baker, whose grandfather served under Washington, in the Revolutionary war. William Hoffman, Jr., died in November, 1886, his remains being interred in the Ray cemetery. He and his wife had the following children: (1) Mary E., whose husband, Richard Moyer, was a private in the 49th Regiment, P. C., and lost his life in defense of the Union; (2) Noah, who enlisted August 28, 1862, in Company E, 142nd P. V. I., served faithfully to the close of the war, when he again turned to farming as an occupation, and now resides in Hartley township. (3) Henry W., a member of Company E, 142nd P. V. I., took part in many of the great battles of the Rebellion, was at no time absent from his company to the close of the war; returned home to follow his trade, that of a carpenter, and now resides in the borough of Hartleton, Penn.; (4) Samuel served his country during the same conflict, and now resides in Mifflinburg, Penn.; (5) Emanuel, a school teacher by profession and a brick-layer by trade, residing in Mifflinburg, Penn.; (6) Jesse, a carpenter by trade, lives in Lewis township, Union county; (7) Reuben, a tinsmith by trade, and dealer in stoves and tinware, opened up in Mifflinburg, and afterward went to Lewisburg where he conducted a fine business for several years, when he moved to Kansas, and died there in 1888; (8) Susan, who married S. G. Grove, a farmer of West Buffalo township, died in 1894, and was interred in Mifflinburg cemetery; (9) Christianna married Ludwig Shoemaker, a successful agriculturist and dairyman of West Buffalo township, and a son of Samuel Shoemaker; (10) Solomon B. Hoffman is the father of our subject.

The last named was born in West Buffalo township, June 3, 1838; he received his education in the public schools, and graduated from the

Hartleton Grammar School, under the tutorship of Prof. Woods McQuine, taking the honors of his class at the age of seventeen, and then went with his uncle to learn brick-laying and masonry. After serving as an apprentice for three years he became a contractor and builder, following that vocation for thirty years. In 1857 he began teaching school during the winter, and followed his trade during the summer. He is now engaged as one of the teachers in the public school of Mifflinburg, and is one of the oldest teachers in the county, having taught thirty-eight years in Union county. On August 28, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 142d P. V. I., and served faithfully, taking part in many hard fights, such as South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg, at which latter place he was wounded December 13, 1862, for which injury he now draws a pension. Mr. Hoffman is prominent in local politics as a Republican, and has held many important offices, being county commissioner for six years, also a justice of the peace and school director, and is at present serving as a director of the poor, which office he has successfully filled for twelve years. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, an efficient teacher in the Sabbath-school, and served as superintendent of same for twenty years; is active in the temperance cause and social reform, and a leader in every good work, while as a citizen he is in the front rank in every good movement and enterprise for the improvement of the town. He stands beyond reproach, and has the respect of all.

His wife, Maria (Inhoff), was born in Northumberland county, and is a daughter of William Inhoff, a native of Berks county, who engaged in the hotel business first in Northumberland county, and later in Mifflinburg, where he died in 1887. His widow, Elizabeth (Whitaker) Inhoff, now lives with her daughter Mrs. Hauck, of Sunbury, Penn. Four children also survive: William, a railway conductor; Maria (Mrs. Hoffman), mother of our subject; Joanna, wife of Ammon Hauck, of Sunbury; and Kate, widow of Samuel Charles, of Mifflinburg. Of the children of S. B. and Maria Hoffman, five are living: William L., a tinsmith at Mifflinburg; Emma J., wife of John E. Kreisher; Martin L., station agent of the P. & E. R. R. at Selins Grove Junction; Harry N., our subject; and Miss Maria E. Hoffman, with her parents.

Being reared in Mifflinburg, Harry N. Hoffman had excellent educational advantages in his youth, and in 1882 was graduated from the academy. He began reading medicine with Dr. Brubaker, and remained with him four years as a

clerk in his drug store. This work proving congenial, he spent five years in a similar capacity with Dr. James Kleckner, of Mifflinburg. In September, 1891, he purchased a drug store in Lewisburg, where he has met with well-deserved success. He is thoroughly prepared for his calling, holding a State certificate as a pharmacist.

On October 22, 1890, Mr. Hoffman married Miss Anna J. Klose, who was born in Limestone township, Union county, September 9, 1868, and one child, Edna, blesses their union. Mr. Hoffman is prominent socially as a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the order of K. G. E., and of the I. O. O. F. While he is by no means a politician, he is a staunch Republican in belief, and in a quiet way wields much influence in local affairs.

ROBERT GELLINGER. In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their way to success through an unfavorable environment we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The following history sets forth briefly the steps by which our subject, now one of the substantial agriculturists of East Buffalo township, Union county, overcame the disadvantages of his early life. To begin with, his ancestors, though thoroughly respectable, had but little of this world's goods. His grandfather, Michael Gellinger, a resident of Snyder county, died in 1817, leaving a widow, Mrs. Catherine Grace Gellinger, and several children with but limited means of support. The youngest child, Henry, our subject's father, who was born January 24, 1817, was less than a year old. The homestead was about three miles above Middleburg, and Henry Gellinger grew to manhood in that locality. At a very early age he began to learn the miller's trade at Van Buskirk's mill, and he followed this occupation for some years.

In January, 1839, Henry Gellinger was married in Hartley township, Union county, to Miss Nancy Pontius, who was born in Laurelton, August 23, 1817. Her father, Peter Pontius, was a well-known blacksmith at that town; he and his wife, Barbara Bouse, reared a family of nine children, none of whom are now living except Mrs. Gellinger, and the only son, Henry, a resident of Bellefonte. A few years after his marriage, our subject's father gave up his trade and found employment as a miner at Berlin Furnace. While there he narrowly escaped death from a falling stone, some Irishmen who were working near him rescuing him from his perilous position. During his later years he followed

farming, renting land in different parts of Buffalo Valley. His death occurred at Brook Park, in January, 1890, and his remains were buried at Lewisburg. While he never took an active part in public affairs, he was interested in the issues of the day, and politically was in sympathy with the Democratic party. Late in life he united with the Reformed Church, of which his widow, who resides at Brook Park with her son John, is a highly-esteemed member. Our subject is the youngest of five sons. John, born November 3, 1839, served as a soldier in the Civil war, and is now a farmer at Smoketown. Lewis H., born December 9, 1840, has been a cripple from birth, and now resides at Brook Park. Jackson, born April 18, 1843, has for some years conducted a blacksmith shop at the same place; he is a veteran of the Civil war, and a prominent citizen, having served at one time as associate judge of Union county. Charles, born December 10, 1845, resides at Linntown, Pennsylvania.

Robert Gellinger first saw the light in Hartley township, Union county, December 2, 1848, and his education was acquired chiefly in the local schools. In 1865 his parents removed to Buffalo township, in the same county, and his schooling then ended with the exception of two winter terms at the new home. When eighteen years old he was apprenticed to a harness maker, Henry Riment, of Buffalo Cross Roads, receiving his board with \$25 for the first year and \$30 for the second. He remained only eighteen months, however, and then went to Mifflinburg, where he received better wages from John S. Stitzer. Three years were spent altogether in learning his trade, and for some time he worked as a journeyman at Pittston, Wilkesbarre and Danville, before trying to establish a business of his own at Vicksburg, Union county. He had a hard struggle there, and at the end of four years was compelled to give up the attempt and find more profitable business. His capital was limited, but through the confidence of his friends he was enabled to engage in huckstering, and in this he built up a fine trade, notwithstanding the large number of people then in that business in the coal regions. Energy, business tact and close economy brought their due reward, and in the spring of 1895 he had saved enough money to buy 107 acres of excellent land near Lewisburg, known as the Peter Getz farm. Here he has made substantial improvements, repairing and beautifying the residence, and he now has a comfortable home. This work, with the cultivation of the farm, occupied his entire time until the fall of 1896, when he resumed his business as a huckster.

One important factor in his success has not yet been mentioned. When about twenty-five years old he married Miss Sarah J. Weidensaul, daughter of Samuel and Polly (Catherman) Weidensaul, and to her thrift and industry he justly attributes his rapid progress. They have three attractive daughters: Annie C., Mary Florence and Blanche Irene, all at home. Mr. Gellinger and his family are identified with the German Reformed Church, and he takes a generous interest in all progressive movements. He is a staunch Democrat politically, but while voting regularly and supporting his principles in a quiet way, he is by no means a politician in the usual sense.

JOHAN BAKER MOORE. The deserved reward of a well-spent life is an honored retirement from business, in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. To-day, after a useful and beneficial career, Mr. Moore is quietly living at his pleasant home on the old Moore farm at Spring Garden, Gregg township, Union county, and is surrounded by the comfort that earnest labor has brought him. He is a native of the county, his birth occurring at Forest Iron Works, February 10, 1828.

Joseph Moore, the father of our subject, was born in Lycoming county, Penn., September 24, 1802, a son of James and Mary (Ott) Moore, natives of France and New Jersey, respectively. The grandfather, a prominent bridge builder and contractor, was the founder of the University of Lewisburg, Penn., of which he was one of the trustees for many years, holding that position up to the time of his death. He also defrayed the expenses of building a road from the college to the city of Lewisburg, and was one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the community. He was born August 1, 1780, and died May 29, 1855, and his wife was born April 15, 1788, and died February 16, 1858, both passing away in Union county.

Like his father, Joseph Moore became a bridge contractor in early life, but later devoted his attention to farming. From 1823 until 1836 he made his home at Forest Iron Works, Union county, when it was almost an unbroken wilderness, and there he erected a mill. In the latter year, however, he removed to the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. In early life he married Miss Anna Baker, who was born in Lycoming county, March 18, 1802, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hill) Baker, agriculturists of Berks county, Penn. Her father was born in September, 1773, and died at Muncy,

Penn., September 29, 1855, and her mother was born in 1774, and died at the same place in October, 1833. The parents of our subject are also deceased, the father having passed away July 2, 1880, and the mother February 13, 1887. Both were active and prominent members of the Baptist Church, in which Mr. Moore served as deacon for half a century. He was also trustee of the University of Lewisburg for several years, and held a number of official positions of honor and trust in Gregg township.

John B. Moore is the third in order of birth in the family of seven children, the others being as follows: Elizabeth B., born April 8, 1824, is the widow of George Irvin, of Gregg township. James, born June 2, 1826, died August 28, 1846. Rev. William C., born March 24, 1830, is now a resident of Allenwood, Penn. George M., born August 19, 1832, is a farmer of Gregg township, and a deacon in the Baptist Church. Joseph, born August 29, 1835, became a member of Company B, 131st P. V. I., during the Civil war, and died at Fredericksburg, February 18, 1863. Mary, born May 2, 1837, died of diphtheria September 2, 1848.

Our subject has resided upon his present farm during his entire life with the exception of eight years, five of which were spent in Missouri with his father, and three on his grandfather's farm near West Milton, Penn. Returning to the old homestead June 9, 1886, he has there continued to reside, and, although the old house still stands on the farm, he occupies a more modern dwelling, which was erected in 1879. It is handsomely furnished, and the entire place is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories which go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. Although he has no aspirations for official honors, he has creditably served in several local positions, and is a stalwart Republican in politics. He is an excellent conversationalist, and has the happy faculty of making friends readily, and easily retaining them. As did his ancestors, he takes an active interest in promoting the moral and material welfare of the community, and for twenty-five years he has been trustee of the Baptist Church, of which he is a consistent member.

On February 18, 1864, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Katherine VanDyke, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: (1) Anna E., born April 22, 1866, is now the wife of Gus B. Lorrison, a railroad official located at Allenwood, Penn., and they have three children—John M., Clifton O., and Malvern Van D. (2) Joseph L., born May 27, 1869, is an engineer and bridge builder residing at home. (3) Mar-

garet B., and (4) Minnie M. (twins), were born February 25, 1871, but the latter died on the 6th of the following August. (5) Katherine Van D. was born January 24, 1875.

Mrs. Moore, who was born in Nippenose Valley, Penn., December 27, 1834, a daughter of James C. and Elizabeth (Clark) Van Dyke, has been an earnest Christian since childhood, at first belonging to the Presbyterian Church, but for the past twenty years has held membership in the Baptist Church, to which her husband belongs. She traces her ancestry back to her great-great-grandfather, Henry Van Dyke, who spent his entire life in Holland. Her grandparents, Lambert and Margaret (McMichael) Van Dyke, were natives of Holland and Scotland, respectively, but were married in New Jersey, whence they removed to Dauphin county, Penn. The grandfather died at Paradise, Penn., while improving a farm there for his son. He was of royal Holland stock, and he and all of his brothers participated in the American Revolution, as members of the Colonial army. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Moore, Thomas and Christina (Fraley) Clark, were among the first settlers of Nippenose Valley, Lycoming Co., Penn., where the former followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was also a Revolutionary soldier. Both he and his wife were natives of Lancaster county, Penn., and of Scotch-Irish extraction.

James C. Van Dyke, the father of Mrs. Moore, was a farmer by occupation, and was a Whig in politics, while, in religious belief, both he and his estimable wife were devout Presbyterians. He died in 1857, aged seventy-one years, and she passed away in 1870, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years, eleven months and eight days.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Margaret, now the widow of Solomon Kaufman, of Overly, Penn.; Esther, deceased wife of Jacob Voneida, a farmer of Nippenose Valley, Lycoming county; John, a retired farmer of South Williamsport, Penn.; James H., a fire-insurance agent, who was the first of the family to die, being at that time thirty-five years, eight months and twenty-four days old; Sarah V., who died unmarried; Lambert, a railroad contractor, who died in 1867; Elizabeth, deceased wife of F. B. Pursel, of Williamsport; Mary, wife of Simon P. Houts, a farmer of Gregg township, Union county; Henry H., a wealthy and prominent contractor and hardware merchant of Lock Haven, Penn., who is now deceased; Katherine, the wife of our subject; William T., ex-postmaster of Lock Haven,

who is now an invalid; and Eleanor J., wife of H. H. Nauff, a farmer of Montandon, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM PIATT ALLEN, who is now successfully engaged in business as a decorator and painter at Allenwood, Union county, comes of an honored pioneer family long identified with the history of this region. He was born June 12, 1839, in what was then Uniontown, but is now Allenwood.

Isaac Allen, his paternal grandfather, was born in New Jersey, and removed to Lycoming county, Penn. His children were: Charles (who died at South Williamsport), Allen (wife of James Reed), Anna (wife of John Simpler), William (married to Margaret Taylor), Mary (wife of Robert Hayes), Abraham, Sarah (wife of William Jones), Isaac, and Jane. All are now deceased.

Isaac Allen, father of our subject, was born in Lycoming county, February 5, 1800, and remained on the old family homestead until his marriage, in 1827, to Miss Jane Piatt, who was born in that county, January 18, 1801, a daughter of John Piatt, who was of German lineage, while his wife was of French descent. Their children were: Elizabeth (wife of Samuel McCormick), William (who married Hannah Brady), Herman C. (who married Lotta Brady), Julia Ann (wife of John Hammond), and Mrs. Allen. After his marriage, Isaac Allen engaged in lumbering. In 1833 he purchased a part of the present site of Allenwood, which place was then called Uniontown; it was laid out by John McCurdy, June 1, 1815. In 1866 he gave to the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company the right-of-way through his farm and a plot of ground 56 x 175 feet on which to build a station. He was a lumberman, and during his latter days engaged in contracting and in conducting a hotel in Allenwood. He died February 22, 1845, at the age of forty-five years, and his wife passed away August 18, 1886. Their children were as follows: Julia (widow of Jacob Kramer, ex-sheriff of Northumberland county, and treasurer of Watsontown), Charles (who served for three years and nine months in the Union army, and died after a nine-months' imprisonment by the Confederates), Herman P. (a merchant of Allenwood), Henrietta F. (widow of David W. McCarty, of Lewisburg), William P. (our subject), Jennie (widow of Dr. Thomas Burns, of Iowa City, Iowa), Isaac W. and Helen (who died in infancy).

William Piatt Allen remained at home until

after attaining his majority, and in his youth worked for a shilling a day. He was also engaged in rafting on the river. When twenty-two years of age he went to Ogle county, Ill., where he engaged in general farming and tobacco-raising. After his return he clerked for his brother for two years, and then served a three-years' apprenticeship at the stonemasons' trade under Fred Haines.

On August 16, 1864, Mr. Allen enlisted in Company I, 202d P. V. I., and was largely engaged in fighting the guerrillas, but whatever his duty, it was discharged with a loyalty that was above question. On his return home he ran a ferry-boat for a year, after which he sold out to his brother and went to Cedar county, Iowa. For some years thereafter he spent a portion of his time in the West, where he owned a farm of 240 acres. This, however, he sold March 18, 1874, and has since continued to make his home in Allenwood, where he is engaged in business as a decorator and painter, enjoying an excellent trade.

On October 9, 1872, Mr. Allen was married to Miss Lydia Gudykuntz, by whom he has one son, William C. Her grandfather, Adam Gudykuntz, a native of Germany, located in Lehigh county, Penn., at an early day, and there followed the hatter's trade. His son Charles was born there, October 15, 1799. He also learned the hatter's trade, which he followed for some years, and before attaining his majority he began clerking for Ludwig Stitzel, enjoying the highest confidence of that gentleman, who made him the executor of his estate. Mr. Gudykuntz married Sarah, the eldest daughter of Mr. Stitzel. He purchased and operated a sawmill, and also became the owner of six farms and other landed interests. He was a very active and successful business man, was at one time a director in the West Branch Bank of Williamsport, and afterward a director in the Cameron Bank of Lewisburg. In politics he was an ardent Republican, took a deep interest in the cause of his party, held many township offices, and served as State revenue commissioner by appointment of Gov. A. G. Curtin. For many years he was a consistent member of and elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gudykuntz lost his first wife May 18, 1832, and on the 10th of May, 1834, he married her only surviving sister. To the first marriage was born one son, Edward Stiple, who for many years served as a justice of the peace. The children born to the second marriage are: Sarah Jane married W. F. Campbell in 1866, a farmer and extensive lumberman; Mary Margaret, born

May 31, 1840; Charles L., born December 16, 1842, married Martha J. Griffa, by whom he has three children—Margaret B., Charles B. and Mary J.; James P., born April 21, 1845, married Anna Van Alstine, and is a carpenter of Allenwood; Anna Maria, born September 24, 1848, is the wife of Robert Brown, a farmer of Gregg township, Union county, and ex-commissioner, by whom she has one child, Claude A.; Josephine, born January 23, 1851, is the wife of J. F. Hagenbuch, a farmer of Allenwood; Eliza C., born March 11, 1853, is the wife of C. Brown, by whom she has two daughters—Irene and Mary; and Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Gudykuntz, the mother of this family, is living in Allenwood surrounded by her children; she is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, having the respect of all who know her. Mr. Gudykuntz died January 12, 1866, and his death was deeply mourned throughout the entire community. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Allen were Ludwig and Anna M. (Fox) Stitzel, the former a native of Rhein, Germany, and the latter of Berks county, Penn. Her great-grandmother (Fox) died while on the ocean *en route* to America.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen are very prominent people, held in the highest esteem by all, and she is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Allen formerly belonged to the Junior Mechanics, and is a thirty-second-degree Mason of Watsontown. He has spent almost his entire life in this community, and the fact that his warmest friends are numbered among those who have known him from boyhood indicates an honorable career.

MRS. SAMANTHA ORWIG, widow of Emanuel Orwig, is a representative of one of the most prominent and highly respected families of Union county, where her birth occurred.

Jesse Bloom, her father, was a native of New York State, but her mother, who bore the maiden name of Catharine Baker, was born in Snyder county, Penn., and died at the age of seventy-six years. Her parents were Peter and Elizabeth (Wise) Baker. John Baker, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Orwig, was a native of Germany, but came to this country in boyhood, landing at Philadelphia, and working out his passage money after his arrival. He located in Snyder county (at that time a part of Union county), where he purchased land and erected thereon good and substantial buildings, making that place his home until his death, which occurred at an advanced age. He not only cleared and cultivated the land, but also made most of the furniture found in his primitive dwelling.

Mrs. Orwig is the eldest of the children, the others being as follows: Hannah became the wife of Samuel Markel, and lived in Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., where she died in May, 1896; Rebecca is the wife of Henry Stitzer, a farmer of Hartley township, Union county; Sarah is the wife of Aaron Carlyle, a tinsmith of Williamsport, Penn.; and Nathan is living retired in Newberry, Pennsylvania.

In 1855 our subject gave her hand in marriage to Emanuel Orwig, a native of Mifflinburg, Penn., who became one of the most prominent and highly esteemed agriculturists of Hartley township, Union county. He was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, namely: Edward, Elviner, James, Emanuel, Sarah, and William. At the age of fifty-eight years, Mr. Orwig departed this life December 21, 1890, and his remains were interred in Pleasant Grove cemetery, Lewis township. He was by nature liberal and public-spirited, and wherever he took up his abode maintained an interest in the people around him, and contributed to the best of his means and ability to their improvement, socially, morally, and financially.

Mr. and Mrs. Orwig became the parents of five children: Howard, born in February, 1857, is married and lives near Lewisburg, in Union county, where he is engaged in farming; Alice, born December 14, 1859, was married to William Stahl, and died at the age of twenty-five years; Horace is married, and lives in Hartleton, Penn., where he is extensively engaged in the lumber business, employing a number of hands; Mary is the wife of Daniel Hassinger, who owns a pleasant home in Mifflinburg, Penn.; and Katie is the wife of James Miller, a farmer of Buffalo township, Union county. Mrs. Orwig, who is held in high regard throughout the community, is a member in good standing of the Methodist Church.

SAMUEL F. RUHL, a well-known citizen of Swengel, is a worthy representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Union county, and a son of George and Hannah (Kauffman) Ruhl, the latter a daughter of David Kauffman, a respected farmer of this locality. George Ruhl was born near Manheim, in Lancaster county, Penn., and when ten years of age was brought to Union county by his parents who located in Lewis township, upon a farm where his father died in April, 1843. The father of our subject then purchased the old homestead, on which he continued to reside until called to his

final rest August 7, 1878. It then became the property of Samuel F. and his brother Henry W., who lived thereon until the spring of 1888, when they rented the place and retired from active labor, in the meantime having purchased property in the adjoining village of Swengel, where they now make their homes.

George Ruhl, the father of our subject, was twice married, having by the first union three children, as follows: (1) David married and removed to Illinois, where he reared his family and died at the age of fifty-eight years. He alternately engaged in farming and merchandising, following the former occupation at the time of his death. (2) Joseph died in infancy. (3) George P. became a prominent farmer of Lewis township, and is now living retired in Swengel, spending his time with his children as he lost his wife some years ago. He owns considerable real estate in Union county.

By his second marriage the father had five children: (1) Elizabeth became the wife of Amos Grove, of Vicksburg, Penn., where her death occurred. (2) Priscilla is the wife of S. Shrack, a retired farmer of Lewisburg, Penn. (3) Samuel F. is next in order of birth. (4) Henry W., a resident of Swengel, married Miss Elizabeth Maister, a daughter of John Maister, a farmer of Lancaster county, Penn. They have one daughter, Jennie, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, who completed her education in the New Berlin Seminary, and is a prominent member of the Christian Endeavor Society. (5) Sarah is the wife of Christian Schnure, of Vicksburg, Penn., and has two sons—Harry and Clarence.

The boyhood and youth of Samuel F. Ruhl was spent in much the usual manner of farmers' sons, aiding in the labors of the fields and attending the local schools. On attaining to man's estate he married Miss Barbara A. Paul, a daughter of George Paul, a carpenter of Lewisburg, Penn. The two children born of this union both died in infancy.

In political sentiment, Mr. Ruhl is a strong Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He is a consistent and faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and takes an active part in the work of the Christian Endeavor Society. He is enjoying the reward of a well-ordered life, in which he has exerted himself to do good to those around him.

GEORGE P. RUHLE, one of the retired farmers and leading citizens of Swengel, is a native of Union county, his birth occurring

January 2, 1827, in Lewis township. His ancestors were originally from Germany, and his paternal grandmother was a Miss Hochlander. He had two brothers—David married and removed to Illinois, where he reared a family and engaged in farming and merchandising at different times. He died in that State at the age of fifty-eight years. Joseph died in childhood. Mr. Ruhle also has two half-brothers and three half-sisters, among whom is Samuel F. Ruhle. Among his relatives was Philip Ruhle, an uncle, who faithfully served his country in the war of 1812.

The subscription schools furnished our subject his educational privileges, and his business training was received upon a farm. Possessing considerable inventive genius, he has already patented two articles, and is now at work on a third invention. Industrious, energetic and progressive, he met with a well-deserved success in his farming operations, and now in his declining years is able to lay aside business cares and enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

On reaching manhood, Mr. Ruhle married Miss Catharine Morrison, a daughter of Thomas Morrison, who was of English descent. She was born in 1826, and died October 31, 1885, aged fifty-nine years, two months and sixteen days, after thirty-six years of happy wedded life. Her remains were interred in the graveyard at Ray's church. By her marriage to our subject she became the mother of four children: (1) Israel, born August 27, 1850, is a farmer residing near Mifflinburg, Penn., and is now serving as justice of the peace. He is married, and has two children—James and Fannie. (2) Mary, born August 10, 1852, is the wife of Andrew Harter, a tanner, living in Illinois. (3) David M., born in 1860, married Miss Mary A. Crouse, daughter of Daniel Crouse, a retired farmer of Lewisburg, formerly of Snyder county, Penn. (4) Franklin, born October 1, 1855, died February 25, 1859.

Mr. Ruhle uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has faithfully and capably served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor in his township. He is held in the highest esteem and respect by all who know him, and has the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

LEVI MILLER. Few of the gallant survivors of the Civil war have so painful a reminder of those days as has the subject of this sketch, a well-known citizen of Mifflinburg, whose sight was totally destroyed by an attack

of smallpox while in the service. Mr. Miller is an intelligent man, one who doubtless could have made a success in almost any line of business, and it is gratifying to note that in 1886 he finally received from the government a pension in recognition of his claims upon the nation's gratitude.

The Miller family was represented in Hartley township, Union county, in pioneer times, our subject's grandfather, Peter Miller, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., settling there to engage in lumbering. He conducted a sawmill for many years, and died there in his ninety-eighth year.

John Miller, the father of our subject, was born in that township, in 1805, and, after spending the greater portion of his life as a laborer in Hartley township, died in Limestone township, Union county, in 1872. His wife, Sarah Deckard, a native of Berks county, Penn., born in 1809, died January 16, 1897. They had twelve children, of whom, one died in infancy, the following living to adult age: John P., who died in July, 1896, in Northumberland county, Penn.; Mary, Mrs. Samuel Badger; Levi, our subject; Jacob, now living in Michigan; Isaac, a resident of Bellefonte, Penn.; Susannah, wife of Jacob Wirt, of Gleniron; Catherine, Mrs. William Shawley, now deceased; Maude, wife of Samuel Rincard, of Missouri; Rebecca, who married Isaac Bickhart, of New Jersey; Frank, who lives near Pine Grove, Penn.; and Jane, wife of Alfred Wayland, of Chillisquaque, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miller, our subject, was born January 25, 1836, in Hartley township, Union county, and grew to manhood in that locality, engaging in business as a carpenter. During the dark days of the Rebellion, when the North was summoning all her forces for a final struggle, he entered the army, enlisting in 1864, at Petersburg, Va., in Company H, 49th P. V. I., attached to the Sixth Corps, Army of the Cumberland. He took part in the battle of Fort Stephen, but later contracted the dread disease through which he lost his sight, and for some time prior to the close of the war he was confined to a hospital. On his return home he worked at his trade as he could, but is now living in retirement. Politically, he is an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and he is actively interested in religious work as a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1862 Mr. Miller was married at Mifflinburg, Penn., to Miss Adaline Smink, and three children blessed their union: Miss Lillie V., born March 3, 1865, is at home; Charles E., born December 26, 1867, died April 1, 1872; and William Oscar, born June 21, 1870, married Miss Catherine Moore, and has one son, Raymon.

Mrs. Miller was born April 24, 1839, the daughter of Jacob and Eva (Christ) Smink. The father made his home in Union county for many years, but spent some time in other parts of the State, and his death occurred at Shamokin. His first wife, a Miss Brown, died leaving six children: Samuel, Washington, Hiram, Josiah, Lydia and Sarah. By his second marriage, to Miss Christ, he had nine children: Isaac, now residing in Shamokin; John (deceased); Daniel, of Shamokin; Mary (Mrs. Samuel Martz), deceased; Jacob, of Shamokin; Elizabeth (deceased), who married John P. Miller, our subject's brother; Adaline, Mrs. Miller; Reuben, who lives in Reading, Penn.; and Matilda, widow of Charles Martz, of Shamokin.

G W. SCHNURE, a leading farmer of Hartley township, Union county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a native of Union county, born June 26, 1836, a son of Christian and Lydia (Keister) Schnure.

The family has long been identified with the interests of this region, his paternal grandfather, who emigrated from Germany to America during his youth, having located in Union county at an early day, and the birth of the father occurred in Laurelton. The latter died in 1890, having survived his wife six years, and both were laid to rest in the Dunkard churchyard.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children, namely: John, who enlisted in Company F, 184th P. V., and served his country with distinction until taken prisoner while on picket duty in front of Petersburg, and died in Andersonville prison; G. W., of this sketch; Amelia, who married Hiram Durst, of Centre Hall, Penn., and died in 1867; Elizabeth, who became the wife of F. W. McCurdy, and died, leaving one daughter, Jennie, now the wife of Wesley Fairchild, of Northumberland county, Penn.; Margaret, who died of diphtheria at the age of twenty-one; Sarah, wife of Philip Durst, who lives near Centre Hall, in Centre county, Penn.; Christian, a resident of Vicksburg, Penn.; O. P., who married Anna Irvin, and lives in Mifflinburg, Penn.; Louisa, a resident of Hartleton, Penn.; Mark, who married a Miss Ruhl, and lives near Mifflinburg, where he follows the occupation of farming; and Louis, of Laurelton, Pennsylvania.

G. W. Schnure early became familiar with agricultural pursuits upon the home farm, his education being obtained in the district schools of the locality. While quietly following the occupation to which he had been reared the storm

of Civil war broke over our beloved country, and in response to the call of the general government for men, Mr. Schnure enlisted March 11, 1864, at the age of twenty-seven years, becoming a member of Company E, 51st P. V. I., with which he faithfully served until the war had ended. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania Court House and many others, and was several times slightly wounded. Being mustered out at Alexandria, Va., at the close of the war, he returned home and resumed farming, meeting with excellent success in his chosen calling. He owns a fine farm near Laurelton, which yields bountiful harvests for the care and labor he bestows upon it.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey, Mr. Schnure chose Miss Sarah Kleckner, daughter of Isaac Kleckner, of Hartley township, Union county, who at one time conducted a hotel at Woodward, Centre Co., Penn., and later became a speculator in land. Removing to Wisconsin in 1841, he there spent his remaining days. Mr. Schnure has been called upon to mourn the death of his estimable wife, who passed away in February, 1892, and was buried in Lincoln cemetery in Hartley township, Union county.

In his political views Mr. Schnure is a Republican, and in religious belief is a Methodist. Fraternally he is a worthy member of J. C. Schnure Post No. 546, G. A. R. His genial, hospitable manner has won for him a host of warm friends, and he has the esteem and confidence of the entire neighborhood.

GEORGE PETER NOLL. Prominent among the early settlers of Kelly township, Union county, were the Nolls and the Meixells, the paternal and maternal ancestors of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who in his industry, thrift and sound judgment, and progressive spirit, proves himself worthy of pioneer blood.

On the paternal side the family is of German origin, his ancestors crossing the ocean prior to the Revolutionary war. The first to settle in this section were our subject's grandparents, Peter and Christiana (Geyer) Noll, natives of Berks county, Penn. They located in Union county in the wilderness, with the Indians for their neighbors, upon timber land purchased at \$8 per acre, and, clearing it, made a fine farm. Of their family of four children, none are now living. They were: Daniel was a farmer in Kelly township, Union county; Sarah married Peter Hursh, and after a residence of fifty years in Lewisburg,

Penn., moved to Lancaster, Kans., where they recently died; Elizabeth did not live to maturity; and John, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. The mother of these children died, and Peter Noll married a second wife, Christiana Spotts, but no children were born of this union.

The late John Noll, the father of our subject, was born at the old homestead of the Noll family, March 5, 1818, and lived to more than three score years and ten, passing away on April 6, 1888. He followed the shoemaker's trade, and was also a successful agriculturist, but for a few years before his death he left the active work of his estate to younger hands. His influence in the community was marked, and he ranked among the leading Republicans of the township, holding various offices at times. During the war he contributed time and means toward filling the quota of men for his township.

On May 2, 1839, John Noll was married, in Kelly township, to Miss Leah Meixell, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., who was born September 8, 1821, and died June 28, 1891, in her seventieth year, the remains of both being interred in White Deer churchyard. Her father, George Meixell, came to Union county in early manhood, when that locality was in a primitive condition, and he and his wife, Nancy Royer, had to undergo the usual privations of the pioneer farmer. George Meixell lived to the age of seventy, and his remains now rest in the Dunkard cemetery in Kelly township, Union county. His children were: Pharos, now a retired farmer residing in Nebraska; Jeremiah, a retired farmer of Lycoming county, Penn.; Violetta, who married John Moyer, both now deceased; George, deceased; Leah, our subject's mother; Martin, formerly a farmer, now living in retirement in East Buffalo township, Union county; Rebecca, who married John Clinger, a lumberman and farmer in Virginia, where both died; Anna, wife of John Ruhl, a farmer near Atchison, Kans.; Harriet, wife of William Gann, a farmer in Lycoming county, Penn.; Elam, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; Alpheus, who went to the West; and John, who died at an early age.

Our subject's parents passed their lives amid the quiet scenes of an agricultural neighborhood, taking part in all that tended to advance the community and identifying themselves with the work of the Lutheran Church. They had five children, whose names are as follows: (1) Angeline, born March 21, 1840, was married (first) to Philip Ruhl (deceased), and (second) to A. J. Rishel (deceased). She died September 8, 1891, and was buried in Union cemetery. Two sons, John G. and George C., and one daughter, Jen-

nie Ruhl, survive, and are engaged in a furniture factory at Lewisburg. (2) George Peter, born September 11, 1842, is mentioned more fully below. (3) William F., born February 2, 1844, was reared upon the homestead, receiving a common-school education, and except for seventeen years in Northumberland county, has lived in Union county. He owns a farm in Kelly township, and some valuable property in the city of Lewisburg. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the Union army, but his parents refused to let him go to the front. On September 16, 1879, he was married to Miss Susan Ryan, daughter of Benjamin Ryan, a farmer, then a resident of Snyder county, Penn., but now of Northumberland county. One daughter, Nora G., born October 3, 1880, is now attending the high school at Lewisburg. (4) Levi, born June 2, 1847, is a farmer in Kelly township, Union county, residing on the farm which he bought in the year 1892, known as the Adam Young farm, which makes a pleasant home. He married Miss Mary Rothermel, daughter of Isaac Rothermel, a shoemaker, formerly of Berks county, Penn., but now of Union county, and has two sons, Newton and Hommer. (5) John C., born April 6, 1854, is also engaged in agriculture in Kelly township. He resides on the old homestead where the Noll family was reared, which he bought some years ago. His wife, Rebecca, is a daughter of Samuel Spotts, of the same township, and they have one daughter, Laura, born in 1882.

Farm life during our subject's boyhood furnished many kinds of employment which, owing to the absence of machinery, extended throughout the year. Mr. Noll remained at home until the age of eighteen, assisting in the work and attending the local schools, and then began working by the month for other farmers, spending four years at this occupation. One year as a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company followed, but he preferred agricultural pursuits and returned to the old homestead, where he was employed by the month for two years, and also ran a threshing machine in partnership with his brother William.

On November 26, 1868, Mr. Noll was married, at the residence of the bride's parents, to Miss Sarah J. Leiby, who was born in Limestone township, Union county, March 30, 1846. Her father, David Leiby, is a well-known citizen in Kelly township, Union county. Mr. and Mrs. Noll have one son, William C., born November 26, 1869, who is now his father's right-hand man upon the farm.

After his marriage, Mr. Noll rented a farm in Buffalo township, Union county, for three years, and then for twenty years rented a farm which belonged to the late Squire Cameron, of Lewisburg. In 1891 he removed to his present home near Kelly Point, and in 1892 he purchased the farm in that locality now conducted by his son, formerly known as the John Kling farm. In addition to his agricultural work, Mr. Noll has been extensively engaged in dealing in stock, and by his careful and judicious management he has accumulated a fair competence.

Mr. Noll is an active member of the Farmers Alliance at Brook Park, and is also prominent in the Republican organization of his locality. While in Buffalo township he served as school director for nine years. He is a ready friend to any religious movement and for many years has been a member of the Lutheran Church.

PA. BAKER, a leading business man and farmer residing in Vicksburg, is a native of Union county, born May 19, 1844, in Buffalo township, and on both the paternal and maternal sides belongs to old and prominent families of Pennsylvania. Wendell Baker, who was the first of the family to come to Union county, was born April 2, 1730, and during the trying times of the Revolutionary war aided the Colonies in throwing off the yoke of British oppression. His wife was born August 4, 1730, and died on the 8th of October, 1782. In their family were several daughters and two sons, the latter being Jacob, the grandfather of our subject, and John.

Jacob Baker was one of the prominent and most substantial business men and farmers of his community, owning a large tract of land, and also a sawmill, fulling-mill and carding-machine, which he operated. After the death of his brother John he purchased his property. He married Catharine Rockey, who was born in Lancaster county, Penn., January 17, 1782, and died May 5, 1857. She was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Rockey, the former of whom was born in 1757, and died in 1796, and the latter born in 1757, died in 1807. The death of Jacob Baker occurred April 19, 1827, and he and his wife were both buried in a private cemetery in Buffalo township, on what was known as the Wendell Baker farm, and in which Wendell Baker was the first interment. The grandfather's death resulted from illness brought on by breaking through the ice while crossing Buffalo creek. While not a member of any Church, he leaned toward the Dunkard faith, and led a straightforward, honorable life.

In the family of Jacob and Catharine (Rockey) Baker were the following children: Elizabeth, born June 25, 1804, married Jacob Rengler, and died in St. Clair county, Ill.; Samuel, born October 19, 1806, died in Buffalo township, Union county, October 1, 1895; John, born October 2, 1808, died in the same township May 26, 1838; Mary, born February 8, 1812, is now the widow of David Kelly, and lives in Buffalo township; Jacob, born December 3, 1813, died in that township in the fall of 1855; Henry, the father of our subject, is next in order of birth; Catharine, born November 12, 1820, married Peter Voneida, and died in Northumberland county, Penn.; and William, born December 10, 1822, died in Buffalo township.

Henry Baker was born July 20, 1817, on the old Baker homestead, along Buffalo creek in Buffalo township, and was there reared until fifteen years of age when he went to live with his brother-in-law, David Kelly, in Kelly township, Union county, remaining with him six years. On going there he was able to do a man's work in the harvest field. Later he spent one summer in Illinois, riding to and from that State on horse back, and on his return trip started with two fine horses which he had purchased, but as one became unmanageable he sold it and bought instead a fine sorrel mare of running stock.

In Buffalo township, during his early manhood, Henry Baker was married to Miss Mary M. Pontius. Her father, Philip Pontius, was born August 15, 1789, and was the eighth son of Lieut. Henry and Catharine (Wolfe) Pontius. The Lieutenant was a son of John Pontius who came to America from Switzerland in the early part of the seventeenth century, and with his wife located in Berks county, Penn. Their son Henry, who was born in 1744, was a Revolutionary soldier, and in that war attained the rank of lieutenant. Soon after the French war he came to Buffalo Valley, but did not locate permanently here until 1770, when he took up 600 acres of land on Cedar run, and built a house that stood for over a century, though it was greatly remodeled. He was a noted Indian fighter, and was one of the principal actors in the frequent dramas brought about by the contiguity of the Redmen and the early settlers. He married Catharine Wolfe, by whom he had twelve children, namely: Andrew, Frederick, Henry, Nicholas, John, George, Peter, Philip, Jonathan, Catharine, Christina, and Barbara. He died in 1822, and his widow seven years later.

Philip Pontius, the maternal grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life in Union county.

During the war of 1812 he was drafted, but having several brothers in the service, and being needed at home, he hired a substitute. In his younger years he taught school for some time, and for many years was a member of the school board, and also secretary of the board of trustees of the Mifflinburg Academy. He was recognized as a valued and public-spirited citizen, and was called upon to serve in a number of local offices, including those of supervisor and assessor of his township. He retained his excellent memory until near the last of his long and honorable career, and died in 1872, when past the age of eighty-three. In 1814 he had married Abigail Thompson, who was born in 1790, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Eleanor (Robinson) Thompson. Nine children were born to them: Catharine; Benjamin Thompson; Mary Matilda, the mother of our subject; Emanuel; Samuel; Eliza A.; Henry P.; Caroline, and Angeline L.

After his marriage, Henry Baker located on his mother's farm as a tenant, remaining there seventeen years, and then bought the John Biddle farm near Vicksburg, where he lived for twenty years. Removing to Vicksburg in the spring of 1885, he lived retired until his death, which occurred at his beautiful home in that place, February 24, 1890. His wife passed away in April, 1893, at the age of seventy-two, and they now sleep side by side in the Dreisbach cemetery. They were consistent members of the Reformed Church, and the parents of four children: P. A., of this sketch; Benjamin F., who died at the age of fifteen; Henry K., who died of diphtheria at the age of six years; and Laura A., now the wife of John Everett, of Vicksburg.

Physically the father was five feet eight and a half inches in height, and weighed about one hundred and fifty-two pounds. On November 5, 1874, while in Lewisburg with 32 cwt. of coal upon his wagon, he fell off the wagon in trying to lock it and had both limbs crushed. Only the best medical skill and attendance saved them; by the following March he had almost entirely recovered their use to the surprise of everyone. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, but took no active part in public affairs. In a Republican township he was several times elected overseer of the poor, a fact which indicated his popularity and the high regard in which he was held.

While temporarily making his home with his maternal grandfather, P. A. Baker began his education in the Pontius school-house, and the knowledge that he acquired in the country schools was supplemented by a course in the academy at Lewisburg. On January 9, 1872, in

Vicksburg, he was married to Miss Mary J. Kleckner, who was born in Union county, May 16, 1844, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Kleckner. Six children grace their union: H. W., born October 2, 1873, is a farmer residing at home; Martin E., born August 17, 1875, is assistant postmaster of Vicksburg; Francis T., born August 12, 1878, is attending school; and Marion E., born April 12, 1881; Philip E., born December 10, 1883, and Mary L., born June 10, 1887, are all at home.

After his marriage, our subject operated his father's farm two years, but in 1874 purchased the Adam Young farm at \$142.50 per acre, and there continued to live until his removal to Vicksburg, where he owns one-half part of the old Shoemaker farm of 127 acres, which cost him \$166 per acre, and was but poorly improved in the way of buildings. He sold his first purchase in 1890, but still retains the farm at Vicksburg, which he successfully operated for a few years, but now gives most of his time and attention to the implement business. In 1894 he erected his present store building, where he also conducts the post office, being appointed postmaster on the 17th of June of that year. He has never taken a very active part in political affairs, but always supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and has been made election inspector.

Mr. Baker and his estimable wife are active and prominent members of the Reformed Church, and he has been appointed elder of the Church newly organized in Vicksburg. The Sunday-school has also found in him an able champion, and he fitted up the building in Vicksburg, where the first Sunday-school was held. A public-spirited, enterprising man, he is always ready and willing to aid any measure for the interest or benefit of the community, and one time was a member of the Grange.

THOMAS WILSON, formerly a leading agriculturist of Kelly township, Union county, is now a resident of the charming little city of Lewisburg, where he and his family are prominently identified with the most cultured social circles. He is a representative of a well-known family, and his estimable wife belongs to the Geddes family, whose name has been held in honor in this State from an early day.

On the paternal side the first ancestor—Scotch-Irish in descent—of whom there is a definite record, is James Wilson, who, when seven years old, came from Ireland with his parents, and settled in Derry township, Union coun-

ty. He married (first) Martha Sterritt, and (second) Ann Sterritt, who died January 15, 1789, his death occurring in September, 1793. By the second union there were nine children, of whom the eldest was a son, William, the grandfather of our subject. He was born June 14, 1743, and died April 9, 1824. His wife, Elizabeth Robinson, to whom he was married October 24, 1773, was born in 1758, and died in 1815. Of their thirteen children, our subject's father, Samuel Wilson, was the ninth in order of birth. He was born April 9, 1790, and died January 16, 1843, and was during his lifetime a prosperous agriculturist of Kelly township, Union county, and a well-known Democrat. On December 12, 1816, he married Miss Elizabeth Nevius, who was born October 4, 1796, and died August 9, 1851. They were both members of the Methodist Church, and were highly esteemed for their excellent qualities of character. Their children's names with dates of birth are as follows: Mary, March 22, 1817, who married William Frick, and died in Chester, Penn., February 25, 1889; Elizabeth, January 29, 1819, died September 25, 1823; Sarah Ann, July 26, 1821, died October 12, 1823; William, April 15, 1825, died July 9, 1896; Lucretia, January 12, 1827, married James L. Norton, and resides in Winona, Minn.; Lutetia, January 12, 1827; Thomas, our subject, August 21, 1828; Samuel, February 28, 1831, was a colonel in the Union army during the Rebellion, and is now living in Williamsport; Eliza, February 3, 1833, has never married; John M., September 27, 1834, resides in Chester, Penn.; James, October 12, 1836, died March 25, 1838; Nancy Maria, December 2, 1838, resides with her sister in Minnesota; George Potter, January 19, 1840, is an attorney in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For many years Thomas Wilson resided in Kelly township, Union county, where his birth occurred nearly seventy years ago. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Elizabeth Geddes, was born July 4, 1837. Of nine children, three are living: (1) James Geddes, born February 2, 1860, died July 18, 1888. (2) William F., born October 17, 1861, married Miss Bertha Rank, of Minnesota, and has four children—Glenn W., Paul, Thomas, and Carlyle. (3) Harry Norton, born December 6, 1863, died December 23, 1881. (4) George Matthew, born January 20, 1867, died March 6, 1881. (5) Paul G., born November 20, 1869, died February 15, 1886. (6) Thomas S., born March 21, 1871, married Miss Maude Wheelock, of St. Charles, Minn., and has one son, Alonzo. (7) Mary Elizabeth, born March 19, 1873, having graduated from Bucknell Institute, is now

pursuing a post-graduate course at the University of Michigan. (8) Carrie G., born November 30, 1875, died August 30, 1886. (9) J. Earl, born April 25, 1881, died April 2, 1893.

The Geddes family is of Scotch origin, and traces its descent from Paul Geddes, who was born between 1660-70, in Scotland, and died there between 1720-30. He married a widow, Mrs. McElroy, and, according to family history, had one son, James, born in 1704. If there were other children, there is now no record of them. James Geddes married Margaret Muir, a native of Scotland, and seems to have lived for a time in Ireland, their youngest son, Samuel, having been born there. About 1752 James Geddes came with his wife and three sons to America, and settled permanently in what is now Dauphin county, Penn., where his death occurred at the age of sixty. His widow lived to eighty-four years of age, and passed away in 1783. Of the three children who grew to maturity, Paul, born in 1732, died May 25, 1814; William, born in 1735, died in 1789; and Samuel, born in 1739, died in 1788.

Samuel Geddes, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Wilson, left four children, whose names, with dates of birth and death, are here given: Samuel, February 26, 1775, August 23, 1848; James, August 5, 1781, March 22, 1867; William, September 10, 1789, October 28, 1836; Margaret, June 11, 1785, May 6, 1862. James Geddes, Mrs. Wilson's grandfather, was married February 12, 1807, to his cousin, Mary Geddes, and resided all his life in Lewisburg, Penn. He was a man of marked character and absolute integrity, and for more than forty years he was annually elected treasurer of a corporation of which he was a member, an evidence of the unlimited confidence of his associates. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and were greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends. They had three children: Paul, Margaret and James:

Paul Geddes (father of Mrs. Wilson) was born August 11, 1810; he married Henrietta Fredrick, February 21, 1832. He accompanied General Fremont across the Plains to California, and spent a number of years in that State during its pioneer days. His life was full of romance and adventure, which, if accurately recorded, would make a volume of exciting interest, but he never revealed the story, and posterity has thus lost much valuable history. He died July 2, 1889, at Lewisburg, Penn., where he was born and where he spent the latter part of his life, enjoying the confidence and respect of all who knew him. His wife, Henrietta, was born October 25,

1812, and died September 13, 1893. They had four children, of whom Mrs. Wilson was the youngest. The others were: James F., born December 24, 1832, died December 12, 1840; Harriet Jenkins, born April 24, 1835, died April 7, 1855; and William Cameron, born July 23, 1839, died July 10, 1890.

JOSEPH D. WINTERS, a prominent merchant of New Berlin, Union county, is a fine type of business man, and while he had not the extremes of poverty in early life which some have had to overcome, he has worked his own way up from the foot of the ladder. He has unbounded energy and pluck, balanced by excellent judgment, and his jovial, hearty manners have won him a host of friends, his good humor seeming to possess a contagious quality which places all around him on pleasant terms. His 225 pounds avoirdupois is no barrier to an incessant activity, notwithstanding the commonly accepted theories to the contrary, and if anyone doubts it his personal history will prove that he has been no laggard in life's battle. Mr. Winter's ancestors settled in Pennsylvania at a very early period, and his grandfather, Daniel Winters, was born January 18, 1776, in Lancaster county, where he grew to manhood, learning in his youth the carpenter's trade. When a young man he was married in his native country to Miss Phœbe Sailer, who was born June 18, 1775. A few years after his marriage he moved to New Berlin, where he followed his trade and also at times acted as auctioneer and town-crier. He and his wife were both devout Church members, and were held in high esteem by all who knew them. He died January 5, 1837, and his wife on March 26, 1861, their remains being interred in the Union Cemetery at New Berlin. His mother accompanied him from the old home in Lancaster county, and her last days were spent at New Berlin. Daniel and Phœbe Winters reared a family of eight children, of whom our subject's father was the youngest; Christian died at Muncy, Penn.; Joseph at New Berlin; John in Maryland; Daniel, Jr., and Samuel in Centre county, Penn.; Elizabeth, widow of Henry Mussina, resides at Mt. Carmel, Penn.; and Jacob lives in New Berlin.

The late Benjamin Sailer Winters, the father of our subject, was born August 15, 1817, in New Berlin, and although his parents were poor, he secured a good education, his skill in penmanship being especially worthy of note. For four years he was engaged in teaching, but wages

in this calling were at that time too meagre to retain men of ability, and Mr. Winters soon found a more promising opening in mercantile life. During his boyhood he had spent some of his leisure time clerking for John M. Benfer, of New Berlin, and later he was employed by a merchant at Aaronsburg, Penn., and by John D. Bogar and others of New Berlin. With this experience he ventured into business for himself, at his native place as a member of the firm of Bogar & Winters, later Rathfon & Winters, and finally Schoch & Winters. For fifty years he continued this business and then, on March 27, 1886, he retired, although in excellent health. An acquaintance then remarked that he had weighed and measured more goods than any man in New Berlin. He retained much of the vivacity which marked his youth, and the weight of years seemed to have no effect upon his mental faculties. He was always genial in manner and witty in conversation, and throughout the large circle of acquaintances which his extensive business brought him he was held in high esteem, his excellent habits and honest methods commanding the respect of all classes, while on his part he was never known to desert a friend. If he had an enemy he never knew it, for he was himself incapable of holding an unforgiving attitude toward anyone. He was five feet eight inches in height, and weighed 163 pounds, and wore a full beard, fourteen inches long. His constitution was unusually strong, and his first serious illness came with a stroke of paralysis on August 15, 1892, which resulted in his death January 24, 1894. As a citizen he was always ready to forward any worthy movement, and if necessary he did not hesitate to lead one, his interest in local progress being shown in many ways. For many years he was a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he held various offices, and he also filled creditably positions of trust in civil life, serving as burgess, councilman and school director. His first vote was cast for William H. Harrison, and he remained a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, of which he became a steadfast supporter. In the words of a friend, "One always knew where Ben Winters stood" in State or National issues.

When about twenty-five years old he was united in marriage with Miss Susannah Schoch, a native of New Berlin and a member of one of its best families. She was born in 1827, the daughter of Sem and Esther (Kline) Schoch, and her death occurred April 30, 1891. Our subject was the youngest child and only son of this estimable couple. Miss Jennie E. Winters now re-

sides in Philadelphia, and Anna E. married Jeremiah Maize, of New Berlin.

Joseph D. Winters first saw the light October 19, 1859, and has always made his home at New Berlin. He attended the public schools for a time, Miss Kate Mouck being his first teacher, and later took a course in the Union Seminary (now C. P. C.). On leaving school in the spring of 1876 he began to turn his attention to the problem of self support to which he had already begun to attach importance, as he had from the age of fourteen bought his own clothes from the proceeds of the sale of newspapers. In this business he was a pioneer in his town, being the first boy to sell papers on the street. On October 10, 1876, he entered his father's store as a clerk, remaining until 1886, when he was employed by M. L. Schoch in a similar capacity at a salary of \$45 per month. This position he held until April 19, 1892, and on August 8 of that year he became a traveling salesman for the Hooven Mercantile Co., of New York, his task being to introduce their goods into Union, Perry, Centre, Snyder, Mifflin, and Juniata counties, where they had not been represented up to that time. He was taken for a month on trial, and so successful was he that he was retained at an increased salary. As business grew his salary was again enlarged, and he now enjoys a large trade and a correspondingly satisfactory income. On April 1, 1887, he bought a lot at New Berlin with an eye to erecting a residence and store building, and in 1893 this plan was carried out, his present store being opened March 10, 1894. When he began this venture he inaugurated the cash system, then entirely new in that town, and despite predictions of failure he has demonstrated that business may be successfully conducted on this basis even in the face of one hundred years of contrary practice. The fact that his large custom has been built up in competition with old and well established firms reflects great credit upon him. While still retaining his position with the New York firm he is always to be found in his store when not "out on the road," and his success so far indicates that in due time he will be the leading merchant in his locality.

Mr. Winters was first married to Miss Margaret Moyer, a native of East Buffalo township, Union county, born April 6, 1860, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Brown) Moyer. She passed to the unseen life April 6, 1891, and on March 15, 1894, he formed a second union with Miss Carrie M. Derr, who was born May 18, 1870, near Paxtonville, Penn., the daughter of Calvin L. and Lydia (Moyer) Derr. By the first

marriage he has one son, Wainwright M., born June 25, 1880, who is now a clerk in the store. There are two children by the second marriage, Deloma D., born August 25, 1894, and Rowena Schoch, born March 22, 1897. Mr. Winters' home is a pleasant one, supplied after his own ideas with all modern conveniences. His family is well known in social life, and he is a leading member of the Lutheran Church, serving as deacon at one time, and always taking an active part in the Sunday-school, of which he is at present the secretary. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., of New Berlin. In politics he is a stanch Republican so far as National or State policy is concerned, but in borough or county elections he chooses the "best man."

JOHAN A. BEARD, an able and successful attorney of Mifflinburg, is a young man who has won recognition in his profession in an unusually brief time. He was born June 30, 1861, in Berks county, Penn., where his family, which is of German origin, has been prominent since pioneer times. Henry Beard, his grandfather, passed the ninety years of his life there, he and his wife, who was a Miss Warren, a granddaughter of General Warren, of Bunker Hill fame, rearing a family of four children—Augustus W.; Elizabeth; Amos H., now living in Reading, Penn.; and Catherine.

Augustus W. Beard, our subject's father, was born October 19, 1830, and also made his permanent home in Berks county, engaging for some time in early manhood in school teaching, and later in mercantile business in Philadelphia, Penn. For many years previous to his death in September 13, 1876, he was identified with the Reformed Church, and held a place among the leading men of his community. His wife, Amanda Louise Bechtel, was born in Berks county, September 18, 1837, and died April 16, 1889. Her father, John A. Bechtel, was a native of Philadelphia, and resided there during the greater portion of his life, his death occurring at Newport, Penn., at the age of seventy-six. He married a Miss Seidel, who died when but little over twenty years old, leaving three children—Henry H., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Mary M. Gast, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; and Mrs. Beard. Of the six children of Augustus and Amanda Beard three died in infancy. Three sons survive—Horace, superintendent of the Newport tannery at Newport, Penn.; Harry B., who superintends a similar establishment at New Decatur, Ala.; and John A., of this sketch.

During his boyhood, Mr. Beard received ex-

cellent educational advantages, attending school for a time in Philadelphia, and from 1876 to 1880 he pursued higher branches of study at Mifflinburg. He then began to read law under the direction of Horace P. Glover of that city, in December, 1882, was admitted to the Bar, and at once opened an office for independent practice. In this he has been very successful, having acquired an extensive general practice, in connection with which he does special work in collections.

On November 1, 1894, Mr. Beard was married to Miss Minerva J. Pellman, a native of Limestone township, Union county, born February 23, 1860. They are prominent in the best social circles of Mifflinburg, and Mr. Beard is a member of the Reformed Church, and of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he is a Republican.

AMOS GROFF, a well-known resident of Vicksburg, is one of the principal landholders of that locality, his possessions including four farms of one hundred acres each, with other tracts, amounting in all to about six hundred acres. One of his estates has especially interesting associations, being the original homestead of the Groff family in Union county. The Groffs came from Germany at a very early day, and the family is now numerously represented in this section, but the name is commonly spelled Grove. Our subject is now about the only one in Union county who retains the old form. For several generations his ancestors have followed agricultural pursuits, his great-grandfather, Adam Groff, residing in Pennsylvania. The first of the family to acquire land in Union county was Abraham Groff, Jr., our subject's grandfather, who bought a tract in Buffalo township, near Mifflinburg, about 1828, which he gave to his eldest son, Adam. In 1831 Abraham Groff, Jr., and his wife, Nancy Graybill, came to the county and settled in Kelly township, where he died at the age of seventy-one, and his wife at sixty-one years of age. They had twelve children, none of whom are now living, three dying in infancy. Adam is mentioned below; Abram died in Kelly township; Lavina, Mrs. John Leiser, died in 1856 in Northumberland county; Nancy never married; Catherine, Mrs. William Leinbach, died in Northumberland county; David and John in Kelly township, Union county; Lucy, Mrs. Peter Guyer, in Buffalo township; and Martha, Mrs. John Leinbach, in Northumberland county.

Adam Groff, our subject's father, was born December 21, 1802, in Earl township, Lancaster

county, Penn., and was married in 1828 to Miss Leah Miller, who was born in the same county October 22, 1807, the daughter of John and Magdalena (Groff) Miller. After his marriage Adam Groff located at once upon the farm near Mifflinburg, being the first of the family to take up his residence in the county. He was a successful farmer, and though somewhat below the average height was capable of much hard work. In his business dealings he was noted for scrupulous fulfillment of obligations, and his excellent qualities gained him the respect of all who knew him. Although not especially fond of political office, he served one term as supervisor of Buffalo township, and was an unwavering supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He and his wife were both members of the Reformed Church. His death occurred March 6, 1878, and she survived him until December 23, 1893, when she breathed her last, the remains of both being interred in Dreisbach cemetery. Of their two children, our subject was the only one to live to adult age, the elder son, Graybill, dying when three years old.

Mr. Groff first saw the light April 1, 1832, at the old homestead, and his life during boyhood was that of the average country boy of that day, farm work requiring much more time than now. He attended the "Pontius school" in his district, and might have had better opportunities when he completed the course of study there, but he declined his parents' offer to send him elsewhere. Practical training in all kinds, the details of farm work management prepared him for his successful career, while by precept and example his father and mother impressed upon him the value of honesty and uprightness, and all the sterling qualities of character which go to make up good citizenship. On December 24, 1854, he was married in Hartley township, Union county, to Miss Elizabeth Ruhl, who was born November 30, 1831, the daughter of George Ruhl, a well-to-do farmer of that township, and his wife, Hannah Kauffman. Mr. Groff continued to reside at the homestead until March, 1893, when he removed to Vicksburg, his widowed mother accompanying him. Her death was followed on March 27, 1895, by that of his estimable wife, who was buried at Dreisbach church. Although Mr. Groff does not work as actively as of yore, he still oversees his extensive property. As a manager he has shown unusual sagacity, his fine inheritance having been increased largely, and while he has at times met with serious losses he has never been overwhelmed by them. Asking only his dues, he concedes the same right to others, and many worthy move-

ments have been assisted by him. In manner he is quiet and unassuming, but his conversation is of rare interest owing to a keen memory which keeps all the observations of past years at ready command. He is a leading member of the Reformed Church, and is active in local politics, his advocacy of Republican doctrines being as constant and effective as was that of his honored father. He has never sought office, however, his business requiring his entire time and attention.

JONATHAN SANDERS. The old homestead of the Sanders family in Union county is beautiful for situation, lying along the bank of Penn's creek, just below the Bridge at Centerville. It has been in the possession of some member of the family ever since September 26, 1796, when Henry Sanders, Sr., the grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, came from Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Penn., to make his home in this section. He was a blacksmith by trade, and prominent among the early settlers. His death occurred February 17, 1850, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife in her maidenhood was Eva Franz, and they reared a family of eight children, among whom were four sons, viz.: Henry, Jr., our subject's father; David, who removed to western Pennsylvania, and died there in 1878; John, who died in Snyder county in 1876; and and Jacob, who located in Sandusky, Ohio.

Henry Sanders, Jr., was born in 1795 in Lancaster county, and was a mere child when he was brought to the present homestead, where he grew to manhood, with the training common to the time and locality. Choosing farming as an occupation, he made his first venture on a farm belonging to his father, in Hartley township, Union county. While there he married Miss Catherine Kauffman, a native of the township, and in 1826 he removed to his father's farm near Centerville and made his permanent home. He was a good manager, and, without doing as much manual labor as some, he succeeded admirably, his boys being allowed to do the greater part of the active work as they grew old enough. In local affairs he was influential, and he occasionally held office, serving at one time as supervisor of what is now Limestone township, Union county. In 1844 he was elected county commissioner, the wages then being \$1.25 per day. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died January 11, 1870, and his wife, who was a devout member of the Lutheran Church, passed away February 16, 1877, at the age of seventy-seven, the remains of both being interred in the

cemetery at Centerville. Their children were: Henry K., a retired farmer residing at Centerville; Jacob, a resident of New Berlin, Penn.; Joseph, a farmer who died in Mifflinburg March 4, 1896; Jonathan, our subject; Sarah, who died at the age of eighteen years; Margaret, widow of Daniel Reber, of New Berlin; and Anna C., widow of Col. Edward Smith, of the same city.

Our subject's birth occurred at the old homestead September 23, 1836, and he received his early education in a school house which stood upon the same estate, his first teacher being Miss Matilda Weirick. His instruction was confined almost exclusively to reading, writing and arithmetic, but the study of grammar was added during one winter term. At sixteen he left school to take charge of a team for hauling wood, coal and lime. There was plenty of work to do at home, and, being the youngest son, he was kept busily employed after the elder boys married and left the farm. On December 24, 1863, he was married in New Berlin to Miss Harriet Walter, who was born April 16, 1846, in the same township, the daughter of Abraham and Christiana (Eyer) Walter. She had also been reared to farm life with the usual educational privileges of the time, and has been an unfailing helper in all his enterprises. The young couple located at the homestead, Mr. Sanders working the farm on shares, and, after his father's death in 1870, he purchased the place, paying sixty dollars per acre, and going in debt to some extent. The estate has been greatly improved since, the barn and residence having been remodeled, and all the other buildings replaced with new. The same faculty for management for which his father was so noted is prominent in his work, and he ranks among the most successful agriculturists of the locality. In addition to the homestead, he owns 170 acres of farming and timber land in Snyder county, and a pleasant home in New Berlin. In 1881 he had the misfortune to be kicked by a horse, and he has never fully recovered from the injury. Since that time he has done no manual labor, and in 1886 he removed to New Berlin. The attractions of the old home, where his entire life had been spent, were too strong for him to be contented anywhere else, and in 1891 he returned to the farm, where he has remained in a happy and peaceful retirement. With plenty of this world's goods, he takes life philosophically, satisfied that he has done his duty in his appointed sphere. His three daughters, who were educated in New Berlin, have all married well: (1) Emma J., is the wife of Harvey Moyer, of Snyder county, and has had five children—Lester,

Torrence C., Harriet, Martha and Henry J., all of whom are living, except Martha. (2) Elva C. married Prof. G. Holzapfel, of Cleona, Penn., proprietor of a monthly magazine known as the "Pulpit", and editor of two others, "The Preacher's Helper" and "The Teacher's Aid." They have two children, Nellie Ruth and Cora Grace. (3) Cora Belle married Charles O. Smith, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, now residing in Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. Sanders is a Republican, but has never gone into political life, although he has at times held office as township auditor and inspector of elections. He and his wife are leading members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as elder.

DAVID REBER (deceased), whose name will long be remembered among those of the financial leaders of this section, was identified for nearly forty years with the Lewisburg National Bank as cashier. His unwavering devotion to the duties of this responsible post, together with his natural qualifications, gained him the unbounded confidence of all whose interests were entrusted to his hands, while as a citizen he was held in the highest esteem throughout the community. His broad sympathies included all phases of effort, and he was prominent in religious and philanthropic work as a member of the Presbyterian Church. While he was never a politician, he took a keen interest in the questions of the day, and was a staunch believer in the policy of the Republican party. Mr. Reber's family became identified with Buffalo Valley at an early day, and he was born at the old homestead in Union county, June 19, 1817. His father, the late John Reber, followed agricultural pursuits for many years; but his last days were spent in retirement at Lewisburg. Of his sons, only one, Thomas Reber, of Lewisburg, is now living.

On January 7, 1840, David Reber was married in Kelly township, Union county, to Miss Margaret Musser, who was born December 11, 1817, and they then settled in Lewisburg, in the pleasant home where they spent more than half a century of mutual happiness. On September 11, 1894, Mr. Reber passed from earth, his devoted life companion surviving him until June 14, 1897, when she, too, was called to the life beyond, at the time of her death being one of the oldest residents of Lewisburg. Their two sons are well settled in life: (1) William McClellan, born March 4, 1842, resides in Bloomsburg,

Penn. He married Elizabeth R. McKinney, of that city, and has two children—Edith McKinney and William McKelvy. (2) John Musser, born September 24, 1845, is a resident of Boston, Mass. He married Miss Ferry, and has two sons—Jack and William.

MRS. MARGARET REBER was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in former days was a leader in its activities. Her father, John Musser, was a native of Lancaster county, Penn., of which locality her grandfather Musser was an early settler. John Musser came to Union county and located upon a farm in Kelly township, where he died at the age of forty. He was a man of unusual enterprise and business acumen, and successfully conducted a distillery for some years. His wife, Sarah (McClellan), was born in Mifflin county, the daughter of the well-known pioneer, Hugh McClellan. She survived her husband forty-two years, remaining faithful to his memory, her death occurring when she was eighty years and two months old. Her children were: Robert (deceased); Margaret (Mrs. Reber); Joseph; William, a physician at Muncy, Penn.; John, who met a soldier's death at the battle of the Wilderness while serving as lieutenant-colonel of a Pennsylvania regiment; and James W., who died in California in May, 1897.

FREDERICK REAGEL, a worthy and honored representative of the early pioneers of Central Pennsylvania, is a true type of the energetic, hardy and courageous men, who actively assisted in the development of Union county. He was born October 24, 1821, four miles and a half west of Centreville, in what is now Snyder county, but was then a part of Union county, and is a son of John and Catharine (Bingaman) Reagel. The father, who was one of a large family, was born in Berks county, Penn., but when a young man located in Snyder county, where his marriage was celebrated. Learning the tanner's trade under Jacob Moyer in Moser's Valley, he followed that occupation for many years, but later turned his attention to farming. He lived to be about seventy-two years of age, and his remains were interred in the Hossinger Church cemetery, in Snyder county, and his wife, who died at the home of our subject in Buffalo township, Union county, at the age of eighty-eight, was also buried there. He was identified with the Democratic party, and both held membership in the Reformed Church.

Frederick Reagel was the oldest son and second in order of birth in the family of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters. The

family being large, and the parents poor, the boys early began earning their own livelihood, and therefore our subject's educational advantages were limited to three months' attendance at a German school. At the age of fourteen he started out in life for himself, and for four years his wages went toward the support of the family. Under the direction of Samuel L. Noll, he then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he successfully followed for forty years. As a contractor he erected many of the best houses and barns in his locality, and he also worked at the cabinet maker's trade, manufacturing much of his own furniture.

On December 16, 1845, in Middleburg, Snyder county, Mr. Reagel was united in marriage with Mary A. Wyle, who was born April 2, 1826, near Fogelsville, in Lehigh county, Penn., and is a daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Harman) Wyle. The former, who was born in Montgomery county, Penn., was a son of Peter Wyle. The birth of the mother occurred in Germany, but when an infant she was brought to the United States by her parents, John Harmon and wife. Jacob Wyle, a stone mason by trade, came to Union county, where he and his wife spent their remaining days, the former dying at the age of forty-seven and the latter at the age of seventy-five. In their family were thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters, of whom Mrs. Reagel is the fourth daughter and sixth child. She remained at the old home in Lehigh county until twelve years of age when she began earning her own living, and her education was also in the German language.

Upon his marriage Mr. Reagel rented a small place in East Buffalo township, Union county, which was very sparsely furnished, having only the mere necessities. Later he rented a small farm in Buffalo township, of David Gleck, for two years, and in March, 1850, removed to his present place, which he rented of George Frederick for three years, and then purchased. For the twenty-seven acres he paid \$65 per acre, going in debt for \$1,450, but he has lived to see the place cleared of all encumbrance, and with his own hands he has erected every building upon the place, and set out every fruit tree with the exception of one sour cherry tree. In 1884 he abandoned carpentering, and has since given his entire time to the cultivation of his farm.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reagel were born a family of eight children, as follows: Saloma H., born September 27, 1846, married John Curus, and died in Selins Grove, Penn.; Lydia A., born July 9, 1848, first married Jonathan Miller, and since his death has become the wife of John Irwin, of

Kelly township, Union county; Elizabeth, born July 2, 1850, died May 22, 1858; Wesley B., born May 26, 1852, is a harness maker of Chicago, Ill.; Mary A., born September 22, 1854, is the wife of Samuel Schnure, of Montour county, Penn.; Ausben W., born April 13, 1856, is a druggist of Waverly, Ill.; Alice C., born March 13, 1859, is at home; and Minerva, born May 12, 1866, is the wife of Charles Noll, of Buffalo township, Union county.

Mr. Reagel is still quite active and well preserved, having never been ill but once in his life, when in 1855 he had typhoid fever. Honest, industrious and persevering, he and his wife have secured a comfortable competence, and their genial, hospitable manners have gained them a host of warm friends. Earnest, consistent Christians, they are faithful members of the Dreisbach Church, in which Mr. Reagel has served as deacon. On December 16, 1895, they celebrated their golden wedding. In his political views Mr. Reagel was first a Whig and later a Republican, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of overseer of the poor in Buffalo township.

CHARLES A. BOGAR, a general merchant and substantial citizen of Mifflinburg, Union county, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born January 25, 1860, at Mifflinburg.

William Bogar, father of our subject, whose parents were Paul and Mary (Mahoghy) Bogar, was born April 24, 1824, in Sunbury, Penn., and died March 25, 1889. When in his teens he was apprenticed to W. B. Thompson, late of Mifflinburg, with whom he learned cabinet-making. Later, his father having died and his mother remarrying, he went to Middleburg, Penn., where he clerked in the store of his stepfather, Judge Wittenmyer. Subsequently he went to Virginia on a prospecting tour, remaining six months, when he returned to Middleburg and again engaged as clerk in the store of his stepfather. Later he went to Centreville, Penn., and there was employed by his brother, Daniel, in a mercantile business, which he afterward bought and successfully conducted for a number of years. On June 21, 1852, he was married to Miss Sabra Bibighaus, daughter of Dr. John Bibighaus, and two children were born of this union, namely: John, who died at the age of four years; and Charles A., whose name introduces this sketch. The family located in Mifflinburg about the year 1855, where William Bogar lived almost continuously until the time of his death, and where his widow still resides with her son, Charles A. William Bogar was a merchant throughout his

life. He was a prudent, industrious and economical man, and left to his widow and son a comfortable competence. He served many years as overseer of the poor, and made an efficient officer. For some years just prior to his death, he had been a terrible yet patient sufferer. For his good traits, genial and social disposition he will ever be fondly remembered.

Charles A. Bogar received his education in the common schools, and ever since he has been tall enough to chin a counter, he has known no special business outside of the mercantile; and if there is any detail in this line unfamiliar to him it would be difficult to mention it. For the past quarter of a century he has sold goods at his present location. He was first a clerk for his father, but two years prior to his father's death, in 1889, he assumed control of the business, and at that time became proprietor. Few indeed are the needs found in any store that cannot be supplied in this, which is well stocked in general merchandise. His specialties are boots and shoes, and glass and queensware; and to the latter, including crockery, his second story is given exclusively. As a kind of side issue Mr. Bogar has established a successful livery business. He is a director and shareholder in the Farmers' Bank of Mifflinburg. In 1888 he was married to Miss Annie C. Leaman, and two children were born to the union, namely: Sabra Leaman, and one that died in infancy. Mr. Bogar and wife are members of the German Reformed Church. The name of Charlie Bogar is a familiar one, his acquaintances are numerous and his friends many. In his business dealings he is gentlemanly, prompt and correct.

MISS KATIE E. BRAUCHER, a popular, accomplished and refined young lady residing near Millmont, in Lewis township, Union county, owns a fine farm inherited from her father, John Braucher, a prominent and wealthy agriculturist, who died July 12, 1892, leaving his wife and three children amply provided for. Our subject obtained her excellent education in the Missionary Institute, now the Susquehanna University, and her sunny, genial manner has gained for her a host of warm friends throughout the community.

John Braucher, who was of German extraction, was one of a family of seven children, who in order of birth are as follows: Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Abbie, John, David and Samuel. On reaching manhood he married Miss Elmira Garrett, daughter of Michael Garrett, who was of French origin, and spent his entire life in

Union county. In the Garrett family were six children, the others being Sarah, wife of Augustus Gilbert, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; Jonathan and Caroline, who both died in infancy; James, who was taken prisoner by the Confederates while serving in the Civil war, and died in Andersonville prison; and Franklin, who was married and died in Huron, Ohio, in March, 1885.

To Mr. and Mrs. Braucher were born three children, namely: (1) Charles L., born in 1864, in Lewis township, Union county, married Miss Sarah Voneida, daughter of Solomon Voneida, a miller residing in Laurelton, Penn., and they have three children—Nellie, John and Bessie. (2) Elmer S., also a native of Union county, married Miss Ina Coleman, daughter of John Coleman, and three children grace their union—Mable C., Maud B. and Ellen C. (3) Katie E. completes the family, whose members all hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and have the respect of all who know them. The father, who was one of the distinguished and leading citizens of Lewis township, was laid to rest in the Hartleton cemetery.

JOHAN E. MORGAN (deceased). In a beautiful home overlooking the city of Lewisburg the venerable subject of this sketch passed the afternoon of an honored and useful life. Born April 1, 1813, he to the last was hale and hearty, and gave personal attention to his extensive real-estate holdings, while keeping pace also with the current of thought upon all subjects of interest to cultivated minds. In this connection we may mention that he was a lifelong abstainer from tobacco, a fact which conveys its own moral. Mr. Morgan's ancestors were pioneers in this State, and his home abounded in relics of past generations. Among them is a Bible printed in the Welsh language in 1813. Another heirloom is a handsome mahogany arm chair, in which Charles Thomson, permanent secretary of the Colonial Congress, sat while signing many important documents. This was given by the old patriot to Mrs. Margaretta Elliott, at whose death it came to Capt. William Morgan, our subject's father. The old rocking chair in which the nine children of Capt. William Morgan were rocked during infancy has also descended to our subject, and is treasured for its associations.

The Morgan family is of Welsh origin, and the first of this line to cross the Atlantic was our subject's grandfather, Thomas Morgan, a native of Radnorshire, Wales, who located before the Revolutionary war in Lower Merion township, Montgomery county, Penn. He was but nine-

teen years old at the time, and he was married in this country to Miss Patience Miller, a member of the Society of Friends. They had the following children: John; Margaretta, who married John Elliott, and died in 1850; Reuben; William; and Joseph Charles. The last named, who died in 1880, owned several ocean vessels, and for many years was a captain on the high seas. For eight years he was in the diplomatic service of the United States, at Tripoli, Africa. He married Mary Ann Miller, and had three children, two of whom now reside in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Capt. William Morgan, the father of our subject, was born in Montgomery county, Penn., near Lancaster turnpike. During the war of 1812 he served as an officer in the militia, and for several months was stationed below Marcus Hook, in order to prevent the British from coming up the Delaware, and to guard the only powder mills in the country, those near Wilmington, Del., belonging to the Du Ponts. The following interesting record is copied from a document now in the possession of the family:

Received December 16, 1814, from Capt. William Morgan, of First Company, Sixty-fifth Regiment, First Brigade, Second Division, Pennsylvania Militia, the following articles of camp equipage into the State arsenal: Ninety-seven cartouch boxes and belts and scabbard; seventy-five haversacks; ninety-two knapsacks; ninety-four canteens; three water buckets; twenty-seven camp kettles; twenty-nine mess-pans; two axes; twenty common tents; three wall tents, with flies; fifteen sett poles; four sett wall tent poles; ninety-eight muskets, with bayonets.

(Signed) WILLIAM ALLEN,

Assistant Brigade Inspector.

In March, 1805, Capt. Morgan married Miss Mary Evans, a member of the Friends Society, and a daughter of William and Mary Evans, whose remains now rest in Radnor churchyard, in Delaware county, Penn. The Captain resided at the old homestead at Morgan's Corners, now generally known as Radnor Station, on the Pennsylvania railroad. Bryn Mawr is situated upon a part of his estate. After fifty-five years of happy wedded life he passed away on August 28, 1859, and his wife did not long survive him, her death occurring January 8, 1862. Their children were: Thomas, born December 31, 1805, who married Ellen Evans, and is now deceased; Mary Ann, born in March, 1807; Patience, born in 1809, died in 1816; Joshua Evan, born in 1811, died in 1831; John Elliott, our subject; Margaretta Elliott, born December 15, 1815, died August 21, 1849; Sarah Potts, born June 6, 1818, was married October 4, 1853, to William M. Lowman, of Dauphin county, Penn., since deceased; William, born in April, 1820, died in February, 1852; Patience Miller, born February 5, 1824, was married March 22, 1864,

to Walter L. Trewick, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The subject of our sketch was a native of Delaware county, Penn., and was reared upon his father's farm, attending the local schools, which were conducted on the old fashioned subscription plan. On December 22, 1861, he married Miss Catherine Rodenbaugh, a native of Montgomery county, Penn., and settled upon the old homestead for a time. In 1865 he went to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland Co., Penn., and after eight years there moved to Lewisburg. He resided in the city about five years; but in 1878 bought a fine farm in Kelly township, and spent twelve years in agricultural pursuits, retiring about seven years ago to his last earthly home. He has always had a keen interest in public questions, and was a believer in the doctrines of the Republican party. In religion he followed the faith of his Quaker ancestry, but attended the Christian Church at Lewisburg. On January 7, 1898, he was taken to his final reward; and his remains were interred on January 11, in the beautiful cemetery at Lewisburg.

Mrs. Morgan is a member of the Christian Church, and has always been active in good works. She is a daughter of Elder Jacob Rodenbaugh, and a granddaughter of Isaac Rodenbaugh, a native of Berks county, Penn., born October 23, 1772, who married Margaret Stellwagon, born in Delaware county, Penn., May 19, 1772, and settled at Germantown, Penn. The Stellwagon family held a prominent position socially, and one of the daughters married Edwin M. Lewis, of Philadelphia. Elder Jacob Rodenbaugh was born February 12, 1812, in Montgomery county, Penn., and for more than fifty years was actively engaged in the ministry in the Christian Church, having charge of the congregation at Newport, Gulf Mills and Lewisburg, Penn., remaining at the last named place twelve years, and in Hunterdon county, N. J., where he spent eight years. While residing in Union county he served nine years as school director in Kelly township, using his influence in the cause of progress, and securing the erection of several handsome school buildings.

On January 7, 1836, Elder Rodenbaugh married Susan J. Wagner, born July 23, 1808, and had the following children: Catherine Wagner, born November 9, 1836, now Mrs. Morgan; Margaret R., born February 1, 1838, who married Sylvanus G. Bennett, of Lewisburg, and has three living children; Annie Pechin, born August 5, 1839, who married George W. Slifer, of Winfield, Penn., and has four children; John Wagner, born July 1, 1841, died November 26, 1888, married Elizabeth Ammon, and has two children;

Mary Jane, born May 4, 1843, who married Edwin W. Rawn, now deceased, and now resides in Lewisburg, Penn., with one daughter, Mary; Elizabeth Hawk, born March 22, 1845, who married Dr. William E. Cornog, of Sergeantsville, N. J., and has one son, Jacob R.; and Isaac Newton, born October 16, 1846, died November 30, 1847.

Mrs. Morgan's mother was a daughter of John and Catherine (Jones) Wagner, of Lower Merion township, Montgomery Co., Penn. She was one of a large family of children: Charles, the eldest; John, who married Sarah Johnson, both now deceased; William, who married Abigail Reese, deceased; George, deceased, who married Sarah Ann Moyer, of Roxboro, now also deceased; Jacob, deceased; Ann, who married Edward Pechin, of Radnor, Delaware Co., and both are now deceased; Susan J., Mrs. Rodenbaugh; Mary Jane, who married Robert Hunter, now deceased, and was the first American lady to go to Tasmania, where they settled in 1840, their voyage occupying six months; and Elizabeth became Mrs. Godfrey Hawk, of Sussex county, N. J., and is now deceased.

WILLIAM D. YOUNG, one of the progressive citizens and substantial farmers of Union county, was born in Buffalo township, November 24, 1845, a son of Adam and Elizabeth Young. His father was born on the same farm February 13, 1808, and was a son of Jacob Young, a pioneer of Union county, who was numbered among the tax-payers of Buffalo township as early as 1799. He was born in 1775, and died June 7, 1857, at the age of eighty-two. He married a Miss Bower, and their son Adam was their only child who reached adult age. Jacob Young was a well-known citizen, prominent and progressive, and was the owner of the first buggy ever brought to Buffalo township. At his death he left considerable property.

Adam Young, father of our subject, was reared on the home farm and received but limited school privileges. He married a Miss Rockey, and their children were Jacob, who died in Dallas county, Iowa; George W., of Mifflinburg, Penn.; John, of Three Rivers, Mich.; Maria, who became the wife of Hugh Reish, and died at their home in Indiana; Sarah, wife of George Catherman; and Margaret, who, after her sister's death, also married Mr. Catherman. After the death of his first wife, Adam Young wedded Elizabeth Swartzlander, a native of Buffalo township. Their children are James, of Darke county, Ohio; William D.; Reuben, of White Deer township,

Union county; Charles, a physician of Lynchburg, Va.; Harvey, who follows farming near Bellevue, Ohio; Oliver, an agriculturist of Three Rivers, Mich.; Oscar, a farmer of South Dakota; Ellen, wife of Aaron Nogel, of Buffalo Roads; Leannah, wife of Oscar Fury, of Constantine, Mich.; Harriet, wife of William Kersteter, of Buffalo township; Mary, wife of Milton Hendricks, of Buffalo Roads; and Susanna, wife of Miles Miller, of Buffalo township, Union county. The mother of this family died in August, 1866, and was buried in Dreisbach cemetery. Adam Young was again married, June 13, 1867, his third wife being Sarah Spigelmeyer, who was born in Buffalo township, April 11, 1843, a daughter of Abram and Mary (Young) Spigelmeyer. They had three children—Martin, who died at the age of eighteen years; Ida M. and Nora M., who are living with their mother. The father died October 8, 1872, and was buried in Dreisbach cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics was a staunch Democrat. In business he was very energetic, persevering and successful, and at his death left an estate valued at \$60,000. In manner he was very genial, and his hearty laugh could be heard for a long distance. His farm, which was one of the neatest and best in the county, was sold to Addison Baker. Mrs. Young bought her mother's farm, and now resides there.

William D. Young began his education in the school at Buffalo Cross Roads, Mr. Cook then acting as the teacher. He assisted in the work of the farm until the fall of 1866 when he went to Seneca county, Ohio, where he worked as a farm hand for \$11 per month, and in the spring of 1867 removed to Darke county, where he was employed as a farm hand at \$20 per month. In the spring of 1868 he went to Donovan county, Kans., where he worked through the summer, but in the fall of that year returned to Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1869 he again went to Darke county, Ohio, where he spent the summer at farm work, receiving \$25 per month, and in the autumn he returned to his Pennsylvania home.

On December 11, 1870, Mr. Young was married in Smoketown, Penn., to Miss Sarah J. Wolfe, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., August 11, 1848, a daughter of George and Catharine (Reamer) Wolfe. They now have five children: Carrie M., Minnie M., George A., Charles E. and William Paul, all at home, except Carrie M., who is the wife of John Miller, of Lochiel, East Buffalo township. For a year after his marriage Mr. Young operated a rented farm in Kelly township, and then lived upon a rented farm in Anthony township, Montour coun-

ty Penn., four years. The succeeding year was spent in Buffalo township, Union county, and for three years he operated the Henley farm near Vicksburg. After one year spent in Mifflinburg he remained for three years on the Frederick farm in Buffalo township, and in 1883 purchased the Andrew Hauck farm in Buffalo township, where he has made his home since the spring of 1884. He has placed his land under a high state of cultivation, and his place is neat and thrifty in appearance. At local elections he is independent in politics, but when officers for the State and Nation are to be selected he votes with the Democracy. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and he has served as deacon and elder. His upright life commends him to the confidence and goodwill of all, and he is one of the best citizens of Buffalo township.

DAVID C. JOHNSON is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising men of Union county, and has since 1881 been identified with the mercantile interests of Weikert. Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are now recognized as the leading citizens are those who are at the head of the most important business enterprises. He is a man of broad capabilities, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Besides his property in Weikert he also owns 600 acres of valuable land, a part of which is covered with timber.

Mr. Johnson was born June 10, 1856, near Kaler, in Hartley township, Union county, a son of William and Catharine (Sweitzer) Johnson. The father, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, is a man of broad learning, and is especially interested in astronomy. In the family were seven children, namely: William, *a farmer of Cherry Run, Hartley township; Anna, who married S. C. Wilt, of Hartleton, Penn., and died in 1876, leaving a husband and two children; Alanson, an agriculturist residing near Weikert, in Union county; Aramudee, wife of David Benny, of Cherry Run; David C., of this sketch; Mary, who died at the age of three years, and Gertrude, who died at the age of thirteen.

After attending the common schools for some time, David C. Johnson completed his education in Union Seminary, of New Berlin, Penn., now known as the Central Pennsylvania College. He then successfully engaged in teaching school for seven years. In 1880 he married Miss Hannah,

daughter of William Weikel, of Glen Iron, Union county, and to them were born six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Maud, May 20, 1882; Ray, March 24, 1884; Grace, April 14, 1888; Harold, February 15, 1891; Ernest, December 13, 1892; and Arthur, March 19, 1895. The wife and mother, who was born February 25, 1863, departed this life April 18, 1895, and was laid to rest at Hyronimus Church, in Union county. In his political affiliations, Mr. Johnson is a stalwart Republican, and religiously he is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. He is an enterprising business man, of pleasing address and genial manners, and is a citizen whose life is in every way above reproach. Since 1893 he has been a Master Mason, having taken the first three degrees of that ancient and honorable order, whose precepts he closely follows in every-day life.

MRS. MARY A. COOK, of Laurelton, is a lady who is well known throughout this section of Union county, and is highly respected. A native of the Pine Tree State, she came to Pennsylvania, in 1854, with her parents, Alva and Sarah (Purrington) Marston, who located in Union county, where the father followed lumbering throughout his active business life. He was a son of Shem Marston, who was also born in Maine, of English ancestry. The father of Mrs. Cook departed this life September 16, 1870, and the mother's death occurred in 1878, the remains of both being interred in the Dunkard churchyard in Hartley township, Union county. In the Marston family were six children, as follows: James, now a farmer of Kansas, is married and has a family; Alvah, Jr., also married, and resides in Kansas; Vesta became the wife of Brown McKnit, of Milroy, Penn., and died in 1893, leaving a family; Charles is married, and follows agricultural pursuits in Kansas; Addie makes her home in Mifflin county, Penn.; and Mary A. completes the family.

Shortly after her arrival in Union county, Miss Mary A. Marston became acquainted with W. H. Cook, a prominent young farmer and a member of a highly respected family of this section, and in 1858 they were joined in wedlock. They made their home in Union county, where Mr. Cook successfully engaged in farming until called to the unseen world in May, 1889, his remains being interred in Lincoln cemetery, Hartley township. As a citizen he was honorable, prompt and true to every engagement; as a man he held the honor and esteem of all classes of people, and as a husband and father he was a

model worthy of all imitation; unassuming in his manner, sincere in his friendship, steadfast and unswerving in his loyalty to the right. His memory will be a sacred inheritance to his children; it will be cherished by a multitude of friends. His father, Andrew Cook, was a native of Ireland, but when only two years old was brought to the United States by his parents.

Three children were born to W. H. and Mary A. Cook, namely: (1) Charles M., who lives on the old homestead in Hartley township, Union county, married Miss Clara Reed, daughter of George Reed, a bricklayer residing in Lewisburg, Penn. They had two children—William, born December 13, 1886; and G. Donald, born August 19, 1890. (2) Willis P. is married, and is quite a prosperous farmer of Washington county, Kans., in which State he has made his home since seventeen years of age. (3) Albert died in infancy. Mrs. Cook, who is a conscientious member of the Methodist Church, is much beloved by all who know her for her gentle ways and pleasant manner.

JACOB BAKER, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Alvira, Union county, is now spending the evening of his life in retirement after years of well-directed effort. He is the oldest resident of his township, and his eighty-five years have spanned a period of development in this section which can scarcely be realized by this generation. He is of good old Berks county stock. Joseph Baker, the father of our subject, was born there in 1793, and became a wood chopper and charcoal burner by occupation. He married (first) Miss Mollie Dry, who died in 1812 from typhoid fever. Of her four children, Polly, Jacob, Benjamin and Charles, all except our subject died within a week of her death from the same disease. The father removed later to Schuylkill county, Penn., where he died in 1868 aged seventy-five years. His second wife, Elizabeth Musselman, died there at an advanced age. Seven children were born of this union, viz.: Daniel, Anna, Washington, Joseph, Frank, Harry and Beckie; none of them are now living.

Mr. Baker was born December 9, 1812, in Roscommon township, Berks county, and at the age of fourteen was placed on a farm to work, his wages going to the support of the family. In fact Mr. Baker never knew what his wages were for the four years which he spent in this work. At eighteen he began an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade in Berks county, receiving only his board and clothes for three and one half

years. He was a clever youth, and, as a lack of opportunity for learning had been a source of keen regret to him, he made arrangements with his employer, on completing his term as apprentice, to work mornings and evenings for his board in order to attend school. After a few months his employer offered him five dollars a month as a regular hand, but Mr. Baker declined, preferring to continue his studies. Later he accepted an offer of \$5.50 per month, and his schooling ended. Not long afterward he rented his employer's shop for one hundred dollars per year, agreeing also to do all the blacksmithing needed on the latter's farm, and at the end of the year the rent was raised to \$110 per year with the work as before, and a son of the employer was to be hired at six dollars per month. These conditions Mr. Baker accepted, but after one year he gave up the shop and spent two years working at different places for sixty-two cents a day. In October, 1837, he was married in Berks county to Miss Dinah Rodarmel, and about a year later he removed to what is now Gregg township, Union county, then Washington township, Lycoming county, being accompanied by his wife and little daughter, Maria, and his wife's parents. He built a blacksmith shop and carried on his business two years, and then purchased a lot at Alvira, where he erected another shop and continued his work until 1872. Concluding to try agricultural work, he bought a farm in the same township, and remained ten years, when he retired from active business. He has always been influential in local affairs, his sound judgment and integrity winning the confidence of his associates, and he has held various positions of responsibility, including the offices of collector and supervisor of his township. His interest in political questions is keen, and in early life he supported the Whig party, of which his father was also a member, but since the organization of the Republican party he has adhered to that. He belongs to the United Evangelical Church, and for some time served as steward.

Seven children have blessed his home: Maria married Rev. Samuel Davis, of Columbia Co., Penn., and has four children and five grandchildren. Miss Sophia, who resides with her father, is universally esteemed for her womanly character and fine mental gifts. Catherine married Francis Fagley, a carpenter in Lycoming county, and has eight children and one grandchild. Joel, a farmer in Lycoming county, married Miss Sarah Yoder of New Berlin, and has nine children. Henry, a blacksmith and dealer in implements at Alvira, married Miss Tena Bailey, of Elmsport, Penn., and has two children. Ella, who married Her-

man Kennedy, a carpenter at Williamsport, Penn., has no children. Charlotte, wife of Jacob Clark, a merchant at Alvira, has one child.

On July 11, 1894, the home of our subject was darkened by the death of the beloved wife and mother, who passed away at the age of seventy-nine years, two months and twenty days. She was born and reared in Berks county, as were her parents, Joseph and Christina Culler Rodarmel, who spent their last years in Union county upon a farm. They had the following children: Jacob; Isaac; Paul, who died in childhood; Joseph; Marcus; Barbara, who married Christian Noll; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Snyder; Esther, who married (first) Elijah Hess, and (second) Joseph Dewalt; Dinah, Mrs. Baker; Susannah, wife of Isaac Ulrich; Hannah, wife of Charles Heffner; and Catherine, who married William Muffett. Of this large family the only survivors are Marcus, now residing at Bethlehem, Penn., and Esther Dewalt, of Alvira, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE HAUCK SHECKLER, one of the best known and most popular men of West Buffalo township, Union county, is a farmer as far as owning a good farm is concerned, but his occupation is that of a lecturer, in which he has evinced rare ability. He also uses a stereopticon to illustrate the subjects of his discourse. Mr. Sheckler was born September 21, 1851, in the house where he now resides, it being the old ancestral home of the Haucks, his maternal ancestors. He was the only child of Conrad and Mary A. (Hauck) Sheckler, honored and valued citizens of Union county. She was the eldest child and only daughter of George and Mary (Myers) Hauck, who died in Union county, the latter at the advanced age of ninety years, and both were laid to rest in the Mifflinburg cemetery. By trade the grandfather was a shoemaker.

Conrad Sheckler, the father of our subject, took a prominent and active part in public affairs. Being elected justice of the peace in 1854, he acceptably filled that office for forty years, or until 1894, when succeeded by his son, who still holds the office to the satisfaction of all concerned. The latter attended the public schools of Union county, but also received valuable instruction from his father, who in early life followed the teacher's profession. He also learned surveying with his father, who for nearly half a century followed that occupation in Union county. In 1858 Conrad Sheckler planted the first vineyard in West Buffalo township, and two years previous had also set out a fine peach orchard. He was a progressive, enterprising

man, and was widely and favorably known. On July 7, 1896, he departed this life at the age of seventy-three years, surviving his wife about two years, her death occurring October 28, 1894, when she had reached the age of seventy. For three terms, from 1873 until 1875, George H. Sheckler successfully engaged in teaching, but at the end of that time entered the lecture field, and has since devoted most of his energies to that calling. In the fall of 1880 he married Miss Hannah C. Miller, the accomplished and beautiful daughter of Josiah Miller, a teacher of Northumberland county, Penn., who died in the spring of 1878, in Milton, where his remains were interred. Her mother's death occurred in 1884, and she was buried at Mifflinburg. Six children grace the union of our subject and his estimable wife, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Linn, September 26, 1881; Harold, August 31, 1883; Lulu, July 8, 1886; Mary A., March 3, 1889; Alvin, August 16, 1891, and Bruce, November 26, 1893. They have been called upon to mourn the loss of one child—Lulu, who died November 2, 1887.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Sheckler is a stalwart Republican, and in religious views is a Unitarian. Although he cares nothing for official distinction, he has served six years as school director, and in that capacity did much to advance the educational interests of his community. Progressive and fully abreast with the times in every particular, he and his wife occupy an enviable position in social circles, and their attractive home is ever open for the reception of their many friends.

GA. STAHL. The charming little city of Lewisburg can boast of many attractions, not the least being a cultured society which receives constant accessions of people whose wealth and leisure permit them to enjoy the refinements of life. Among the prosperous agriculturists, who on retiring from active business, have chosen that city as their place of residence, is the subject of this sketch, who settled there in 1888, and has become one of the leading workers in municipal affairs.

Mr. Stahl was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., January 10, 1831, but despite his years he sets old age at defiance by his vigorous mentality. His family has been identified with Pennsylvania since Colonial times, and his grandfather, Adam Stahl, resided for some time near Reading, removing afterward to a farm in the Schuylkill Valley, where he was engaged in agriculture and in rafting lumber for many years. He died be-

fore our subject was old enough to remember him, and left a family of six children: John, who died in Schuylkill county unmarried; Jacob, who settled in Kelly township, Union county, in 1829, and spent his remaining years there; Peter (deceased); Adam, our subject's father; Elizabeth, who married John Kenn, and moved to Wayne county, Ohio; and Magdalena, who married a Mr. Miller.

Adam Stahl, the father of our subject, was born near Reading, June 9, 1786, but was reared in the Schuylkill Valley, and was married there to Miss Catherine Hafer, a native of Buffalo Valley. He located in Kelly township, Union county, in 1831, and remained there, following agricultural pursuits, and leaving at his death two fine farms and some money. He was a man of much intelligence, a Whig politically, and a leading member of the Lutheran Church. He died October 21, 1850, and his wife, who was seven years younger than he, survived him about twelve years. The remains of both were laid to rest at Mazeppa in the Union cemetery. They had eleven children, all of whom lived to adult age and married, and three are still living: Elizabeth married Jacob T. Stahl, of White Deer township, Union county, both now deceased; John and Daniel died in Kelly township; William died near Monroe, Mich.; Peter resides near Spring Hill, Kans.; Jacob died in Buffalo township, Union county; G. A. is mentioned more fully below; Rebecca married Joseph Stahl, and both are living in Kansas; Michael died in Kelly township, Union county; Jeremiah died in the same county, in East Buffalo township; and Catherine and her husband, Joseph Kahl, resided in Kansas, but both are now deceased.

G. A. Stahl was but three months old when his parents moved to Union county, and he was reared at the Kelly township homestead, attending the schools of the neighborhood while assisting in the farm work according to his strength. In early manhood he engaged in general farming, and continued until his retirement in 1888 when he delegated to other hands the active work of his estate, which contains 153 acres of choice land. He has held an important place in the political movements of his county, and as has been intimated is prominent in the municipal government in his new home where he was elected in 1896 to the city council. He is a staunch Republican, and in early years was a Whig. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and his sympathy and support can always be relied upon in any good cause.

Mr. Stahl was married in 1855 to his first wife, Miss Mary Ann Leiser, who was born in Kelly township, Union county, December 13,

1831, and passed from earth May 21, 1872. His present wife was formerly Miss Mary Gemberling. By the first union there were six children: (1) Calvin, who wedded Miss Sarah Lindenmuth, manages the homestead; (2) Anna married Frank Rine, and has two children—Ida and George; (3) Franklin, who is not married, is a farmer in Northumberland county, and also conducts a retail milk business; (4) Harry, a grocer in Lewisburg, married Miss Alma Young; (5) Lizzie married Grant Nagel, a dairyman, who owns a farm in Kelly township; (6) Mary, who married William Gast, a farmer. There are two children by the second marriage, Jane and William, both at home.

JESSE CORNELIUS, a wealthy retired citizen of Lewisburg, is a man who, in the arena of business, has won a handsome fortune, and has at the same time, established a reputation for strict integrity. Born in West Buffalo township, Union county, May 20, 1818, he is now past three-score years and ten, but, happily, he still enjoys the good things of life which past years of arduous labor have provided. Coming of pioneer ancestry, his accounts of early days in this State contain much interesting history. His paternal grandfather, John Cornelius, who was born in this State, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and took part in the battle of Germantown under Gen. Chamberlain. He afterward settled in Union county, as did also his son James, our subject's father, who was born in Chester county, Penn., and died in Lewisburg at the age of ninety-one. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Hutchinson, died at sixty-four. Her father, Thomas Hutchinson, located in Colonial times in what is now Union county, and was in his day the heaviest taxpayer in this section. Just at the time that the old Colonial currency became outlawed he had bought eight hundred acres of land in Union county, but learning that the money had become worthless, before he paid it out he returned the deeds and took back the money. A few days later his wife paid four hundred dollars of this same money for a copper kettle, and a like amount for a cow. Both the Cornelius and the Hutchinson families were of Scotch and Irish blood, and on first coming to this country settled in what was known as the Scotch settlement in eastern Pennsylvania. To James and Sarah Cornelius thirteen children were born, as follows: James, Margaret, Thomas, John, William, Jane, Jesse, Andrew, Mary, Jackson, Lucinda and Julia (twins) and Sarah.

Mr. Cornelius was reared in Union county, at-

tending the local schools of his time. As the other children came to maturity they left the paternal roof for homes of their own, but he remained with the old folks to care for them through their declining years. Although he subsequently started in life with no capital, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has fulfilled to his utmost ability the Biblical injunction, "Honor thy father and thy mother," watchfully guarding them while going down the western slope of life. As he is now in his turn experiencing the languor incident to failing physical powers, he can the more heartily rejoice in the thought of that early filial duty so faithfully discharged. At the time of his marriage, in 1848, to Miss Mary Hess, Mr. Cornelius had nothing except his own abilities to rely upon. He engaged in farming, and in the course of a few years established an extended reputation as a fruit-grower. As the city grew and modern improvements and buildings demanded constant supplies, he began contracting to haul material, and built up a business which soon required a force of helpers. He continued many years, and in his dual capacity as workman and employer accumulated a handsome competence, being to-day known as one of the substantial men of his city. The tract of land which he once farmed is now covered by suburban homes, and he owns a number of fine residences which he rents. His generosity has led him at times into losses through becoming surety for a friend, but fortunately they have not made serious inroads upon his income. He has never been sued for a debt of his own making, and is regarded as the soul of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius are now nearing their golden wedding day. The latter was born August 15, 1827, in Muncy, Lycoming Co., Penn. Of their children, three grew to adult age: (1) Emory, who resides in Lewisburg, married Miss Ida Hate, and has one son, Leon. (2) Miss Florence is at home. (3) Sallie married D. P. Higgins, treasurer of Union county, and has two children—Jessie C. and Mary. As a citizen Mr. Cornelius has always held a prominent place, his sound judgment and high character giving him great influence. His first Presidential vote was cast for William Henry Harrison, and he has always supported either the Whig or the Republican policy in national affairs.

SAMUEL CROSSGROVE, who owns and operates 145 acres of good land in Limestone township, Union county, was born in this locality, July 18, 1840, and was a son of James and Mary (Ulch) Crossgrove. His grandfather, Sam-

uel Crossgrove, Sr., was born a mile and a half from Dublin, Ireland, about 1773, and was a son of a weaver who lived and died in that country. He had brothers who came to the United States, but little is known of them. One of them, William, lived in New York, and died while visiting the brother in Union county.

Samuel Crossgrove, Sr., learned the weaver's trade in Ireland, and when less than twenty years of age came to the United States, the ocean voyage covering three months. After working at various places he came to Union county about 1800, and was married in Limestone township, to Catherine, daughter of William Fisher, who was a native of Ireland. Mrs. Crossgrove was born in Limestone township, about 1783. At their marriage Mr. Crossgrove purchased fifty acres of land of his father-in-law, who had secured the same on a soldier's warrant given him for his services in the Revolution. He erected thereon a set of buildings, and developed a farm on which he made his home until his death in 1861, when he was laid by the side of his wife, who had died in 1855, and was buried in Lewis cemetery in Limestone township. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Democrat.

The following is the record of their family: James, born March 7, 1804, was a farmer and carpenter; Margaret, born December 18, 1805, married Philip Voneida, and died in Nippenose Valley, Lycoming county, May 20, 1868; Susan, born March 24, 1808, died in Nippenose Valley, November 30, 1867; Jacob, born August 15, 1810, was married in Ohio to Catherine Spangler, and died in Holmes county, that State, May 11, 1868; William, born November 4, 1812, married Susan Ulch, of Snyder county, Penn., followed carpentering in Union and Snyder counties, and afterward carried on farming in Fulton county, Ind., until his death; Samuel, born April 2, 1815, married Anna Spangler in Holmes county, Ohio, and died there at the age of thirty-four; John, born December 30, 1817, was a farmer and school teacher of Union county, who served there as county sheriff, but spent his last years in Montour county, Penn.; he married Anna Shroyer; Catherine, born May 16, 1820, married Simon Burry; Nancy, born May 19, 1823, died at the age of five years; David K., born September 19, 1827, was formerly a farmer and school teacher, and now lives in Limestone township, Union county.

James Crossgrove, father of our subject, was born in Limestone township, March 7, 1804, was reared on a farm, educated in the subscription schools, and learned the carpenter's trade under

Mr. Lashel, of New Berlin. He started in life in limited circumstances, and often walked from Limestone to Bellefonte, where he worked at carpentering, except during the harvest season when he was employed on different farms. At length he was enabled to purchase a small farm, upon which he would work in the early spring before the carpenter season opened. He was married in 1839 to Miss Ulch, who was born in Snyder county, September 21, 1819. Her father, George Ulch, a shoemaker by trade, spent his last days in Indiana, and died at an advanced age. James Crossgrove was a very prominent citizen, and such was his fairness and honesty in all things that he was frequently called upon to settle differences between his neighbors, who also entrusted him with their moneyed interests. In politics he was a Democrat, and was honored with a number of township and county offices. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church, and long served as Sunday-school superintendent. He was also a lieutenant and captain for many years in the home military companies. His first wife died October 20, 1845, leaving two children—Samuel and Catherine. The latter, born February 27, 1843, is the wife of George E. Seebold, of Limestone township, Union county. For his second wife James Crossgrove chose Elizabeth Derr, who was born January 2, 1823, and their children were: Aaron, a carpenter and painter, who was born August 12, 1848, and lives in Middleburg, Penn.; Franklin P., a farmer of the same township, born October 10, 1852; Adda, born December 14, 1854, widow of John Dauberman, of Limestone township; Mary, born October 21, 1856, wife of M. G. Maurer, of Limestone township; Alice, born October 20, 1858, wife of Newton Maize, of Northumberland county, Penn.; and David B., of Limestone township, born April 18, 1862. The father of this family died February 27, 1876, the mother on October 28, 1895.

Samuel Crossgrove attended Turkey Run school, and as a farmer boy aided in the labors of the fields until October 14, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, 51st P. V. L., under Capt. George P. Carmans. From Harrisburg they went to Annapolis, Md., and after a few weeks proceeded by transports to Roanoke Island, which they captured, this being their first engagement. Mr. Crossgrove was with his company until taken ill. After eleven weeks spent in the hospital at Baltimore he rejoined his regiment at Petersburg, and was in active service until July 27, 1865, with the exception of a thirty-days' furlough, granted him at the time of his re-enlistment.

The war having ended Mr. Crossgrove re-

turned to home and farm life. He was married March 7, 1867, to Mrs. Mary Mitchell, widow of William Mitchell, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Spangler) Seebold. She was born in Limestone township, April 18, 1845. By her first marriage she had two children—Lizzie J., wife of Jacob Klose, of Limestone township, and Harry, a farmer of Buffalo township, Union county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Crossgrove are Katie S.; John R., a carpenter; Adda L., wife of Charles Miller, of New Berlin; Anna V., a successful school teacher; Samuel J.; and Helen M. Mr. Crossgrove began his domestic life upon a rented farm. Fourteen years later, in April, 1883, he purchased his present farm of S. K. Pellman, and now has 145 acres of rich land under a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings. He is a very energetic and progressive farmer, and the success that has come to him is the reward of his own labors. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as supervisor and school director. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder. Socially the family rank among the first in the township, and Samuel Crossgrove, as one of the leading agriculturists of the community, is well deserving of representation in this volume.

SAMUEL B. SHIRK is an intelligent and enterprising farmer who represents one of the pioneer families of Union county. His identification with the agricultural interests has been long and honorable, and he is to-day the owner of one of the fine farms of Buffalo township.

Mr. Shirk was born in Hartley township January 25, 1853, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Bird) Shirk. His father was born in Lebanon county, Penn., about 1814, and during his youth came to Union county with the grandfather, Abram Shirk, who located in West Milton, and afterward removed to Hartley township, where he entered a large tract of land, spending his remaining days thereon. He married a Miss Gingerich, and they became the parents of the following children: Jacob and Michael, who died in Hartley township; Samuel, who died in West Buffalo; John who died in Hartley township; William, who went to the West, and died in Nebraska; Mary, who became the wife of Jonathan Showalter, and died in Mifflin county, Penn.; and a daughter who became the wife of Daniel Luckington, and removed to Illinois. Abram Shirk, the grandfather, was a member of the German Baptist Church.

Samuel Shirk, father of our subject, was

reared on a farm, and later learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fifteen years. He was employed in that capacity throughout the Buffalo Valley, erecting many houses and barns there. He was married June 18, 1835, to Margaret Bird, who was reared in Kelly township, Union county. She was of English descent, and was born August 27, 1815, her parents being Peter and Isabella (Judge) Bird. They were married November 20, 1810. Mrs. Bird was born August 27, 1790. They had two sons and three daughters: Mary, wife of Samuel Jordan; Lamira, whose death, resulting from a fall from a chestnut tree, occurred in September, 1829; Margaret, Mrs. Shirk; John who died April 16, 1873; and Isaac P., of Pennsylvania. The father of this family died November 12, 1820.

Samuel and Margaret Shirk began their domestic life upon a rented farm in Hartley township, but they made the most of their opportunities, lived frugally, and in course of time were able to purchase a small farm a mile southwest of Laurelton. Later Mr. Shirk purchased the Laurelton milling property, hired a practical miller, and for twenty years carried on a successful business in that line. Subsequently he purchased a farm of 100 acres in West Buffalo, upon which he lived a retired life. He was a very industrious, energetic man, and as the result of his labor accumulated a handsome property, leaving to his family an estate valued at \$18,000. He died at the age of sixty-seven years, and was laid by the side of his wife, who died on March 24, 1873, in Forest Hill cemetery. In politics he was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He served in some township offices in Hartley and West Buffalo townships, but never sought political preferment. Reared in the faith of the German Baptist Church, he afterward became a member of the Evangelical Church, and his wife belonged to the Lutheran.

Their children were: William J., who was born October 8, 1836, and died January 4, 1897, in Hartley township; Isabella, born October 20, 1841, wife of Samuel Bird, of Kelly township; Josephine, born December 24, 1843, wife of Emanuel Catherman; Lamira M., born February 7, 1846, wife of Samuel Showalter, of Buffalo township; Margaret, born December 8, 1847, died in Mifflinburg, in 1894, leaving her husband, Andrew Iddings, to mourn her death; Samuel B. is our subject; and Lena J., who was born in 1855, died at the age of sixteen years.

Samuel B. Shirk, whose name introduces this review, began his education in Laurelton, his first teacher being James Marston. He attended school for about four months each year,

and had ample opportunity to indulge his love of hunting and fishing until sixteen years of age, when his parents removed to a farm, and he was obliged to bear his part in the work of cultivating and improving that property.

On June 15, 1872, Mr. Shirk was married to Savilla I. Iddings, who was born in West Buffalo township, April 7, 1853, a daughter of Andrew and Rebecca (Pontius) Iddings. They have five children: Clementa M., Annie I., Chester C., Paul B. and Myrtle E., all at home,

On his marriage, Mr. Shirk located on his father's farm in West Buffalo township, where he lived until the spring of 1881, when he removed to his present farm, which he had purchased in the fall of 1879. It comprises 110 acres, and is now under a high state of cultivation, yielding to the owner a good tribute for the care he bestows upon it. The improvements are substantial and neat in appearance, and the owner is one of the progressive and up-to-date farmers of the community. He is prominent in Church work, he and his wife holding membership in the United Branch of the Evangelical Church. He is now serving as one of its trustees, and for twenty years has been a teacher in the Sunday-school. He is richly endowed with those qualities which win friendship, and throughout the community is highly regarded.

THOMAS W. SHIPTON, now living retired in the village of Swengel, Union county, is an honored representative of a worthy pioneer family of this section of the State, in whose development and progress its members have borne an important part.

His paternal grandfather, Thomas Shipton, a native of England, came to America with the great scientist, Dr. Priestley, and also the Dougherty, Forsythe and Lyon families, all of whom located in what is now Northumberland county, Penn., naming it in honor of their old home in Northumberlandshire, England. Becoming one of the prominent and representative citizens of that locality, the grandfather served as associate judge in Northumberland county, and as justice of the peace, in Middleburg, for thirty years prior to his death. He was buried at Hassingers Church, near Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Shipton, whose name introduces this review, was born December 22, 1818, in Centreville, Snyder county, of which place his father, John Shipton, was also a native. John Shipton married Elizabeth Swengel, daughter of Michael Swengel, who followed the occupation of farm-

ing and blacksmithing in Snyder county, where his death occurred.

Our subject is the oldest of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters: Maria is the wife of Daniel Triester, a farmer living in Ohio. Susan died unmarried at the age of forty years, and was buried in Beavertown, Snyder Co., Penn. Sarah, widow of Thomas Watkins, resides in Dickinson county, Kans. Jesse R. is a widower, and lives in Fulton county, Ill. He has been justice of the peace in Bernadotte township nearly all the time for nearly thirty years. In 1896 he married his 100th couple. Over thirty years ago he married a young man and woman, and within the last two years he married that man's daughter. He has been a good officer, and is generally respected. John, a farmer and carpenter, is married and lives in Hancock county, Ill., where he has reared his family. Joseph died unmarried at the age of fifty-one. Henry is married, and is engaged in farming in Tazewell county, Ill. Eliza became the wife of Charles Reigel, of Snyder county, Penn., where he died some years ago, leaving five children. Anna J. died about two years after her marriage to Samuel C. Bratton, of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania.

Thomas W. Shipton was educated in the subscription schools of Beavertown, Snyder county, and at the age of eighteen began learning the carpenter's trade, but throughout the greater part of his business career he was interested in agriculture. He was postmaster at Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Penn., from 1849 to 1853. He moved his family to Union county in 1858. After a long life of usefulness he is now resting from all labor, surrounded by many comforts and luxuries, obtained by former years of toil. Politically he is a pronounced Republican, and religiously is an earnest member of the United Evangelical Church.

In early life, Mr. Shipton was joined in wedlock with Miss Catharine, daughter of William Snook, who was born in New Jersey, of Scotch-Irish extraction. On his removal to Snyder county, Penn., her father purchased 300 acres of land where Troxelville now stands, and there engaged in farming until his death, which occurred a few years later.

Seven children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Shipton, namely: (1) Maria is now the wife of J. H. Meyers, M. D., who has for a number of years engaged in practice in Mifflin county, Penn., and is also interested in mercantile business. (2) Malinda is the wife of John Drum, a merchant of Winfield, Union county. (3) Margaret J. is the wife of Hiram Good, a retired farmer liv-

ing near Selins Grove, Snyder county. (4) Alfred T. is a justice of the peace for Lewis township, Union county, and was postmaster for twelve years at Swengel and Rand, Penn. He married Miss Lucy Boring, daughter of David Boring, of Mifflinburg, Penn. (5) Sarah is the wife of Thomas Bennett, a railroad employee residing at Milton, Penn. (6) Catharine is with her parents. (7) Harriet, who became the wife of J. Wesley Campbell, of Sunbury, Penn., died on August 20, 1896, leaving four children.

THOMAS WALTER, one of the leading agriculturists of East Buffalo township, Union county, resides in a pleasant home near Lochiel, surrounded by the comforts which years of hard toil enabled him to secure. Born in that township, December 22, 1833, he has spent the greater part of his life there, and is regarded as one of its substantial citizens.

The Walter family has been represented in central Pennsylvania from an early day, and our subject's grandfather, ——— Walter, was a merchant in Middleburg, Snyder county, for many years. George Walter, the father of our subject, was born in that town in 1798, and after attending school there until he had completed the course offered, he pursued his studies in a school of higher grade at Milton. He learned the weaver's trade in all its branches, including the weaving of stockings, but did not long continue it.

When but little over twenty years old, George Walter was married to his first wife, Miss Leah Betts, born in 1800, the daughter of Solomon and ——— (Dunkle) Betts, whose family consisted of six daughters and two sons. Mr. Betts was a wealthy farmer of East Buffalo township, where his death occurred some years ago. The young couple located upon the Betts homestead in a tenant house; a few years later Mr. Walter bought the first land he ever owned—a farm in the southern part of the township, near the mountain. From there he moved to another farm in the same township, and remained twenty-five years, when he disposed of it in a trade with a neighbor, and moved to Lewisburg. He spent about seven years there, but for some time previous to his death, which occurred in January, 1861, he made his home with a daughter in Northumberland county.

George Walter had taken keen interest in the issues of that time, leaving the Whig party to support the new Republican organization, and with prophetic vision he predicted the war which broke out a few months after his removal from

earthly scenes. He left an estate valued at \$25,000, most of which had been accumulated through his own efforts. He was a strong, active man in youth, his well-built frame carrying 160 pounds with perfect symmetry. In addition to his work in farming, he engaged in hauling goods long distances. His six-horse team was known everywhere, and his control over them was considered remarkable. For some time he carried produce to Bellefonte, and exchanged it for iron, which he would sell to blacksmiths along the road from that city to Philadelphia. He was prominent in local affairs, holding various township offices, and gave his influence to the Evangelical Church, in which he was at one time an exhorter. His remains were interred in Dreisbach cemetery beside those of his first wife, who died in 1847. His second wife, Mrs. Lucy Hackenberg, *née* Bossler, is now living with her only child, Bossler Walter, a resident of Wabash county, Ind. By the first marriage there were nine children, of whom, three died in infancy. Of the others, who were as follows, our subject was the youngest: Solomon, deceased, was a farmer of Northumberland county; Rachel is the widow of John Frederick, of Salona, Clinton Co., Penn.; William resides in Northumberland county; Susanna married Peter Kline, and died in Pickaway county, Ohio; and Caleb died in Chicago, Illinois.

The subject of this sketch was reared to farm work, his school days being mainly spent on the threshing floor, where he rode the horses while they tramped out the grain in the old-fashioned way. This experience has made him an ardent champion of the right of the rising generation to a good education, and he has not only given his own children the best advantages within his reach, but he has strenuously advocated the improvement of the public schools in his locality. At nineteen he went to Northumberland county to live with his brother Solomon, remaining about a year.

In 1853 Mr. Walter was married to Miss Mary App, daughter of Leonard App, of Selins Grove, and located upon the Hetrick farm, which farm he purchased; it comprised 120 acres, and he paid \$1,600 for it, and sold it three months later for \$2,750, a remarkable transaction for a mere youth to carry through. In 1858 he engaged in huckstering from Union county to Philadelphia, where he sold a large quantity of produce. He later bought a farm in his native township, going in debt to the amount of \$7,000, and continued to cultivate it until 1883 when, having acquired a comfortable competence, he retired to his present home, a small estate of

twenty acres near Lochiel. In all, he owns 133 acres of fine land in the township. Withal, he has lived in generous style, spending liberally wherever necessary, believing that money thus employed is put to the best possible use.

In manner Mr. Walter is plain and unassuming, and his peaceable disposition is shown in the fact that he has never had a lawsuit with any one. He has traveled extensively, making eight trips to Illinois and other parts of the West, and was formerly a noted hunter and fisherman, all the trout streams and game haunts of the locality being well known to him. This pastime he has given up as advancing years dulled his interest in them, but his conversation with visitors in his hospitable home is enlivened by many an interesting story of adventure or travel, reminiscences of his more active days.

On March 19, 1875, his first wife passed away, her burial taking place in Dreisbach cemetery. Mr. Walter has since formed a second union, this time with Miss Abby Ann Ritter, who was born at White Deer Furnace, Union county, June 21, 1849, the daughter of William Ritter, a prosperous blacksmith, and his wife, Rebecca Hearbst, both now deceased. They had two children, Thomas H., of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Walter.

By the first marriage there were six children: Oliver T., a farmer in East Buffalo township, Union county; Ellen C., now Mrs. Albert Harwood, of Constantine, Mich.; Miss Adda, who is at home; James E., a graduate of Michigan University, now practicing medicine at Los Angeles, Cal.; Wilson A., a farmer of East Buffalo township; and Albert A., who died in infancy. There were five children by the second union, of whom, the first, Mary C., only lived to the age of four years; John W., Harry B. and Thomas H. are at home; and Isaac F., the youngest, died when five months old.

In politics Mr. Walter is a staunch Republican, and he has taken an influential part in township affairs, serving as school director and supervisor. His wife is an active member of the Evangelical Church, to which Mr. Walter contributes liberally, although not a communicant.

FOLLMER DONALDSON THOMAS is one of the representative farmers and prominent citizens of Gregg township, Union county. Believing that "from labor, health, from health, contentment springs," he has bent every energy toward perfecting his agricultural projects, and has proved himself eminently one of the best citizens of the community.

Mr. Thomas was born February 21, 1850, in the same township where he now lives, but at that time it formed a portion of Lycoming county. His father, Lewis Thomas, who was born on Pine creek, near Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, December 18, 1822, followed farming, rafting and lumbering throughout his active business life, but is now living retired in Gregg township, Union county. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, and in politics is a Democrat. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Susana Donaldson, was born March 28, 1818, in Gregg township, where her marriage was celebrated, and there her death occurred September 24, 1896. She was a daughter of James and Rachel (Follmer) Donaldson, and the paternal grandparents of our subject were Samuel and Ellen Thomas. The grandparents of Susana Donaldson was a Revolutionary soldier, serving the seven years in the army, and died in this vicinity with a British ball in his hip.

Follmer D. Thomas is the oldest in a family of five children, the others being: Mary E., who died in 1862; Miss Rachel, who is with her father; Sarah J., wife of Oliver Grier, a mechanic of Watsonstown, Penn.; and Maria B., wife of Milo Radall, a farmer of Addison county, Vt. During the infancy of our subject his parents and his uncle, Follmer Donaldson, lived in the same house, and when the former moved away he remained with his uncle, making his home with him from the age of three years until his marriage, during which time he acquired a good common-school education, and became thoroughly familiar with farm work.

On May 22, 1873, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Mary E. Scott, who was born on the farm where she still resides, September 8, 1847, a daughter of Henry and Mercy Scott. She was the youngest of four children, the others being: Isabella, born January 27, 1837, married Franklin Hamilton, a resident of Muncy, Penn., and died July 26, 1872; Amos, born May 6, 1840, is a prominent citizen of Gregg township, Union county; and Rachel, born February 26, 1842, died July 14, 1845. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have five children: Susan B., Henry S., Mercy R., Lewis D. and Mary J.

On his marriage, Mr. Thomas located on the old Scott homestead where he now resides, but later resided for three years near Spring Garden. He operated the Follmer Donaldson farm for eleven years, and afterward spent five years in the village of Spring Garden in order to provide his children with better educational privileges. In the spring of 1896, however, he returned to the homestead of his wife's people.

That he is a progressive and skillful agriculturist is attested by the neat and thrifty appearance of the place, and the well-tilled fields yield abundant returns for the care and labor bestowed upon them. Both he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Baptist Church, and enjoy the respect and confidence of all with whom they come in contact. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but he has never aspired to office.

ISAAC REBER, a well-known and highly respected resident of Smoketown, Union county, is a member of a family which became prominent in that locality at an early day. It was in the year 1803 that John Reber, the grandfather of our subject, settled in Buffalo Valley, where he purchased a tract of land near Lochiel, from Solomon Betz. He was an energetic, thrifty man, warm-hearted, and lent generous assistance to all public improvements in the then new community. As prosperity smiled upon him, he added more land to his first purchase, and at his death there were 290 acres to be divided among his sons. In 1830 he built a house in Lewisburg, to which he removed in the following year, and his death occurred there on June 22, 1852, at the age of eighty-two.

John Reber and his wife, Catherine Moser, reared a family of ten children: John, Samuel (a member of the Legislature in 1843), Mary (Mrs. Jacob Dunkel), Elizabeth (who married Dr. Isaac S. Vorse), James (our subject's father), Susan (Mrs. Michael Kleckner), Margaret (deceased, who never married), Thomas, David, and Leah (wife of Rev. D. T. Heisler, a minister of the German Reformed Church).

James Reber, the father of our subject, was born September 21, 1805, at the old home near Lochiel, and in his youth attended the subscription schools of the vicinity. In 1831 he was married in Union county to Miss Elizabeth Royer, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., born February 26, 1811. She came to Union county with her parents, Joel and Susannah Royer, who located in Kelly township.

The young couple located at the Reber homestead, John Reber removing soon afterward to Lewisburg, and they made their home there until the spring of 1852, renting and operating the farm. On leaving the place our subject's father removed to Smoketown and purchased a small farm from Daniel Mook, but in September of the same year he died suddenly. His widow subsequently married Isaac Meyers, but on her death in April, 1890, she was buried beside her first

husband in the Lewisburg cemetery. She had no children by her second marriage, but by the first there were three sons: John, a bookkeeper, who died in Smoketown in 1892; Isaac, our subject; and Joel, a bachelor residing in Smoketown.

Our subject's father was always interested in agricultural pursuits, but at times engaged in other business, sometimes taking contracts for hauling goods long distances. He was a large man, weighing 240 pounds; he was active in local affairs as well as in business, giving his influence to the Democratic party in political questions. He was a member of the Reformed Church, but his wife belonged to the German Baptist Church.

Isaac Reber's birth occurred at the old homestead, April 20, 1834, and his youth was spent there. He attended the Fairfield school in the same neighborhood, and also studied during one winter at the Royer school in Kelly township. His attendance was so irregular that in arithmetic he only reached the "single rule of three." During one winter he was present only one day, and another only a half day, as his father wanted his help hauling lumber from Brush Valley, Centre Co., Penn., through the "long narrows" to Lewisburg. Many of the residences and barns of East Buffalo township were built from lumber brought down by him. As he was the only able-bodied son his father had there was always plenty of work to do. After his father's death, Mr. Reber remained with his mother a short time and then went to Stephenson county, Ill., and worked as a farm hand during the summer of 1854. On returning to Union county he hired out for a year to Abram Wolfe, a farmer in East Buffalo township, at \$9 per month for the winter and \$12 per month for the summer.

On December 27, 1855, Mr. Reber was married to his first wife, Miss Susan Wolfe, who was born December 27, 1835, the daughter of George and Catherine (Reamer) Wolfe. He began house-keeping at his mother's home in Smoketown, and remained there three years, taking charge of his mother's little farm, and cultivating other land in the vicinity. In 1859 he bought seventy acres of land on Turtle creek, giving cash for half the price, and paying the other half in five years. He still owns this place, with five acres of woodland on Buffalo mountain, and five at Smoketown. In 1876 he engaged in general mercantile business at Smoketown with his brother John, under the firm name of J. & I. Reber, but after six years they sold to Simon Duck. Mr. Reber bought his present home at Smoketown in 1876, but did not settle there until 1878. He has lost several thousand dollars through going surety for friends, but has left a comfortable competence;

he is regarded as one of the substantial men of the neighborhood.

His first wife, who was a devout Christian and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died on December 4, 1882, and her mortal remains were laid to rest in Lewisburg cemetery. On April 8, 1884, Mr. Reber married Miss Sarah Groover, a native of White Deer township, Union county, born August 24, 1847. She was educated in the schools of East Buffalo township, where her parents, Nicholas and Susan Groover, located in 1857.

Mr. Reber is a man who does his own thinking, and in political questions he is not bound by partisan ties. In local issues he looks only to the character of the candidate.

J BURREY, whose name is inseparably connected with the commercial and industrial interests of Vicksburg, is one of the most enterprising, energetic and successful business men of that thriving little village. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development and, with hardly an exception, he has been connected with every interest that has promoted general welfare. A native of Union county, he was born March 27, 1858, in Limestone township, a son of Simon and Catharine (Crossgrove) Burrey. The father was born in the same township, May 10, 1820, and as he was left an orphan at the age of eight, and there were no public schools at that time, his education was very meagre. He was reared by John Mensch, one of the leading agriculturists of Limestone township, remaining with him until thirty years of age, when he was united in marriage with Catharine Crossgrove, a daughter of William Crossgrove, also a farmer. Her birth occurred in Limestone township, May 16, 1820.

At the time of his marriage, Simon Burrey's cash capital consisted of only the small amount he had been able to save from his wages, and his wife had received only what was known as a "setting out" in the way of household furniture. For a few years they rented land in their native township, and by working early and late managed to save a few hundred dollars, which, in 1862, they invested in a farm in Buffalo township, one and one-half miles south of Vicksburg. As Mr. Burrey lacked sufficient money to pay for the same, he was supplied by Mr. Mensch, who had implicit confidence in him. Industrious and energetic, he soon paid off the indebtedness, and as the years passed he added more land to the original purchase. There he

continued to make his home until called from this life at the age of fifty-seven years. He was a man ordinarily weighing about 150 pounds, and was quite robust and active in his younger years, and by hard work and good management was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. Originally he was a Whig in politics and later a staunch Republican, but took no active part in public affairs. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church, which he joined in later years, and of which his wife was also a consistent member. After her husband's death she lived with our subject until she, too, passed away at the age of sixty-seven, and was laid by his side in the Dreisbach cemetery. To them were born six children: A daughter, who died in childhood; Isaiah, an attorney of the State of Washington; David C., an attorney of Los Angeles, Cal.; our subject; and a son and B. F., who both died in infancy.

Not caring as much for study as his brothers, J. Burrey remained at home from choice, while they graduated from the law school of Ann Arbor, Mich. In the Reed school his literary training was acquired, but in later years he understands more fully the benefits to be derived from a good education, and impresses this fact upon his children, whom he is providing with excellent advantages along that line. At the age of twenty-one he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Arbogast, a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Duck) Arbogast. They now have two children—William C., born April 8, 1881, and Mary E., born November 11, 1889. After his marriage, Mr. Burrey for a time followed farming on the place left vacant by his father's death, but not liking that occupation, he in the spring of 1884 removed to Vicksburg, where he purchased his present property, which he has since improved in many ways. For three years he owned a half-interest in a threshing outfit in partnership with David Smucker, and when the depot was built at Vicksburg by the Lewisburg & Bellefonte Railroad Company, he became the first agent, but after a few months resigned his position, and embarked in general merchandising as a member of the firm of Smucker & Burrey. After seven and a half years spent in that business, the partnership was dissolved, our subject receiving, in part payment for his portion, the coal yard and lumber business, which he still conducts. He also immediately turned his attention to the grocery business, and in July, 1894, completed his store building, where he has since carried on operations along that line. He also has a feed mill and chopper, having erected a suitable building in which to carry on that indus-

try, and to all these various enterprises gives his personal supervision. A wide-awake and courteous merchant, he has gained the confidence of his patrons, and therefore enjoys an excellent trade. Besides his business block and comfortable home in Vicksburg, he owns sixty acres of timber land in the southern part of Buffalo township. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of Vicksburg. He is an ardent Republican in politics, and has served as constable of Buffalo township for one year, but cares nothing for official distinction. In religious belief he and his wife are Lutherans.

J GEORGE ROYER. Union county has many well-to-do and successful citizens, who have worked their way upward from a humble position to one of prominence in both business and public life, and among this class the name of the subject of this notice is entitled to a place. He occupies the old homestead of the Royer family near Swengel, in Lewis township, is a man of rare intellectual attainments and excellent executive ability, and for more than eight years has served as justice of the peace with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Throughout his active business life he has followed the occupation of farming, and has met with a well-deserved success in his operations. Upon the farm where he still lives Mr. Royer was born July 16, 1858, and on both the paternal and maternal sides is of German origin, his great-grandfather Royer emigrating from the Fatherland to America at an early day. Isaac and Anna (Shellenbarger) Royer, the parents of our subject, natives of Lancaster and Juniata counties, Penn., respectively, in early life came to Union county, where their marriage was celebrated. Their other children were John S., who is married and lives in Versailles, Darke Co., Ohio, where he has taught school for thirty-six years, and is now the superintendent of the public schools; David, who was born April 23, 1848, and died September 12, 1849; and Mary E., who was born May 19, 1850, and is now the wife of Eli Ulrey, a farmer living near Bradford, Darke Co., Ohio.

Peter Shellenbarger, the maternal great-grandfather of our subject, owned considerable real estate, and at his death left to his three sons, John, Christian and Jonathan, fine farms of over 100 acres each. John, the grandfather, was a tailor by trade, but after coming into possession of the farm left by his father, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and the

distilling business at Evandale, Juniata Co., Penn. His last years were spent in retirement, and he died at the advanced age of eighty-seven, being buried near Richfield, Juniata county. His wife was a daughter of a Mr. Stuck by a second marriage, whose first wife and two children were killed by the Indians.

J. George Royer was reared to agricultural pursuits upon the home farm, and obtained a good common-school education. On December 14, 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Clara, daughter of Daniel Knauss, a prominent farmer of Lewis township, Union county, who died December 31, 1891. Three beautiful and attractive children grace their union—Lottie M., Anna M. and Shem E.

E LIAS MILLER, of Buffalo township, Union county, is a man who has found no reason to complain of agriculture as an occupation, his industry and careful management having brought him a fair return in material comforts. Since 1868 he has operated the Stahl farm, near Buffalo Cross Roads, this being the longest term of rental for any farm in the township and probably in the county, and during his residence there he has bought a place of 140 acres in Kelly township, Union county, at a cost of \$11,900, a sufficiently convincing evidence of prosperity.

Mr. Miller is a native of Buffalo township, and comes from pioneer stock, his grandfather, George Miller, a farmer by occupation, having been engaged in hauling goods for the use of the Colonial forces during the Revolutionary war. George Miller, Jr., our subject's father, was born and reared in Dry Valley, Union county, and became a farmer, locating in early manhood in Buffalo township and clearing a tract of land. For some years he conducted a still on the place, and altogether he succeeded in acquiring a fair competence. In political faith he was a Whig, with strong anti-slavery sympathies, and in religion he was a Lutheran. He died in 1852, at the age of sixty-one, and his wife, Sarah Mertz, who was a member of the Reformed Church, lived to more than seventy years. They were buried in the cemetery at Mazeppa, where he had been one of the founders of the Church, serving on the building committee. Fifteen children were born to them: Jonas, who died in childhood; George, who died in 1895; John, who attained the age of seventy-three; Peter, who died in Buffalo township; Catherine, Mrs. Samuel Bickel, deceased; Henry, who died when over seventy years of age; Aaron, who died at forty-eight; Sally, Mrs. Howard Anderson, deceased;

Edward, a farmer in Kelly township, Union county; Levi, who died in Buffalo township at the age of sixty-one; Polly, a resident of Seneca county, Ohio; Elias, our subject; Susan, Mrs. Lewis Tuner, who died in 1896; Elizabeth, widow of J. H. Smith, of Kelly township; and Benjamin, a resident of Fremont, Ohio.

The country schools which Mr. Miller attended in his youth were not of the best, and the work of the farm required too much of his time to permit him to make the most even of these opportunities. After his father's death he continued working at the homestead for his mother. In 1858 he was married in Stephenson county, Ill., to Miss Sarah Engelman, a native of Kelly township, Union county, born November 28, 1835, whose parents, David and Sarah (Seibert) Engelman, moved to Illinois in 1856. She was one of eight children, viz.: Solomon, Margaret, John, Sarah, Joseph, Jacob, William and Aaron. The young couple began housekeeping at the Miller homestead, both working for our subject's mother for about four years. In the spring of 1868 Mr. Miller rented the farm where he now resides, and the articles of agreement then drawn up between him and the owner, John Stahl, have continued in force since the estate fell into the hands of J. K. Stahl, a son of the former owner. Mr. Miller's success in life is well deserved, no trickery or dishonesty marring it, and he is known as a man whose word is as good as his bond. His estimable wife is spared to enjoy the fruits of past labors, in which she took her full share. Three children have brightened their home: Ella, now Mrs. Alfred Engelman, of Michigan; William M., a school teacher, who operates the farm in Kelly township; and James A., who is at home. As a progressive agriculturist Mr. Miller is actively identified with the Grange, and he and his wife are leading members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has been a deacon and elder, and is now the superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically his sympathies are with the Prohibition party, but he has never been an office-seeker, although he was at one time the supervisor of his township.

A SPIGELMEYER, one of the leading farmers and prominent citizens of Buffalo township, is one of the two male representatives of his branch of the family left in Union county. In the township where he still resides he first opened his eyes to the light March 1, 1848. His father, Abraham Spigelmeyer, was born in Rockland township, Berks Co., Penn., August 6, 1806, and was the seventh son and eighth child in a

family of eight children born to Henry and Catharine Spigelmeyer, who removed to Snyder county, Penn., when he was a mere boy, and there died.

In early life the father of our subject learned the miller's trade at New Berlin, and soon afterward secured a position at the old Cameron Mill, in Buffalo township, Union county, working for a man who knew nothing of the business, so that he had all of the care and responsibility. On April 21, 1842, he wedded Mary Young, who was born in Buffalo township May 21, 1821, the daughter of Abraham and Mary Catharine (Reidy) Young. At one time her father followed the carpenter's trade, and conducted a sawmill at Cowan, and was also interested with the father of our subject in a gristmill at that place. While he attended school only for about three weeks during his entire life, Mr. Young was a shrewd, far-sighted man, of great influence, was called upon to settle many estates, and his advice was often sought on various questions. Although a staunch Democrat in politics, he declined to become the candidate of his party for the Legislature. Of his eleven children, nine grew to adult age, three sons and six daughters, and he left to his family a very comfortable competence. After his marriage Abraham Spigelmeyer located at what was known as Rengler's Mills, in Buffalo township, where he continued to work at his trade until April, 1848, when he removed to Farmersville, now Cowan. After working in a gristmill at that place for a short time, he and his father-in-law purchased the same, which he operated during the remainder of his active business life. He died of apoplexy while plowing for seeding, August 30, 1862, and was buried in Dreisbach cemetery. His sympathies were with the Republican party, but as he predicted the war in case of Lincoln's election, he did not vote in 1860. He was an expert miller, and was well known in that capacity throughout Buffalo Valley. For several years previous to his death he has served as elder of the Reformed Church, of which he was a prominent member.

In the family were six children, as follows: Sarah, born April 11, 1843, is now the widow of Adam Young; Henry, born November 7, 1844, is a resident of Nashua, Chichasaw Co., Iowa; Susanna, born October 1, 1846, lives in Cowan, Penn.; our subject is next in order of birth; Mary C., born February 10, 1850, is the wife of James P. Glase, of Mazeppa, Union county; and John W., born July 9, 1852, is a resident of West Buffalo, the same county. After her husband's death the mother bought a home near Cowan, and kept her family together. In the faith of the Reformed

Church, she died October 16, 1886, and was buried in the Dreisbach cemetery.

The birth of our subject occurred at Cameron's Mills, in Buffalo township, and he was only four weeks old when taken by his parents to Cowan, where he later attended the common schools. Although only fourteen years of age when his father died he was of great help to his widowed mother, and during her last illness was much of the time at her bedside. He began to learn the miller's trade, but his father's death interrupted this, and at the age of seventeen he assumed the management of the home farm. At the parsonage of the Reformed Church in Mifflinburg, Rev. George E. Adams performed a marriage ceremony October 4, 1870, which united the destinies of Mr. Spigelmeyer and Miss Martha E. Gaunt, who was born at Potters Mills, Centre county, March 13, 1852. Her father, Richard Gaunt, an expert woolen manufacturer, was born in Yorkshire, England, July 3, 1815, a son of William and Amelia Gaunt. In that country he worked in a factory until crossing the Atlantic to America at the age of twenty-one, and for some time was here employed in different mills. He finally drifted to Union county, Penn., where he married Susan Kleckner, who was born in Hartley township, February 22, 1816, a daughter of George Kleckner. When a little girl she went to live with John Lincoln, at whose home in Hartley township she was residing at the time of her marriage. For a time Mr. Gaunt worked in the woolen mills at Laurelton, but in 1848 removed to Potters Mills, Centre county, where he remained until 1863, at which time he came to West Buffalo township, Union county. He is now a resident of Milton, but his wife died April 14, 1881.

After his marriage Mr. Spigelmeyer located upon the same farm in Buffalo township, where he had previously lived with his sister, Mary C., as his housekeeper. In the spring of 1873 he sold off his effects and removed to St. Joseph county, Mich., but in the fall of the same year returned to Union county, locating at Cowan, where he bought a house and lot. While living at that place he engaged in teaming and farming, later rented land in Buffalo township, occupying one farm for eleven years, but in the fall of 1890 purchased the William Baker farm of sixty-six acres, and since the following spring has there made his home. He is a progressive and skillful agriculturist, honest and straightforward in all business transactions, and his integrity is above question.

Mr. and Mrs. Spigelmeyer have four children, namely: (1) Theodore E., born December 16,

1871, was engaged in clerking for H. A. Cook for four years, but now he is a shipper of wholesale produce at Vicksburg; is superintendent of the Sabbath-school at the Dreisbach Church; (2) Elsa M., born January 2, 1875, was united in marriage on March 1, 1898, to C. E. Erdley, of East Buffalo township, where they will make their future home; (3) Naomi V., born November 16, 1879, and (4) Blanche O., born October 24, 1881, are at home. The parents and children are all members of the Reformed Church and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mr. Spigelmeyer is now serving as deacon of the congregation. Politically he is a stalwart Democrat, but cares nothing for office, and socially is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Mifflinburg.

ELIAS HEIMBACH resides on a farm one mile west of Laurelton in Hartley township, Union county, but has now practically laid aside business cares, enjoying a well-earned rest. Throughout his active life his time and attention were devoted to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Heimbach was born July 31, 1845, in East Buffalo township, Union county, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bower) Heimbach, natives of Snyder county, Penn. Both have now passed away, and their bodies were laid to rest in Dreisbach cemetery near Mifflinburg, Penn. By trade the father was a blacksmith.

Our subject is the eleventh in order of birth in the family of thirteen children, the others being as follows: Catharine is the widow of Daniel Bailer, and lives near Mifflinburg; Hetty is the wife of Jacob Yeisley, a farmer of Kansas, and they have three children; Rachel married Peter Reish, who is engaged in farming in South Dakota, and they have five children; Mary is the wife of Henry Bennage, an agriculturist of White Deer township, Union county, by whom she has had ten children; Jonathan, a farmer and blacksmith of Buffalo township, Union county, is married and has five children; Rebecca is the wife of Samuel Dauberman, a carpenter residing in New Berlin, Penn., and they have one son; Martha wedded Jacob Whitman, and has four children; Simon died at the age of two years; the next child died in infancy; John, a resident of Buffalo township, Union county, who served for four years in the Union army during the Civil war, is married and has five children; Elizabeth is the wife of Elias Perdick, also an honored veteran of the Civil war, and they live in New Berlin; and Susan married Henry Frock, a farmer

of Buffalo township, Union county, by whom she has one child.

During his boyhood and youth Elias Heimbach attended the common schools, but when less than eighteen years of age he laid aside all personal interest to enter the service of his country, and enlisted on the 14th of January, 1863, in Company E, 51st P. V. I., serving under Col. Hartranft, who afterward became Governor of Pennsylvania, and Gen. Burnside, who was the corps commander. Our subject was a brave soldier, always found at his post of duty, and he participated in the following great battles, besides numerous engagements of less importance: Antietam, Spottsylvania Court House, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Ream's Station, and those in front of Petersburg. He was mustered out at Alexandria, Va., July 27, 1865, when the war had ended, and his services were no longer needed. He now receives a pension, and is an honored member of Post No. 247, G. A. R., at Mifflinburg.

Returning home, Mr. Heimbach resumed farming. On September 16, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma, daughter of Jacob Wittes, and three children blessed their union: (1) Anna M., born September 22, 1867, is the wife of Henry Doebler, a butcher of Mifflinburg, Penn., and they have one son, Robert. (2) Cora I., born in 1869, died in 1873. (3) Samuel Grant, born July 2, 1872, is a telegraph operator living in South Dakota. The mother of these children died May 8, 1889, and was buried in Dreisbach cemetery, near Mifflinburg. Mr. Heimbach was again married January 1, 1895, his second union being with Miss Susan Boop, daughter of Jacob Boop.

In politics Mr. Heimbach is identified with the Republican party, and is a strong believer in its principles, while in religious belief he is a Lutheran. He and his estimable wife are honored and respected in their community for their sterling worth, generous hospitality and unbounded liberality.

A T. NOGEL, a well-to-do agriculturist now living in retirement at Buffalo Roads, Union county, is a man of influence in his locality. He was born October 6, 1838, in Kelly township, in that county, the son of Jacob Nogel, a prominent farmer who came from Allentown, Lancaster Co., Penn., in early manhood, and located in Union county. At first he rented land in East Buffalo township, then rented the Andrew Kelly farm, on which he lived fourteen years; he then bought a small farm of fifty acres near

Kelly Point, on which he made his permanent home. He was a Democrat, but voted independently in local affairs. His death occurred April 20, 1860, in his sixty-fourth year, and his wife, Elizabeth Engelman, passed away March 6, 1843, aged forty-two years, eight months and twenty-four days, the remains of both being interred in the old cemetery at White Deer church. Mrs. Nogel was born June 9, 1800, in White Deer township, Union county, the daughter of Solomon Engelman, born August 17, 1780, died October 20, 1853, and of Margaret Engelman, born December 28, 1773, died December 1, 1853. To Jacob and Elizabeth Nogel nine children were born, viz.: Mary A., Mrs. John Rehner, who died in Kelly township; William, who died in Lewisburg; Lucy, Mrs. Lewis Gemberling, of Buffalo township; Joseph, who died in childhood; Margaret S., Mrs. William Noll, now deceased; Miss Elmira, a resident of Kelly township, and for some years a successful milliner; Sarah E., widow of William Wolfinger, of Mottville, Mich.; A. T., our subject, and Caroline, Mrs. Washington Dieffenderfer, of California.

A. T. Nogel's youth was spent in his native township, the local schools furnishing his only educational advantages. A comparison of his privileges with those of the children of to-day shows great progress in our public-school system, and no one is a firmer friend to this movement than he. He was a young man when the war broke out, and in 1862 was drafted as one of six from his township to make up a quota of twenty from Union county. On October 28, 1862, he was enrolled in Company G, 172nd P. V. I., under Capt. Michael Smith, for nine-months' service. The recruits were sent to Harrisburg and then to Washington, where the regiment took a steamer for Newport News. From that point they marched to Fort Yorktown, where some time was spent in guard and heavy artillery duty. Later they were sent to Baltimore and, after marching out the pike to Hagerstown, went into camp for the night and the next day joined in the pursuit of a Rebel force which crossed the Potomac at Williamsport in safety. Mr. Nogel took part in all the work assigned to his regiment until July, 1863, when he was compelled to drop out of the ranks during a forced march to Alexandria, the exposure and fatigue proving too severe for him. He was placed in an ambulance, but it broke down; then room was found for him in a provision train which was going part of the way, and when he left that he tried to walk but fell unconscious by the roadside. His comrades picked him up and carried him to their destination, where he was placed in a hospital. The following day he was

taken with the regiment to Washington, and afterward went to Baltimore, where he again entered a hospital for a night. He was then transferred to Harrisburg, and, as it was not thought advisable to send him farther while in that condition, he was kept there in a hospital until his brother William arrived to take him home.

On July 31, 1863, our subject was discharged at Harrisburg from further service. He resumed his work at home, and also spent some time on his brother William's farm in Kelly township, and thus his time was employed until his marriage, on March 5, 1874, to Miss Eliza Ellen Young, a native of Buffalo township, born September 14, 1847. Her parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Swartzlander) Young, were prominent among the agriculturists of that locality, and she was educated in the district schools near her home. Mr. Nogel rented a farm from his brother William for two years, and then bought seventy-three acres in Buffalo township, at a cost of \$6,750. While residing there he purchased his present home at Buffalo Roads, a fine brick house, to which he removed in 1888. He has a comfortable competence largely gained through his own efforts, and is held in high esteem by those who know him.

Mr. Nogel was reared in the Lutheran faith, both his parents being devout members of that Church, and he and his wife have been actively identified with the work of the society for many years, Mrs. Nogel having taught in the Sunday-school for some time. Their only child, Anna L., born November 27, 1881, did not live a year, passing away September 22, 1882. About the time of this bereavement they took into their home a little girl of four years, Jennie C. Meckly, who was born October 21, 1878, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Paige Meckly, and still resides with her foster parents. On political issues of a national character Mr. Nogel favors the Democratic view, but he is not a blind follower of his party, voting for good men outside its lines whenever he thinks best. He is a member of the Grange, and sympathizes with all efforts to secure the greatest good to mankind in general.

BS. SCHOCH, a well-known business man of New Berlin, conducts the oldest and most extensive tannery in Union county. It has now been owned and operated by three generations of the Schoch family, the grandfather and father of its present proprietor having in turn carried on the business at the same location.

Mr. Schoch was born February 10, 1862, at New Berlin, the only living child of James and Rebecca W. (Peters) Schoch. His boyhood was spent there, his education being obtained in the local schools, and so well did he improve his opportunities that at eighteen he was qualified to teach. In the meantime he had also picked up a knowledge of his father's business, partly from observation and partly from work done at irregular times, as he never served an apprenticeship. During the winter of 1879-80 he taught the Winfield school at thirty-five dollars per month, and in 1881 he began selling queensware for Young, Keiper & Co., of Philadelphia, representing them in Union, Snyder, Clinton and Centre counties. This business occupied his time for about a year, and then he took a position in the tannery, with which he has ever since been connected. In 1884 he was taken into partnership, the business continuing under the name of Schoch & Son until August, 1886, when he became sole owner. He has a thorough knowledge of the business, and no detail, however insignificant, escapes his attention. The plant employs several men, and is open all the year round. It is safe to say that, as a business man, Mr. Schoch has no superior of his age in that locality, the growing trade of his establishment being due to his wide-awake, energetic management.

In September, 1883, Mr. Schoch was married to Miss Mary M. Benner, who was born near Salem, Snyder county, where her father, Edward Benner, was a leading citizen. One daughter, Rebecca, born in 1884, blessed this union. Mrs. Schoch is prominent socially, and is an active member of the Lutheran Church. Our subject's genial temperament and pleasant manners make him popular with all classes. He is one of the leading Democrats of his town, and while not anxious for political distinction he takes keen interest in the success of his party. In municipal affairs he is active and influential, and for three years he served as a member of the council.

JOHN MYERS has spent his entire life in Union county, and his name is inseparably connected with its agricultural and public interests. He was born near Lewisburg September 17, 1835, and is of German descent, his ancestors having come to this country previous to the Revolutionary war. His grandfather was John Moyer, but his descendants have changed the name to Myers. David Myers, an uncle of our subject, lived near Lewisburg, Penn., where he was killed by the kick of a vicious horse. He

left a large family, of whom, six sons, Alpheus, Abraham, Lewis, Nathan, David and Henry, removed to the West.

Isaac and Salome (Weidler) Myers, the parents of our subject, were both natives of Lancaster county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated, but shortly after that event they came to Union county, where the father had previously spent one year, and where he afterward became well known as a Dunkard preacher. Here they reared their family of seven children, namely: Caroline, who became the wife of William K. Moore, and removed to Illinois, where she died, leaving two children; George W., a tanner by trade, who also engaged in lumbering, but is now farming in southern Indiana, and serves as a minister of the Dunkard Church; Simon Peter, a resident of Birmingham, Ala., who is married, and is now living retired, having become quite wealthy during his active business life; John, of this sketch; Sarah, who died at about the age of twenty-five years; Hannah, who died at the age of nineteen; and Elizabeth, who died in Illinois, where she had gone with the hope of benefiting her health.

John Myers, of this review, was educated in the common schools, and was reared upon the home farm, which he and his brother George operated for two years after he completed his education, his father having retired from active labor. Our subject then went west, visiting nine States, but finally returned to Union county, where he has since successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, making his home in Hartleton.

On December 11, 1862, Mr. Myers was married to Miss Candace Diffenderfer, a popular and estimable young lady, and a daughter of Henry Diffenderfer, a prominent farmer of the county. She was one of fourteen children, all of whom grew to maturity with the exception of one. They are now scattered throughout various States of the Union, and many have become leading and representative citizens of their various communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers have five children, as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born September 9, 1864, is the wife of Galen C. Whitmer, a popular business man of Hartleton. (2) Grant, born May 4, 1867, died April 30, 1868. (3) Jessie, born February 19, 1870, graduated from the Normal School of Bloomsburg, Penn., in 1890. She is now a professional nurse located at Washington, D. C., having graduated from the Training School of the Philadelphia Hospital, Philadelphia, in 1894. (4) Nora, born September 14, 1871, also graduated at the Bloomsburg Normal, and is now with her parents at their home in

Hartleton. (5) Minnie, born October 8, 1874, is the wife of Albert J. Musser, a resident of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Myers cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan, but has since been an ardent supporter of the Republican party, taking a deep and commendable interest in political affairs. He has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of tax collector, auditor, supervisor, overseer of the poor, school director, town councilman, and in 1897 was elected Burgess of Hartleton, which office he is now filling with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Progressive and public-spirited, he has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development, and does all in his power to promote the general welfare of the community. Religiously, he is a conscientious member of the Lutheran Church.

PASCHAL LEWIS CLINGAN, justice of the peace in and for the borough of Lewisburg, Union county, is noted for his clear insight into legal questions, and his decisions being founded on sound and broad judgment of men and affairs, and careful study of principles, have seldom been reversed in the higher courts.

Squire Clingan was born in Kelly township, Union county, February 6, 1830, and is descended from Scotch-Irish stock, a strain of blood which has furnished to America many families of ability and prominence. William Clingan, our subject's grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. At an early day he settled in Kelly township, Union county, where he died about 1820. His wife, Jane Roan, of Lancaster county, was also of Scotch-Irish descent, and her father, Rev. John Roan, a Presbyterian clergyman, crossed the ocean and settled in Lancaster county in 1739. Her brother, Flavel Roan, was the author of a deed which is quoted in the law books as the most eccentric on record. It was made to Clara Helena Elkinhuysen, in 1793, and is found in the archives of Northumberland county at Sunbury, in deed book F, page 280, under date of November 3, 1793. William and Jane Clingan had the following children: Margaret, Mrs. John Scott, died in Illinois; Anne Roan, Mrs. Joseph Lawson (deceased); Thomas, our subject's father; Elizabeth, Mrs. Thomas Barber, who died in Union county; George Clingan, who died in Illinois; and Flavel Clingan, who died in Union county, Penn.

Thomas Clingan, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county in 1785, and in

1800 became a resident of Kelly township, Union county, where he remained, following agricultural pursuits. In his religious views he was a Presbyterian, and in politics was formerly a Whig, and, on the organization of the Republican party, he became its stanch supporter. He died at the age of seventy-one, and his wife, Margaret Lewis, who was born in Union county, February 20, 1790, attained the age of seventy-two. Seven children grew to maturity, our subject being the youngest; William died at seventy-six years of age; Elizabeth married Samuel Laird, and died in Illinois, leaving several children; Jane married James Lawson, and died in Kelly township, Union county; Mary (deceased) never married; Amelia (deceased) was formerly the wife of John Sterett; and Sarah (deceased) was the wife of William P. Dougall.

The common schools of his native county afforded Squire Clingman his first glimpses of the long and toilsome paths of knowledge, and later he pursued higher studies at Lewisburg Academy. For some years he followed farming, but in 1873 he removed to Lewisburg and engaged in the coal business, which he carried on successfully until 1892. In that year he was elected to his present office, and has since devoted to it the greater part of his time. In 1865 he was married to Miss Maria Zuber, a native of Montgomery county, born in 1833, and they have two children, Emily and Frank, both of whom are at home.

CAPT. BEACH CRARIE AMMON, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and the well-known postmaster at Winfield, has throughout life been identified with the interests of Union county. He was born at Lewisburg May 23, 1839, a son of Samuel Ammon (also a native of Lewisburg), and a grandson of Andrew and Elizabeth (Meyers) Ammon, who died in that city, the former on March 14, 1842, and the latter on February 14, 1868, at the age of eighty-two. In their family were five sons, all now deceased, namely: Byers, Daniel, Samuel, Alexander and Abel.

For a number of years Samuel Ammon conducted a tailor shop in his native city, and also engaged in the lumber business. He was united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Hicks, who was born in Salem, Luzerne Co., Penn., May 18, 1817, a daughter of Jesse and Candace (Culver) Hicks, natives of Bucks county, Penn., and New York State, respectively. Her father was born September 21, 1761, and died February 26, 1829, in the county of his nativity, and in September,

1838, the widowed mother removed from their old home on the banks of the Susquehanna river, in Luzerne county, to Lewisburg, where she died January 27, 1863, aged eighty-three years, six months and twenty-seven days. They had three children: Mary (the mother of our subject), who is living in Lewisburg at the age of seventy-eight years; Elwood, who died August 18, 1830, aged eleven years, five months and one day; and Sarah C., who died July 14, 1836, aged fifteen years, one month and nineteen days. Samuel Ammon, who was a consistent member of the Christian Church, and a Democrat in politics, was called to his final rest September 14, 1852, at the age of thirty-eight years, nine months and six days.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Emily, who died in infancy; Levi H., who was a member of Company E, 51st P. V. I., during the Rebellion, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, in May, 1864; William L., who also served in the Union army, as a member of Company D, 142nd P. V. I., and later went to Mexico, but has not been heard from for twenty-five years; Harvey C., a plasterer and truckman residing in Lewisburg, Penn.; and Mayland H., a machinist in Cleveland, Ohio.

The first thirteen years of his life Capt. Ammon spent under the parental roof, attending the local schools during the winter. Coming to Winfield August 1, 1855, he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Beaver, Marsh & Co., with whom he remained until the spring of 1893, when the firm ceased to exist. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he, on September 7, 1861, enlisted in Company E, 53rd P. V. I., serving first under Capt. Church and later under Capt. John Shield. For meritorious conduct he was promoted from second to first lieutenant November 27, 1863, and April 25, 1864, he was commissioned captain. He was never wounded, although he participated in many hotly contested battles, including those of Fair Oaks, Antietam, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor and Spottsylvania, and on the expiration of his term he was honorably discharged and mustered out October 30, 1864.

Returning to his home in Winfield, Capt. Ammon was made outside foreman at the Union Furnace, which was incorporated in 1853. A year later he took charge of the company's store, where he remained until 1878, and then was made bookkeeper in the office, which position he is still acceptably filling under Dr. Levi Rooke. He is a stockholder in the Union National Bank of Lewisburg.

On November 30, 1865, Capt. Ammon was married to Miss Maria T. McMichael, who was

born in Churchtown, Lancaster Co., Penn., November 11, 1839, a daughter of Thomas and Adeline (Church) McMichael, the former a native of Berks county, the latter of Lancaster county. The mother, who was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church, died at Churchtown, in 1842, aged twenty-seven years. She left two children: Maria T., wife of our subject; and John, who never married; he was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg during the Civil war. For his second wife the father wedded Catherine Davis, of West Chester, Chester Co., Penn., where she is still living, but Mr. McMichael died in Reading, Penn., in 1875, at the age of sixty years. He was a railroad mail agent. Three children blessed the union of Capt. and Mrs. Ammon: Laura R., who died at the age of eight years; and two who died in infancy.

Fraternally, the Captain is an honored and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Knights of Pythias. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and since 1866 he has acceptably filled the office of postmaster at Winfield, being one of the oldest in continuous service in the United States, which fact plainly indicates his faithful discharge of duty and his popularity with his fellow-citizens. He served as a member of the State Central Committee, and was county chairman of the Republican Committee two terms.

JACOB S. SHIVELY is one of the representative and prominent agriculturists of Limestone township, Union county, where the family, which was of Swiss origin, was established over one hundred and twenty-five years ago. On the paternal side the great-grandfather, Christian Shively, was a native of Switzerland, and on coming to the New World he took up his residence in York county, Penn., in what is now York township. His wife was a native of Germany. In 1773 he came to Union county, where he purchased 1,100 acres of wild land near what is now White Spring, in Limestone township, and a portion of that tract comprises the present farm of our subject. He then returned to York county, where he died soon afterward.

Christian Shively, Jr., the grandfather, was born in York county, October 2, 1750, and, a short time after his father purchased land in Union county, he located here, making it his home for many years. During the Indian outrages after the battle of Lexington, for safety he left the county, which at that time contained but

few families, his home being near that of Col. Watson, whose family was murdered by the Redmen. After the Revolutionary war, Mr. Shively returned to Union county and located upon the present farm of our subject, where he made many useful improvements. Of his two brothers, John and Henry, the former was taken by the Indians and all trace of him was lost. Christian Shively married Catharine ———, who was born May 20, 1752, and they became the parents of seven children: Barbara, who died on the old homestead; Susanna, who married and removed to Ohio; John and Samuel, who died in Union county, Penn.; Henry, who was found dead near Mifflinburg, Penn.; Daniel, who became a resident of Columbiana county, Ohio; Christian, who located in Clarion county, Penn.; and George, the father of our subject. The mother of these children departed this life July 5, 1821, the father September 12, 1842, and both were buried in the English cemetery in Limestone township.

George Shively was born July 26, 1788, in Limestone township, and became one of the substantial agriculturists of that locality, owning a large and well-improved farm. He married Rachel Steese, also a native of Limestone township, born May 23, 1790, a daughter of John Steese. In their family were the following children: Catharine, who married John Steese, and died in Stephenson county, Ill.; John, who died in Union county, Penn.; Rachel, now the wife of John Beaver, of West Buffalo township, Union county; Barbara, who married Benjamin Shively, and died in Jewell county, Kansas; Christian, who died in Limestone township; Susan, wife of Robert Badger, who died in Dallas county, Iowa; Jacob S., of this review; and five sons who died in childhood. The father was a stalwart supporter of the Whig party, was a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and a most excellent citizen of his community. He died November 22, 1854, and his wife passed away September 30, 1861.

Jacob S. Shively was born November 5, 1827, in the house which he still occupies, and in the district schools of the neighborhood he obtained his education, his first teacher being Eleanor Barber. He remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he began learning the tanner's trade under John Steese, serving a three-years' apprenticeship, but he has never followed the business. For eleven years he successfully engaged in lumbering, beginning business along that line when his capital consisted of an old horse, but he subsequently owned a half-interest in a sawmill on Penn's creek. Upon a tract of

twenty-five acres of land, which his father gave him, he built a house and barn, and for several years he worked as a general laborer at fifty cents per day.

On October 10, 1849, Mr. Shively was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Stoughton, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., April 6, 1828, and was a daughter of Aaron Stoughton. She departed this life July 15, 1858, and was laid to rest in the Lewis cemetery. Mr. Shively was again married February 10, 1862, his second union being with Mrs. William Keinard, whose maiden name was Sally Boop, a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Fees) Boop. Her birth occurred February 23, 1829, in Hartley township, Union county. By her marriage with our subject she became the mother of five children: William E., who died in childhood; Elizabeth A., wife of Franklin Mitchell, of Limestone township, Union county; Mark M., a teacher of Mifflinburg, Penn., married Miss Sadie Rule; Jennie C. is at home; and Greene, who is a minister of the German Baptist Church, and operates the home farm. The mother of these departed this life February 20, 1898.

After his second marriage, Mr. Shively went to housekeeping in Hartley township, Union county, where his wife owned a small farm, but in 1865 he removed to his farm in Limestone township, and in April, 1883, located on the old family homestead, where he has since resided, the place having been in the possession of the family for over a century. In August, 1889, he fell from a scaffold while painting, and sustained injuries which have since made him a cripple.

Mr. Shively and his family are active and prominent members of the German Baptist Church, of which he has been deacon for thirty-three years, and treasurer of the Church for many years. In politics he was a staunch Republican, but for many years has not taken an active part in party affairs; he has served as school director six years, and also as tax collector. Of undoubted integrity and honor, he has been called upon to serve as executor, assignee, attorney and guardian, and has settled many estates, thousands of dollars having passed through his hands in this way for other people, none of whom ever required him to give a bond. In all his dealings he has never had a lawsuit of his own, although he has been a defendant in proceedings while acting as executor or administrator, but, as an individual, his affairs have always been settled out of court. He is a man of rare good sense and sound judgment, possessing intelligence above the average, and a trust reposed in him has never been betrayed.

FRANK C. STOUGHTON, supervisor and trainmaster of the Lewisburg branch of the Pennsylvania R. R., is one of the ablest and most popular officials of that road. A native of Lewisburg, he was born March 4, 1846, a son of A. Stoughton, now the oldest living citizen of that place.

The Stoughtons are of New England lineage. Augustus Stoughton, our subject's great-grandfather, lived near Hartford, Conn. Augustus Stoughton (2), the grandfather of our subject, and a bridge builder by occupation, established his home in Lancaster county, Penn. He married Hannah Ferry, and had five children, of whom three lived to adult age, viz.: Augustus (3), our subject's father; Kate, who married George Wilson, and moving to Ohio, has not been heard from since the war; and Hannah, who married a Mr. House, and died in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Augustus Stoughton (3) was born June 25, 1814, and at the age of eighteen left his early home in Lancaster county to learn the tinner's trade in Milton, Penn. In 1837 he went to Lewisburg and worked for a time as a journeyman, but in 1843 he engaged in business on his own account, and has continued ever since, having occupied his present shop for thirty-five years. In 1840 he was married to Miss Rebecca Pettit, who was born in New Jersey, February 22, 1820, and is now hale and vigorous, despite her advanced age. She has never worn spectacles, her eyesight being still impaired. Her father, William Pettit, was a native of Hunterdon county, N. J., but settled in Pennsylvania, his death occurring in Lewisburg in 1839. His children were: William (deceased); James, who resides in Philadelphia; Nathan, Charles, and Caroline (living); Rebecca, Mrs. Stoughton; Abbie (deceased), who married Cyrus Wanford, and resides in Waverly, N. Y.; and Tillie, Mrs. Overton, who lives in Illinois.

Twelve children were born to Augustus (3) and Rebecca Stoughton, of whom two died in infancy; the others were: Roland, who was captain of Company D, 150th P. V. I., the "Bucktail Regiment," died at Fredericksburg, his body being brought home for burial. He had a leg fractured during the battle of the Wilderness, and lay so long on the field before he was cared for that he could not survive the shock of amputation. Jennie is the wife of J. M. Rhodes, of Milton, Penn. Frank C. is mentioned more fully farther on. Mary is at home. Isabelle died at the age of thirty-four years. Abbie is at home. Carrie married Dr. Allbright, of Muncy, Penn. James, who is single, resides at Lewisburg.

Nellie C. married Harry Mathers, and Anna is deceased.

FRANK C. STOUGHTON was reared in Lewisburg and received a public-school education. In 1865, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted for one year in Company C, 10th P. V. I., and served until peace was restored. In 1868 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and has been in continuous service since. He was in the construction department of the Pennsylvania & Erie from 1873 to 1880, in the baggage department from 1880 to 1885, was a passenger conductor from 1885 to 1891, and then took his present position as supervisor and trainmaster, his promotions showing the esteem which his faithful and efficient work had won.

In 1869 our subject was married to Miss Julia E. Montgomery, who was born in Louisiana, September 21, 1848. Nine children brighten their home: Annie, Elizabeth Cregar, Rebecca Hill, Thomas R., Jennie, Frank J., Julia, Margaret and Augustus, Jr.

PETER RANGLER. The descendants of Michael Rentchler, who came to America from the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, in the year 1757, have altered the spelling of their name in various ways, Rengler or Rangler being the accepted form in the branch of the family to which the subject of this sketch belongs. Michael Rentchler was accompanied by his wife and son, John, and they made their first home in Berks county, Penn., but removed in May, 1788, to what is now Union county, locating upon a large tract of land on Buffalo creek, at its junction with Spruce run.

John Rentchler, the grandfather of our subject, was probably the first man to build a mill in Union county, and the grist and saw mills which he erected in 1818 are still in use, and bear the name of their founder. He owned a farm about three-quarters of a mile north of Buffalo Cross Roads, where he died February 19, 1825, aged sixty-six. His wife was Maria Dorothy Will, a native of Berks county, and they had three sons—Daniel, Jacob and Benjamin. Daniel Rentchler, the father of our subject, was born in Union county in 1793, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-one years, four months and five days, continuing the work of farming and milling at the old homestead, known as the Buffalo Cross Roads farm. He served as a sergeant in the war of 1812, in the regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. George Weirick, taking charge at the battle of Marcus Hook, and winning a reputation there and in other engagements for courage and dis-

cretion. After the war closed he was elected lieutenant in the State Militia, and served many years. In 1817 he married Miss Susanna Dunkel, of Union county, by whom he had eight children, of whom our subject was the eldest; (2) John married Miss Mary Ritter, and lives in Michigan; (3) Susannah married Isaac Reish; (4) Daniel married Miss Susanna Royer, and resides at Mazeppa, Penn.; (5) George married Miss Wilhelmina Wolfinger, and settled in Michigan; (6) Fannie Maria married Daniel Gephart, of Buffalo township, Union county; (7) Jacob, married to Miss Caroline Himmelreich, and (8) Benjamin, married to Miss Rebecca Ewing, both settled in Nebraska. The mother of these passed away August 29, 1858, aged fifty-nine years, ten months and fifteen days.

Peter Rangler was born in Buffalo township, Union county, April 17, 1818, and was reared at the old homestead which he now owns. He attended the local schools of that day while learning the details of farm work, and on attaining manhood engaged in agricultural work on his own account, spending five years upon a farm in his native township. He then removed to Northumberland county, Penn., and continued this occupation for thirty-nine years, but nine years ago he retired from active work and settled in Lewisburg, where he now resides. In 1844 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Dunkle, and more than half a century of wedded life has been passed by them. Mrs. Rangler was born in 1827, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Spitzer) Dunkle, of Union county, Pennsylvania.

Of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Rangler, three are now living: (1) William H. Harrison was born in 1847, and died November 23, 1892; he served three years as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. (2) Susannah, who married Daniel Stamm, died June 25, 1890, at the age of forty-three years, four months and one day; she had five children—Clarence A., John E., Mary E., Spencer W. and Robert Clement. (3) Mary Elizabeth is at home. (4) Peter F., unmarried, is a farmer by occupation. (5) Clara May married Edward J. Hubler, of Buffalo Cross Roads, and has one daughter, Eve May.

Mr. Rangler is prominently identified with the Reformed Church, and has always been a man of influence among his acquaintances who best know his worth.

OLIVER W. H. GLOVER, M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon of Union county, located at Laurelton, Hartley township, was born on his father's farm in Hartley township, one-

half mile east of Laurelton, May 16, 1868, and belongs to a family that has long been prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of this region.

John Glover, Sr., called "King of Buffalo," his great-grandfather on the paternal side, was a native of Ireland, whose parents emigrated to that country during Cromwell's time from London, was born in or near Londonderry, in 1745. In 1766 he came to America, accompanied by his two nephews, sons of an older brother. For a time he lived in Virginia, where he married, and, accompanied by a wife and two daughters, settled in Hartley in 1772, remaining here enduring the privations of pioneer life until the time of the "Great Runaway" in 1778, when he went to Dauphin county for a year, thence to Virginia, and did not return to Hartley until 1789. He died in March, 1825, and is buried in the Laurelton graveyard beside his wife and daughter.

John Glover, Jr., the grandfather of Dr. Glover, was born in 1782, in the Old Dominion, some sixteen miles from Winchester. He came with his parents to Hartley township, Union Co., Penn., and, in about 1807, married Elizabeth Gray. He became one of the leading and influential citizens of Union county, succeeding his father in the ownership of the farm. In 1822 he was appointed by Gov. Heister a justice of the peace, and served in that capacity until he was removed by the Constitution of 1838. However, he served one term thereafter, having been elected by the people. In 1839 he was elected register and recorder for Union county. He died May 16, 1862, aged about seventy-nine years, and was buried in Hartleton, Union county, and besides him are his wife and two sons, John and Andrew.

James Glover, the father of our subject, was born July 20, 1824, at the old Glover homestead, being the youngest of eight children. The others were as follows: (1) William, born in 1808, died November 8, 1854, is buried at Rockgrove; he was a candidate for sheriff in Illinois, and died the night of the election (defeated). He was sheriff of Union county, Penn., in 1837; was a merchant and a general business man. He married and had five children. (2) Andrew, born in 1810, died in May or June, 1852, and was buried in Hartleton, Union county. He served as justice of the peace and constable, was a tanner by trade. He married, and had five children. His daughters were married as follows—Jane to Henry Dale, and resides at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Amanda to David Brancher, of near Hartleton; Elizabeth to James Moore, and lives in Missouri;

and Ellen to William Reed, of Huntingdon, Penn. John, the only son, served in the Civil war, and died in September, 1872. He was buried at New Berlin. (3) John was born in September, 1812, and died March 4, 1897. He was buried at Hartleton, Penn.; one daughter survives him. (4) Sophia, the only daughter of John Glover, was born November 19, 1814. She married Dr. Uriah Reed, of Jersey Shore, and became the mother of three daughters. She is now living and vigorous for one of her years. (5) George, born in April, 1817, died in September, 1885, and was buried in the Pellman cemetery. He married, and had four sons and two daughters. His widow, daughter and two sons live at and own the original homestead. (6) Thomas, born July 7, 1819, was a "Forty-niner," and died at Fort Larimie, on his way to California. Two of his sons and one daughter now live in the West. (7) Robert V., born September 3, 1822, died December 9, 1893, and was buried in the Pellman cemetery. He was a general merchant for fifty years. He married, and had seven sons and two daughters. [See biography of Horace P. Glover.]

James Glover for nine winters taught in the public schools of Union and Snyder counties. Later he located on a farm east of Laurelton, a part of the original Glover lands. He served as justice of the peace for ten years, discharging the duties of the office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner; he served as school director for eleven years. He was active as a Republican and party worker, and voted at all elections for fifty-one years. As his ancestors did, he occupies an enviable position in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He was married to Rebecca Ann Pellman, of Limestone township, Union county, February 23, 1860; she died March 10, 1873, aged thirty-nine years and nine months. They became the parents of five children: Anna Mary, born April 13, 1861, married Milton Bingham, March 1, 1887, and resides on a farm in the borough of Hartleton; Laura Ellen, born January 4, 1864, is at home; Charles Pellman, born June 8, 1865, married Minnie Pursley, December 2, 1889, and resides on the James Glover homestead farm, having one son—James; Oliver Wendell Holmes, our subject, is the next of the family; Louis Pellman, born April 9, 1871, died September 2, 1893, and was buried in Pellman cemetery. On April 28, 1874, James Glover took for his second wife Martha Pellman, who died December 2, 1887.

Dr. Oliver W. H. Glover during his boyhood and youth attended the district school, later going to Bloomsburg State Normal for a term,

and then to the New Berlin Academy. He taught school one term. He then became a drug clerk, and while thus employed began reading medicine. He entered Jefferson Medical College in September, 1888, graduating in 1891. After forming a partnership with Dr. Mohn, he began practicing at once in Laurelton. A year later, Dr. Mohn wishing to retire from active practice, owing to other business, our subject took charge of his large practice. Dr. Glover is a close and thorough student; he is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society; a man of deep research, and his investigations into the science of medicine, together with his skillful application of knowledge thereby obtained, has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity. In religion as in politics, he has followed in the footsteps of his father, is a Presbyterian and a Republican, an active party worker, having done effective work for his party while serving as a member of the county committee. He has served as a school director. Fraternally, he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and is a Mason.

WILLIAM HAMMOND BAKER is a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Buffalo township, Union county, where his ancestors located in pioneer days, since which time their descendants have been active factors in the business and social life of the community. Wendell Baker, the first of the family to locate in Buffalo Valley, established a home, in which occurred the birth of William Baker, the father of our subject. The grandparents were Jacob and Catharine (Rockey) Baker.

In the usual manner of farmer lads of that pioneer time, William Baker, the father, was reared to manhood. He was married in West Buffalo, November 20, 1845, to Susan Kauffman, who was born September 24, 1820, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Beck) Kauffman. Her father, who was a wealthy farmer, reared a large family. Mr. and Mrs. Baker began their domestic life on the Frederick Heiser farm in Buffalo township, and in 1866 he purchased and removed to the John Hauck farm, which adjoined the old place. He afterward divided his land into three farms, and erected a new set of buildings on the third farm, where he lived from 1877 until his death, which occurred April 29, 1889. He died very suddenly while doing his morning work, and was buried in Dreisbach cemetery by the side of his wife, who had passed

away September 23, 1882. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, while in religious faith he was a member of the Reformed Church, in which he held a number of offices. His wife belonged to the Lutheran Church. In his business he was systematic, industrious and persevering, and his well-directed efforts brought to him success. He accumulated considerable property, and at his death left three good farms. His children were as follows: Catharine, born August 11, 1846, died in Buffalo township, March 7, 1892; William H., our subject, comes next; Henry R., born January 13, 1849, is a farmer of Buffalo township; Elizabeth, born March 1, 1855, is the wife of Alfred Kaup, of Mifflinburg.

William H. Baker, the second of this family, acquired the greater part of his education in Cowan, later attending the Mifflinburg Academy. His school days being completed, he remained with his parents and assisted his father on the farm at home until his marriage, October 24, 1876, with Jennie Leshner, daughter of John and Elizabeth Leshner. She was born in Hartley township, Union county, May 23, 1853, and when fifteen years of age removed with her parents to Buffalo township, where her father died. Her mother is still living there. Mrs. Baker is the second of their four children, the others being Andrew, of Lewisburg, Penn.; Philip, of Buffalo township; and Margaret, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have one child, Mainard L., born November 26, 1877. He attended Bucknell Academy for three years, and is now a pharmaceutical student at Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, where he will take a thorough course.

On March 28, 1877, the family located at their present home, and Mr. Baker operated the land on shares until 1890, when he purchased it of his father's estate. He has an excellent farm of eighty acres under a high state of cultivation, improved with substantial buildings and furnished with the modern equipments of the nineteenth century. He is a capable, energetic business man, and his steady application has brought to him a well-merited success. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Baker belongs to the Presbyterian Home and Foreign Missionary societies.

AMBROSE FAIRCHILD is extensively engaged in farming in Gregg township, Union county, where he owns a very valuable property, scarcely surpassed among the country homes of the State. The land is rich and arable, and has been placed under a high state of

cultivation. He also raises a good grade of stock, and the products of his farm being of superior quality demand the highest market price. A substantial residence, good barns and other outbuildings have been erected to the value of \$15,000, and all of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century are there found.

Mr. Fairchild was born in Luzerne county, Penn., December 31, 1856, and is a son of Solomon and Sarah (Robins) Fairchild. The former was also born in Luzerne county, and his father, Solomon Fairchild, Sr., was a well-known farmer there. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Jonathan Robins, was a native of New Jersey, but spent his last years as an agriculturist in Iowa. The mother of our subject was also born in New Jersey, and was married to a Mr. Fairchild in Luzerne county, where they continued to make their home until 1874. They then removed to Northumberland county, where they now reside, Mr. Fairchild having retired from active business life. He was formerly extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is now a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Milton, Penn. He has creditably filled a number of township offices, and has worthily won a competence by the exercise of excellent business and executive ability and honorable dealing. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Fairchild are Ambrose; Frank P., who is operating the old homestead; George W., who is also following farming in Northumberland county; Solomon L., an agriculturist of Union county, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of C. C. Brown, a merchant of Lewisburg, Penn.; and Linda, Minnie and Grace, all at home.

Ambrose Fairchild spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and in the public schools of the neighborhood acquired a good practical education, which was supplemented by several months' study in the Eastman Commercial College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He continued to aid in the cultivation of the home farm until twenty-six years of age, when he began operating one of his father's farms in Northumberland county, devoting his energies to that work for twelve years. He then purchased his present property in Gregg township.

On January 24, 1883, in Northumberland county, Mr. Fairchild was married to Miss Ada Dunkel, who was born in that county in 1862, a daughter of Hiram and Christina (Frederick) Dunkel, also natives of that county, where they

still reside. Her father is cashier in the Farmers National Bank of Watsontown, and is a capable financier, holding high rank in business circles. In his family are seven children: Mary, wife of E. P. Datisman, a farmer of Northumberland county; Mrs. Ada Fairchild; Edward K., a physician of Jersey City, N. J.; Sarah, wife of George Millett, an architect, of Honey Brook, Chester Co., Penn.; Anna L., a teacher of elocution; Bessie and Catherine, at home. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Fairchild was Killen Dunkel, a native of Union county, who followed agricultural pursuits, and died in Northumberland county. The maternal grandfather was Isaac Frederick, of Union county, who also died in Northumberland county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild have a family of four children: Solomon, born October 24, 1883; Helen, born November 21, 1884; Edwin D., born March 22, 1891; and Hunter M., born September 17, 1893. They lost their third child, Blanche, who was born January 1, 1886, and died June 22, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild have a wide circle of acquaintances, and their friends throughout the community are many. Their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality, and their courtesy and culture make it a favorite resort with all. Mr. Fairchild gives his political support to the Republican party.

M M. MILLER, proprietor of the "Great Western Hotel" at Vicksburg, and one of the genial and accommodating landlords of Union county, was born June 24, 1834, in what is now Snyder county, Penn., but at that time was Union county. His father, George Miller, was a native of Lehigh county, this State, whence he came to Union county when quite young, with his father, who died soon afterward. George was then bound out to Adam Yonkman, a carpenter and farmer, and with him learned the carpenter's trade. In Snyder county he married Barbara Manbeck, a native of that county, and they became the parents of ten children—five sons and five daughters—of whom the following named reached adult age: Eve, who married John F. Smith, and died in Walker township, Juniata Co., Penn.; Isaac, who died in the same township; Eliza, now the widow of George S. Smith, and a resident of Lebanon, Penn.; and H. M., of this sketch.

George Miller and wife began their domestic life in a small house in the woods, and for some time he devoted most of his time to carpentering, clearing his land as he found opportunity. On selling that place he purchased the old Al-

bright farm in Moser Valley, which he operated some years and then removed to Adamsburg, where he followed mercantile pursuits for a time, finally selling out his business there to Reuben Keller. While serving as justice of the peace for a number of years, he also carried on farming near Adamsburg, and subsequently removed to Walker township, Juniata county, where he owned two good farms. There he died at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. The mother of our subject died in the same county at the age of sixty-one, after which the father was three times married, but all of his children were of the first union. Both parents were buried in Locust Run cemetery in Walker township. Although George Miller's early education was limited to two months' attendance at a German school, he obtained a good practical knowledge of affairs by experience and observation, and conducted all his business in English. He was almost six feet in height, was strong and active, and in wrestling matches in early life always came off victorious. First as a Whig and later as a Republican, he took quite an active and prominent part in local politics, and served as school director after the free schools were established. He was an influential member of the Evangelical Church, with which he was officially connected for years, and for some time served as class leader.

Mr. Miller, whose name introduces his sketch, began his education in the early country schools, and later attended the free schools for a time, while he acquired a good business knowledge in his father's store. At the age of seventeen he went to Ohio, working as a laborer in the vicinity of Akron and Canton for a short time, after which he returned home and remained under the parental roof until his marriage. In Snyder county he wedded Miss Mary S., a daughter of George Arbogast, who followed farming in early life, later engaging in milling. Our subject began house-keeping on his father's farm of 178 acres in Walker township, Juniata county, which he subsequently purchased, but as he was heavily in debt, and had to pay as high as ten and twelve per cent interest, he finally traded that place for a farm in Buffalo township, Union county, where he remained for one year.

Later he lived on two different farms in East Buffalo township, where his wife died June 25, 1886, and was buried in Manbeck Church cemetery in Snyder county. She left four children: George A., a resident of Lewistown, Penn.; Reuben U., an attorney of Crestline, Ohio; Edwin D., a telegraph operator of Crestline; and Emma I. at home. On December 26, 1889, Mr. Miller was again married, his second union

being with Miss Mary E. Bentley, of Lewisburg, Penn., who was a graduate of the grammar school of that place, and engaged in teaching for a time. Later she successfully followed dress-making for nineteen years, commencing in 1870.

For several years before his removal to Vicksburg, Mr. Miller lived at Lochiel, but on the 22nd of March, 1893, took charge of the "Great Western Hotel", which he has since successfully conducted. It is one of the best hostelries in Buffalo Valley outside of Lewisburg, and under the able management of our subject is a great favorite with the traveling public. His wife a very kind, accommodating woman, is one of the few model landladies. Besides his business here he still owns 117 acres of valuable land in Buffalo township. For some time he dealt extensively in horses, and is an excellent judge of the noble steed. Although he always supports the men and measures of the Republican party at State and National elections, he is not strictly partisan, and at local elections votes for the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the position. He has served on the election board, and as supervisor in Juniata county, but is no politician in the sense of office seeking. Religiously he is a member of the Evangelical Church.

DAVID B. NESBIT. Among the first to respond to the call for defenders of the imperilled Union, when the attack upon Fort Sumter thrilled the North with indignation, was the subject of this sketch, who enlisted April 18, 1861, in Company G, 4th Penn. Vol. Inf., in the first company that left Union county. His regiment was first ordered to duty at Annapolis, Md., and speedily found itself in the "enemy's country," being obliged to rebuild a railroad before they could go on to Washington. After remaining some time in the latter city, they were sent forward in the first campaign in Virginia, and served in the Third Brigade at the first battle of Bull Run. Shortly after this notable struggle they were discharged, their term of service having expired. The hope of an early termination of hostilities, cherished in the first days of the war, vanished as time passed and Mr. Nesbit subsequently re-enlisted, this time as first sergeant of Company C, 3d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, when the Confederates first entered Pennsylvania in 1862, and next in Company F, 28th P. V. I., for an emergency term, and was on duty at the skirmish at Oyster Point, at the bombardment of Carlisle and Hagerstown

about six weeks in 1863, the time being spent chiefly at Hagerstown, Md. He was commissioned as first sergeant September 13, 1862.

Mr. Nesbit is now a prominent citizen of Lewisburg, Union county, where he was born August 20, 1837. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the first of the family to cross the Atlantic being his great-grandfather. The grandfather, Alexander Nesbit, was born probably in York county, Penn., but removed to Northumberland county, where his last days were passed. He was married twice, and his second wife had also made a previous marriage. John Nesbit, our subject's father, who was born in York county, Penn., in 1785, married (first) Miss Isabella Davidson, and (second) Mrs. Sarah Elliott, *née* Beale, the mother of our subject. She was born in Juniata county, Penn., in 1787, and died in 1861, the father passing away three years later. They were Presbyterians in religion, and Mr. Nesbit, who was a contractor by occupation, held a prominent place in the business and political life of his locality. On March 26, 1820, he was appointed justice of the peace to serve "during good behavior," and it is unnecessary to state that he held the position many years, and finally relinquished it voluntarily on account of advancing years and the pressure of other duties. The greater part of his life was spent in Limestone township, Union county, where he owned two farms. By his first marriage he had seven children: Alexander (deceased) was a commission merchant in Philadelphia; Sarah A. (deceased) was the wife of P. M. Housel; Mary E. (deceased) never married; Nancy is probably living; John, Isabella and Caroline all died in childhood. Our subject was the youngest of the three children by the second union, and is now the only survivor. John died at the age of twenty-four; and Margaret Jane died after her marriage to Joseph M. Housel. By Mrs. Sarah Nesbit's marriage with Thomas Ury Elliot there were four children, none of whom are now living: William B., phrenologist, was the eldest; Cassandra died in childhood; Mary married Louis Iddings; and Thomas was a druggist by occupation.

David B. Nesbit grew to manhood in Lewisburg, and received his education in the public schools and the academy. His father had built there the first steam flour and feed mill in Union county, and the first employment in which our subject engaged was as a salesman for its product, in 1854, when about seventeen years of age. After spending several years "on the road," he learned the carpenter's trade, serving a three-years' apprenticeship, and since that time he has followed contracting and building, enjoying a

large custom. He is a leading Republican, and as a man and a citizen is highly esteemed. In 1895 he was elected justice of the peace, a position in which he displays marked ability. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post No. 52, of Lewisburg. In 1870 he married Miss Emma C. Squires, who was born in Nottingham, England, April 27, 1848. They had eight children, of whom four are now living: Norma C., Clarence H., Melville D. and Bruce S.

JOHAN WATSON. This gentleman, who spent his early manhood in active business, and mainly in agricultural pursuits, is now living retired in West Buffalo township, Union county, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this section of the State, and is also descended from good old Revolutionary stock. His paternal grandparents were David and Jane (Clark) Watson, the latter being a daughter of John Clark, who held a captain's commission in the war for Independence. Patrick Watson, a great-uncle of our subject, was mortally wounded by the Indians, who killed and scalped his mother, in May, 1780, near the present site of the city of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

William Watson, the father of John, was born in West Buffalo township, Union county, in April, 1797, and was the ninth in order of birth in a family of eleven children. Among the number were David and John C. Watson, neither of whom married. They spent their declining days with our subject, where the former died at the age of eighty, and the latter at the age of seventy-seven years. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and its members have mostly belonged to the Presbyterian Church, of which the grandfather of our subject was an elder for many years.

On attaining to man's estate, William Watson married Sarah Boop, who died in January, 1878, at the age of sixty-nine years. They became the parents of five children, namely: John, of this sketch; David, who is now living retired in Mifflinburg at the age of fifty-eight; Mary who became the wife of James R. Ritter, a merchant of Mifflinburg, and died in June, 1895, and Sarah and William, who both died in childhood. The father, who was one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of Union county, passed away May 23, 1866, and now lies buried by the side of his wife in Mifflinburg cemetery.

As soon as he had attained a sufficient age, Mr. Watson, whose name introduces this review, entered the public schools, where he pursued his

studies until he had attained the age of twenty, and was noted for his studious habits, always being at the head of his classes. He has still, at the age of sixty-one, a splendid memory, and is a well-informed man on the leading questions of the day, as well as on general topics of interest. Early becoming familiar with agriculture, he chose farming as a life work, and met with excellent success in his undertakings.

In 1871, Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E., a daughter of Emanuel Hartman, a prominent farmer of Union county, Penn. Her paternal grandfather followed the same occupation in Northumberland county. Four children blessed this union: Flora J., born in 1871, completed her education in the Wilson Female College of Chambersburg, Penn.; Mabel E. died at the age of three years and three months; Sarah S., born in 1876, was educated in the Mifflinburg High School; and David H., born in 1879, is now attending that institution.

Mr. Watson always uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens in a number of official positions of honor and trust, but cares nothing for political distinction. He takes great pleasure in traveling, and has visited nearly every State of the Union. His family, which is connected with the Presbyterian Church, holds a prominent place in the social circles of West Buffalo township, and in their hospitable home they delight to entertain their many friends.

JAMES PURSLEY. Among the leading and influential citizens that make up the agricultural population of Union county, this gentleman is certainly deserving of prominent mention. He is one of the most progressive and energetic farmers of Hartley township, and is now a member of the honorable board of county commissioners. In the township where he still resides, his birth occurred October 23, 1844, and since attaining to man's estate he has been actively identified with the development and prosperity of this section.

William Pursley, the father of our subject, was born in Mifflin county, Penn., and was of Irish descent. He married Miss Eliza Switzer, who was born in Juniata county, Penn., but was reared in Mifflin county, and was a daughter of David Switzer. She died at the age of seventy-one years, ten months and some days, and the father passed away at the age of eighty-seven years, four months and sixteen days. He was a lumberman by occupation, a staunch Democrat in

politics, and a Presbyterian in religious belief, but his wife held membership in the Evangelical Church. In the family were eight children, namely: Ann, now the wife of T. Libby, of Hartley township, Union county; Mary, who married John Goodlander, and died in Missouri; James, of this sketch; Mark, who died at the age of fifteen years; David, a lumberman, of Lock Haven, Penn.; Reed and Joseph, both residents of Hartley township; and William, who died when young.

Our subject spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native township, with the exception of four years passed in Mifflin county, Penn., whither his parents had removed, but at the end of that time they returned to Union county. He began his business career in the lumber woods, and later worked on a farm until 1863, when he enlisted in Company F, 4th United States Infantry, and served with the Army of the Potomac until the war ended. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania and Petersburg, and was twice slightly wounded. Brave and fearless on the field of battle, he was always found at his post of duty, and is now an honored member of John C. Schnure Post, G. A. R.

On returning home, Mr. Pursley again resumed business in the lumber woods, and became a contractor in getting out timber. Subsequently he purchased land, and now gives most of his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with good success. He is one of the leading representatives of the local Democratic organization, has always taken a prominent part in public affairs, and by his party was elected commissioner of Union county, although the county usually has a large Republican majority.

In 1866 Mr. Pursley was married to Miss Sarah Swank, who was born in Lewis township, Union county, in 1846, and they have had eight children: Ellen, wife of J. L. Fesenden, by whom she has three children—Bennie, Florence and Philip; William; Minnie, wife of Charles Glover; David, born January 4, 1874, now has charge of his father's hotel in Laurelton; Eliza; Sadie; James Gettes and Harry.

MICHAEL SLEAR, junior member of the firm of Burns & Slear, leading lumber merchants and operators at Winfield, Union county, is one of the substantial citizens of his locality, having won the success due to honest and well-directed effort in business life. He was born April 14, 1851, in the township where he

now resides, a son of Charles Slear and a grandson of Jacob and Mary Slear.

The father, who was a native of Union township, Union county, became a successful farmer and tanner. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church, and a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He was killed by a runaway horse on March 30, 1872, at the age of fifty years, four months and twenty-six days. His wife, Elizabeth (Smith), who still resides at the Slear homestead in Union township, Union county, was a daughter of Michael and Lida (Slough) Smith. Ten children were born to Charles and Elizabeth Slear: Maggie, who married (first) Mr. Stover, and (second) Mr. Bower, of Elkhart, Ind.; Howard, a resident of Lewisburg; Emma, wife of George Mourer, a farmer of Doniphan county, Kans.; Martin, a hotel-keeper at Shamokin Dam, Snyder Co., Penn.; Michael, our subject; Miss Anna M., at home; Catherine, wife of William Sasaman, a farmer of Snyder county; Oliver, a tanner at Winfield; Ada, wife of William Everhart, a carpenter and farmer in Union county; and Laura, who married Henry Ritter, a farmer in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Slear (our subject) attended the schools near his early home during boyhood, and had the further advantages of one year of study in Union Seminary, at New Berlin, Penn. After the death of his father he and his brother Howard took charge of the tannery, which they conducted for three years, and then for five years he carried on the business with his brother Oliver, being also engaged in farming. On May 28, 1874, he was married at Selins Grove, Penn., to Miss Louisa J. Long, and the first thirteen years of their wedded life were spent upon a farm in Union township. In the spring of 1888 they removed to a newly-built home in Winfield, where they have since resided. Four children have blessed their union: Bertha B., born August 9, 1875, married Edward Rholand, of Union county, and has one son, Wendell; Martin L., born August 30, 1877; Helen S., March 19, 1893, and Dale, December 17, 1895, are at home.

In 1895 Mr. Slear formed a partnership with Samuel Burns in the lumber business, and they operate a sawmill, carrying on an extensive trade in that line. Mr. Slear gives his attention to cutting and shipping the wood, spending most of his time in the forest, notwithstanding the fact that he has suffered from rheumatism from boyhood. In politics he is a Democrat, and his influence is felt in party affairs. He has served one term as township auditor, two as school director, and in the fall of 1887 he was elected commissioner of Union county for a term of three

years. He is also prominently identified with the Lutheran Church, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at Winfield, and Charity Lodge, No. 144, F. & A. M., of Lewisburg.

Mrs. Slear is a native of Monroe township, Snyder Co., Penn., and was born March 24, 1851. Her father, Solomon Long, now a well-known retired resident of Winfield, was born in 1827, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bird) Long. His wife, Harriet Rowe, was born in 1834. Mrs. Slear was the eldest in a family of five children; Clara is the wife of Samuel Shannon, a farmer of near Ashland, Penn., and Theo, Newton and Samuel are all three residing at Winfield.

F W. MILLER. A list of the leading agriculturists of Union county would certainly include the subject of this sketch, the fortunate owner of two valuable farms, one near Lochiel and the other at Vicksburg. Mr. Miller is not content with being successful in his calling, but he is thoroughly in sympathy with the movements which promise to widen the horizon of other farmers who for one cause or another find themselves at a disadvantage. As an active worker in the Farmers Alliance, he has done much to create and foster the new spirit of comradeship and unity by which the members of this honored guild are enabled to combine for mutual benefit.

Mr. Miller is a native of Penn township, Snyder county, born October 24, 1841. His education was begun in the schools of that locality, but his parents, Daniel and Esther (Wagner) Miller, removed during his boyhood to Northumberland county, where he attended the district schools for some time. While still in his 'teens he accompanied the family to East Buffalo township, Union county, his father having purchased a farm there. As the youngest son, Mr. Miller remained at home to assist his father, and much of his youth was spent in clearing at the new home, and in the routine of farm work.

On October 28, 1862, Mr. Miller was married in Lewisburg, by Rev. R. A. Fink, to Miss Catherine Biehl, who was born in Berks county, Penn., June 27, 1841, a daughter of Gideon and Rebecca (Dreibelbeis) Biehl, who later removed to Union county. After his marriage Mr. Miller located upon a farm in Kelly township, Union county, belonging to his father and father-in-law in partnership. He remained there eight years, purchasing the place in the meantime, and in 1871 moved to the Biehl homestead in East Buffalo township, near Lochiel. This is a beautiful place, one of the finest in the county.

Mr. Miller bought eighty acres for \$16,000, and made his home there since 1871. In 1890 he bought Noah Slear's brick house in Lochiel, and moved into it in April, 1893, when his son, Harry E., moved onto the Lochiel farm. In his farm near Vicksburg, in Buffalo township, he has sixty-seven acres, making 147 acres in all, which cost him on an average \$182.50 per acre. Being accustomed to active life, and wishing to improve the farm buildings, our subject, in the spring of 1897, moved onto the farm near Vicksburg, where he now lives. Notwithstanding the fact that his education was restricted to the country schools, and was summarily ended when he was seventeen, he is a well-informed man in many lines. He is a warm friend of education, his influence being used whenever possible for the improvement of the schools of his neighborhood.

Of his four children, the eldest, Harry E., born September 25, 1863, married Miss Annie Reber, and has had two children—John Franklin, who died March 23, 1887, aged eight months, and Clementine A. Alice I., born April 30, 1865, is the wife of Newton Glover, of Buffalo township, Union county, and has a daughter, Mary Catherine. James B., born February 15, 1868, and Clarence D., born April 19, 1869, are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are both members of the Lutheran Church, and are prominent in religious work. As has been said, Mr. Miller is a leading spirit in the Farmers Alliance in his section, and for some time he has been identified with the Brook Park Association.

D H. STRICKLER, one of the most successful educators of Union county, was born in West Buffalo township, July 21, 1863.

Jacob Strickler, his grandfather, was born in Spring Garden township, York Co., Penn., August 7, 1805, a son of John and Catharine (Bixler) Strickler, who spent their entire lives in York county. Their children were: Ulrich, who died of cancer in York county; Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Miller, and died at their home in Montgomery county, Ohio; Catharine, who lived with her brother Jacob, and died in West Buffalo township, Union county; John, a farmer who died in York county; Michael, also a farmer who died in York county; Lydia, who became the wife of Michael Shellenberger, and died in York county; and Maria, who became the wife of John Shellenberger, and died in York county. The father of this family died at the age of fifty-nine years, and at his death left considerable property.

Jacob Strickler, the grandfather of our subject, was left fatherless at the age of eleven years, and two years later his mother died, but he was carefully reared by his sister Catharine. He married Rebecca Smith, who was born in Manchester township, York county, April 4, 1809, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Wentz) Smith. Her father was a farmer and spent his entire life in York county. He had two sons and six daughters. After his marriage, Jacob Strickler located on a small farm in York county, where he lived until April, 1837, when he came with his family to West Buffalo township, Union county, making the journey by team. On the farm which he purchased he made his home until the early '60s. He died October 26, 1885, and his wife passed away July 22, 1889. He voted with the Democracy, but took no active part in politics. He belonged to the German Baptist Church. His business was successfully conducted, and he owned a farm in West Buffalo township, and another in Limestone township, Union county, together aggregating 280 acres. He also erected the buildings on the old Strickler homestead in West Buffalo township. He and his wife lie buried in the German Baptist cemetery in that township.

Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Royer, of Millmont, Penn.; John, who operates the homestead farm in West Buffalo township; Emanuel, who died in infancy; Jacob, of West Buffalo township; Rebecca, who is living in the same township; Ulrich; Henry, who died near Lewisburg, Penn.; Catharine, of West Buffalo township; Simon P., who died in Millmont, Penn., November 26, 1895; Michael, of Kelly township, Union county; Daniel, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; and Isaac, of Limestone township, Union county.

Ulrich Strickler, father of our subject, was born December 18, 1836, was reared on a farm, and educated in the district schools, to which he had a long distance to walk, until in his later youth, when a school-house was built on his father's land. He learned the plasterer's trade under Abraham Eberhart. When twenty-six years of age, in West Buffalo township, he married Sarah Royer, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., in 1837, a daughter of Charles Royer, who removed from Lancaster county to Union county. Mr. and Mrs. Strickler began their domestic life in West Buffalo township, and, in 1874, located in Buffalo township on the farm which is now the home of our subject. The father purchased a half interest in this property, of his brother Jacob, and made the place his home until his death, February 19, 1891.

He was a member of the German Baptist Church, and was buried in its cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat, and lived a quiet and unassuming, but upright life. A year after his death his widow removed to West Buffalo township, where she now lives. She, too, is a member of the German Baptist Church. They had four children: D. H.; Charles E., of Mifflinburg; Jacob U., a plasterer of West Buffalo township; and Theodore F., of the same township.

D. H. Strickler attended the Pike school in West Buffalo township, was reared under the parental roof, and since eleven years of age has resided at his present home. His early educational privileges were supplemented by study in the Central Pennsylvania College, of New Berlin, and in a normal school at Buffalo Cross Roads, also at Michael's Commercial and Business College of Oberlin, Ohio. When twenty years of age he was employed as teacher of the Pontius school, in Buffalo township, since which time he has been teacher in the Red Bank school, and the Pike school, both of West Buffalo township; the Strawbridge school in Buffalo township; the Creek school and the Loudon school in West Buffalo township. He spent the summer of 1888 near Huron, S. Dak., working as a farm hand, and with this exception, has been continuously and successfully engaged in teaching since the age of twenty years.

On June 16, 1891, in New Jersey, Mr. Strickler was married to Miss Lizzie Wagner, who was born in West Buffalo township, July 8, 1865, a daughter of John and Catharine (Bechler) Wagner. Her mother was born November 30, 1838, in Lewis township, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (De Long) Bechler. Her father, John Wagner, was a blacksmith by trade. Mrs. Strickler, their only child, began her education in Creek school, under the direction of William Bechler, and when ten years of age entered the Mifflinburg High School. Later she attended a select school taught by Mrs. Burrows, and when sixteen years of age began teaching in the school where she was first a student. She has since successfully followed that profession, with the exception of three winters, and for eight terms was teacher of the Creek school, has taught in the Pike school for three winters, had charge of the intermediate grade in the Mifflinburg school one winter, was for two terms a teacher in the Pontius school of Buffalo township, two terms in the Loudon school, and three terms in the Pike school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strickler are numbered among the successful educators of Union county, and are most highly respected people.

Mr. Strickler is a member of the German

Baptist Church, his wife of the German Reformed Church. They have two children: Miriam J., born September 26, 1892; and Myrna R., born February 17, 1894. On their marriage they located at their present home, where Mr. Strickler owns forty-seven acres of land. During the months of vacation he follows farming, and in 1897 he thoroughly remodeled his home, making it a very pleasant residence.

JACOB M. SCHOCH, a native of Union county, but now a resident of Philadelphia, was born in New Berlin, July 25, 1850.

Mr. Schoch is the only son of Sem and Margaret (Ruhl) Schoch. His mother was twice married, her first husband being Mr. George Kleckner. The first eighteen years of the life of our subject were passed in his birthplace, where he attended the public schools for some time, his first teacher being Miss Kate Kessler; but he completed his education in Union Seminary (now Central Pennsylvania College) at New Berlin, receiving such an education as would fit him for a successful business career. His father being a tanner in New Berlin, Jacob was often employed in the tannery during boyhood, grinding bark, and doing such other work as his strength would permit.

When still in his teens Mr. Schoch became a clerk in the store of Rathfon & Winters, where he secured his first knowledge of mercantile business. But New Berlin was not the place for an enterprising, progressive young man, and in March, 1869, he concluded to go West. After a few days spent in Chicago, however, he decided to return to the East and locate in Philadelphia. He entered the wholesale notion store of Park, File & Co., as a clerk at a salary of \$10 per week. For twenty-one years Mr. Schoch remained with that firm, but since September, 1890, he has been connected the Young, Smyth, Field & Co., of Philadelphia, one of the largest wholesale houses in their line in the United States. For almost thirty years Mr. Schoch has spent much of his time on the roads as a traveling salesman, and he has formed an extensive acquaintance such as only a man in his line can form. He now spends only a few months of each year in traveling, making his home in Philadelphia, but passes the summer with his family at New Berlin.

On the 9th of February, 1875, Mr. Schoch was married in New Berlin to Miss Angeline Kessler, who was born March 6, 1851, a daughter of ex-Sheriff John and Catharine (Spangler) Kessler, and they now have two children: Ed-

ward C., who was born September 3, 1876, and who is associated in business with his father; and Alice M., born July 24, 1882. Mr. Schoch usually supports the Democracy, but is not strictly partisan.

SAMUEL BLYLER. While there is much truth in the strictures made upon the modern scramblers for the almighty dollar, who seek to accumulate vast fortunes by selfish and unscrupulous means, there is nothing more worthy of praise than the quiet and steady pursuit of some honest calling and the determined exercise of the industry, economy and sagacity which enables a man to acquire a home and a competence. The subject of this biography, now a prosperous saddler and harness maker at Brook Park, Union county, is a man whose brave struggle with early adversity has brought him a competence without sacrifice of principle.

Mr. Blyler was born in Limestone township, Union county, July 26, 1847, the son of Absalom and Catherine (Heimbach) Blyler. Absalom Blyler, who was a native of Berks county, Penn., was a shoemaker by trade, but spent some years at farming. Tall, broad-shouldered and possessing much strength in his active days, he was known as a hard worker, but for some reason he never gained anything beyond a small home and a fair living. In politics he was a Democrat, but he did not seek official honors. His wife died in 1854, and he survived her only eight years, both being buried in Snyder county. They had fourteen children, six sons and eight daughters, of whom two died in infancy, and our subject was the twelfth in this large family.

In those times the schools of this section were not as numerous as they are to-day, and our subject had to trudge many a weary mile to secure an education at all. As a son of a poor man there was much to hinder his studies, farm work occupying his time. After his father's death the family was scattered, and in 1864, though a lad of seventeen, Mr. Blyler entered the Union army, as a private in Company B, 184th P. V. I. He took part in all the engagements of his regiment, remaining at the front until the close of the war. While on the return march to Washington for the grand review, he was overcome with fatigue and sent to the hospital, and thus he missed the historic pageant that marked the close of the struggle in which he had borne so brave a part. On receiving his discharge he returned to Union county, and began to learn his trade with John Herbst, of New Berlin, remaining two years, and receiving \$50 with the privilege of

working four weeks for farmers in harvest time to secure a little ready money. After his apprenticeship ended he worked for Mr. Herbst a short time, and then found employment with John Stitzer at Mifflinburg. In 1868 he went to Kent, Stephenson Co., Ill., and being unable to find work at his trade, he spent more than two years as a farm hand. Coming back to Pennsylvania, Mr. Blyler found conditions unfavorable for following his trade, but an opening at Dayton, Ohio, led him to go there and remain some time, interrupted only by a short period of work at Tippecanoe, Ohio. In 1872 he came to Lewisburg, and entered a shoe factory as a workman, but the failure of the firm threw him out of employment again, and he went to Watsontown, Penn., to take a similar position. On leaving that place he returned to Lewisburg, and began working at his trade which he has since followed. In the fall of 1886 he began business on his own account, locating at Brook Park, where he has built a shop and a comfortable residence. His success, gained by hard toil, is well deserved. Honesty in his dealings, and a faithful discharge of every obligation, have won him the lasting esteem of all classes in the community.

In 1881, Mr. Blyler was married in Selins Grove, Penn., to Miss Mary A. Zearfoss, daughter of John Zearfoss, of Lewisburg, Penn., and three attractive daughters, Lena, Mary and Emily, brighten their home. Mrs. Blyler is a member of the Reformed Church, and takes much interest in the work of the society. As a citizen Mr. Blyler has always lent his influence on the side of progress, and he is one of the active supporters of the Farmers Alliance. In politics he was a Republican until 1881, but the candidacy of General Hancock, his old commander, won his vote for the Democratic ticket. His sympathies are with the Democrats in the main, but he is not a blind partisan, and often "splits the ticket."

MA. COOK. To the ambitious young man who fancies that no suitable opportunity for the exercise of his abilities can be found outside of our great commercial centers, the following history will convey a helpful suggestion. As a produce shipper, grain dealer and general merchant Mr. H. A. Cook, of Vicksburg, has built up an extensive business, and at the same time he has been helping to develop a new section and extend these lines of activity.

Mr. Cook is a native of Mifflin county, Penn., having first seen the light near Allenville, December 4, 1856. His father, the late J. B. Cook, a

successful agriculturist, died at the age of seventy-six, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Schoch, is now in her eightieth year. They have two sons living, and of their four daughters, one died in childhood. Another lost her life by swallowing a button, all attempts to dislodge it failing, and two lived to adult age. Our subject first attended the common schools of his native township, but when he was eight years old his parents removed to the vicinity of New Berlin, Union county, where he continued his education in the public schools and later in the seminary. He was an industrious youth, mentally and physically, and on Saturdays or other holidays he would spend his time grinding bark at the tannery of his uncle, Abram Schoch, at New Berlin, and his wages, though small, amounted in time to a neat sum. His uncle encouraged him to save his money, giving him a note for all that he left on deposit with him, and thus Mr. Cook established at an early age the habit of accumulation. His studies did not suffer in the meantime, as at seventeen he was competent to teach, but he followed that occupation only one term. He did some work as a farm hand for neighbors, but in 1871 he secured a position as clerk in the large general store of J. S. Raudenbush, at Vicksburg, at a salary of eleven dollars per month. The business was entirely new to him, but he learned rapidly and soon proved his worth, his wages being raised after four months. In less than a year he was placed in charge of the produce car which his employer sent at regular intervals to the coal regions, where an excellent market was found. For a number of years Mr. Cook conducted this important department of the business, the remainder of his time being spent in the store. In 1889 he became a member of the firm of Raudenbush & Cook, which continued until 1891. He then established a similar business of his own, building his present convenient store, and in the fall of the same year he erected an elevator by the railroad track, where he carries on an extensive trade in grain, salt and other commodities. He owns the store and residence formerly occupied by Mr. Raudenbush, and has built for himself a new and elegant home in the same town, while his business in all lines is conducted on a much more extended scale than was that of his old employer. This success has not been gained without effort, few men in any business working more constantly than does Mr. Cook. His straightforward methods have won for him the entire confidence of the people with whom he deals, and these he esteems above any material reward. While he is interested in the

political issues of the day, and votes the Democratic ticket regularly, his attention is too closely given to his business interests to admit of active participation in public affairs.

In 1881 Mr. Cook was married in Mifflinburg to Miss Lizzie Bottiger, a native of Union county, and daughter of Isaac Bottiger. They are prominent in social life, and are active members of the Reformed Church at Vicksburg. Two clever boys—J. Paul and Ralph B.—make their home merry.

NATHAN SLEAR, an honored and highly respected citizen of East Buffalo township, Union county, was born March 25, 1817, near Shamokin Dam, in what is now Monroe township, Snyder Co., Penn., and is a son of Charles and Hannah (Fisher) Slear. The paternal grandfather also bore the name of Charles Slear. The father, a native of Dry Valley, Union county, was in limited circumstances, and supported his family by day labor. He died at the age of forty, but the mother lived to be nearly eighty-five, and both were buried at Selins Grove, Snyder county. In their family were four children, namely: Annie, who became the wife of John Bowen, and died in Northumberland county, Penn., at the age of eighty; Catharine, who first married John Serer, and, after his death, Noah Deibler, and died December 11, 1896; Nathan, of this sketch; and Esther, now Mrs. Daniel Deibler, of Clay county, Illinois.

Our subject was reared in his native township, but his educational privileges were very poor. His father died just two days after he had celebrated the tenth anniversary of his birth, and the mother was left with only a small house and about thirty acres of land. He therefore began work on a farm at the early age of twelve, his first employment being at pitching hay, and although he was teased and taunted by his fellow workers, he was able to do his share and did not give up. For some time he continued to work for neighboring farmers, his earnings going toward the support of the family, and as soon as large enough to operate the home farm he undertook that work. His mother, who was a strong, robust woman, often helped him in the fields, doing a full day's work with either the sickle or flail.

On February 2, 1836, Mr. Slear was married to Miss Abbie Snyder, who was born in Middle Creek township, Snyder county, September 3, 1816, and was a daughter of Jacob Snyder, a farmer by occupation. He was fortunate in the selection of his wife, who proved a most valuable

house-keeper and true helpmeet. After a happy married life of almost fifty-eight years, she was called to her final rest on November 17, 1893. Their only child, Charles F., born in 1836, died November 19, 1859.

Mr. and Mrs. Slear began their domestic life upon his mother's farm, remaining there sixteen years, but in 1852 removed to East Buffalo township, Union county, where he rented one farm six years and another one year. He then lived on the Rhiel farm on the Furnace road, in the same township, for two years, next operated the John Gearhart farm, in Buffalo township, one year, passed the following five years upon the Jacob Dunkel farm, in East Buffalo township, and then spent one year on the John Aurand farm, in the latter township. About 1868 he purchased his present farm of Abram Aurand, paying over \$200 per acre for his forty-acre tract, which he bought at two purchases. At one time he was heavily in debt, but by persistent labor and good management, he now has an excellent little farm all paid for, and some capital besides.

Originally, Mr. Slear was a Whig in politics, and, since the dissolution of that party, he has been identified with the Republicans. He is a faithful member of the Evangelical Church, and although he lives all alone he still observes family worship. For over thirty years he was the leader of the choir at Salem Church, East Buffalo township, and as a singer was known far and wide. While nearly eighty years of age, he is still well preserved, is jovial in disposition, is a good conversationalist, and possesses an excellent memory, speaking with ease of events that happened in his boyhood.

CHARLES THOMAS DENNIS, a prominent citizen of New Columbia, Union county, is not only well-known in business circles, as a dealer in lumber, coal and grain, and similar commodities, but is influential in various progressive movements in his locality. He is president of the Alliance of White Deer township, Union county, and was one of the chief promoters of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of New Columbia, organized in 1892, having been its first president. In the religious advancement of the community he also takes an active part as a member of the Reformed Church, which he has been a member of ever since he was twelve years of age.

Mr. Dennis has good pioneer blood in his veins, Anthony Dennis, his great-grandfather on the paternal side, having come to America

from England during the Revolutionary war, with a brother, Daniel and one sister, to settle near Philadelphia. Both brothers cast their lot with the Revolutionary forces immediately after their arrival, one serving as fifer and the other as drummer. Anthony Dennis had four sons and seven daughters. His son Lewis, our subjects' grandfather, was married to Sarah Trump, and lived in Lehigh county, Penn., for some time, but finally located with his wife and three sons—George, Anthony and Daniel, and four daughters, Ann, Juda, Sarah and Catharine, in White Deer township, Union county.

His son George, the father of our subject, was born in Lehigh county, but came to Union county at an early age, and remained, engaging in farming on a small scale, and also in shoemaking. In politics he was a Republican, and he was an active member of the Reformed Church. He married (first) Miss Mary Dieffenderfer, by whom he had four children: Ferris, a coachmaker at Flat Rock, Ohio; Aaron, who conducts a boarding house at Williamsport, Penn.; Sarah, who died in infancy; and Levi, a farmer near Marseilles, Mich. After the death of his first wife, George Dennis married her sister Catherine, and six children blessed their union: William, deceased; Charles T., our subject; Ellen, who died at the age of fourteen; Alfred, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Alda, who resides with our subject; and Emeline, wife of Samuel Baker, a farmer of Kelly township. The father died February 26, 1868, aged fifty-eight years, and the mother survived him until April 10, 1894, when she passed away at the age of seventy-five. She was a native of Union county, and her father, John Dieffenderfer, died in White Deer township, where his remains repose. He was a man of more than medium height, with black hair and fair complexion.

Charles Thomas Dennis was born September 4, 1853, in White Deer township, and was taught in early manhood the value of industry and economy. As his father left but limited means, he left home at fourteen to seek a livelihood, his first employment being upon a farm in the same township, where he remained one year at \$2.50 per month. The next two years he received \$6 per month, and for the two following years \$8, and being then well grown and thoroughly instructed in all kinds of farm work, he found employment upon another farm in the neighborhood at \$16 a month for the first year, and \$20 for the succeeding four years.

At the end of this time he returned home and worked upon the farm for his mother, and also engaged in threshing, continuing until 1890,

when he moved to New Columbia, and purchased his present business. In addition to his trade in lumber and coal, he has a chop mill and grain house, his enterprise and sagacity enabling him to build up a lucrative business. His public spirit has already been noted, but it is a fact worthy of special mention that while he is active in local affairs, and is also an earnest supporter of Republican doctrines, he is in no sense a politician.

On March 13, 1890, Mr. Dennis was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Pawling, who died June 10 of the same year, at the age of thirty-three, deeply lamented by all who knew her. She was a native of White Deer township, Union county, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of this State, her great-grandfather having come from England to America at an early period. He located in Chester county, Penn., but his son Joseph moved to what is now Snyder county, and the family has since been identified with this section. On January 13, 1898, our subject was again married, this time to Mary C. Farley, a native of White Deer township, Union Co., Penn., and a daughter of Jacob and Mary E. Farley, descendants of one of the pioneer families of this State.

GEORGE M. SLEAR. Among the leading and influential farmers of Buffalo township, Union county, who thoroughly understand their business, and pursue the avocation of their chosen calling in a methodical and workmanlike manner, is the subject of this biographical notice. He is a native of the county, born in West Buffalo township, June 27, 1825, a son of George and Sophia (Miller) Slear.

The father was born March 17, 1793, in Berks county, Penn., where his father, George Slear, spent his entire life. As a young man the former came to Union county, and was here united in marriage with Miss Hannah Kauffman, who was born October 17, 1789, a daughter of Peter Kauffman. They became the parents of four children, namely: Daniel, born February 2, 1812, died in Buffalo township; Esther, born November 13, 1813, is now the widow of Samuel Shively, and a resident of Illinois; and Peter and Margaret (twins) were born May 8, 1819. The former died in Mifflinburg, and the later became the wife of Ephraim Long, and died in Buffalo township. For his second wife the father was married to Sophia Miller, who was born April 16, 1796, and to them were born three children: Charles, born September 2, 1822, died in West Buffalo township, Union county;

George M. is next in order of birth; and William, born October 13, 1826, also died in West Buffalo township. After her death the father wedded Elizabeth Barklow, who was born November 15, 1796. Four children graced this union, as follows: Elizabeth, born November 6, 1835, is the wife of G. W. Himmelrich, of Buffalo township; Hannah, born December 4, 1836, is the wife of Daniel Heckman, of Sugar Valley, Clinton Co., Penn.; Mary C., born March 18, 1838, is the wife of S. F. Miller, of East Buffalo township, Union county; and James, born July 28, 1839, is a resident of Buffalo township.

After his first marriage the father of our subject located in West Buffalo township, and on coming to Buffalo township first rented land, but later bought, of Jonathan Van Valzah, what was known as the Slecker farm. The place was later divided, and our subject now owns the western portion. Throughout his entire life the father followed the occupation of farming, and left to his children a comfortable competence. His death occurred March 1, 1875, and his remains were interred in the Dreisbach cemetery. He was widely and favorably known throughout the community, was a Lutheran in religious belief, and a stanch Democrat in politics.

In the White Springs school, Mr. Slear, of this review, began his education, and although his privileges in that direction were rather limited, he earnestly advocates better educational advantages for the young. With the primitive implements used in his early years farm labor was much more arduous, and as soon as old enough he began to aid in the work. As the family was large, and his services were not always needed at home, he worked for neighboring farmers during his boyhood and youth. For some time after reaching manhood he continued to work for wages, mostly for his father, but he has since purchased his present farm from his father's estate.

On November 28, 1865, our subject was married to Miss Sarah J. Beaver, who was born in Union township, Union county, October 27, 1831, a daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Oldt) Beaver. He has been called upon to mourn the death of his estimable wife, who died November 1, 1893, and was laid to rest in the Dreisbach cemetery. A conscientious, earnest Christian, she was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, to which our subject also belongs. He is a liberal contributor to the Church, and to all worthy objects which will in any way benefit the community or advance the general welfare, and for several years he has served either as

deacon or elder of the congregation to which he belongs. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, but he has always declined to become a candidate for office. Since 1883 he has practically laid aside business cares, but still resides on his farm, which is now operated by others. His sterling worth and upright, Christian life, have gained him the confidence and esteem of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

MATHIAS NOLL, an undertaker and cabinet maker of East Buffalo township, is a worthy representative of an old and honored family, that has long been identified with the industrial interests of Union county.

The name was originally spelled Noel, and the family was founded in the United States during the early part of the eighteenth century by French Huguenots, one branch settling in Berks county, and the other in York county, Penn. The latter preserved the original spelling, and among its members was Hon. John Noel, the first mayor of York, Penn. The Berks county branch adopted the form of Noll, and to them our subject belongs. The family was early established in Buffalo Valley, and is now quite numerous in eastern, central and southeastern Pennsylvania.

On the farm where he still lives, Mr. Noll, of this review, was born June 6, 1845, a son of Samuel L. and Anna (Reahm) Noll. The paternal grandfather was John Noll, who reared a family of seven children, namely: Henry, John, David, Samuel, William, Jacob, and Elizabeth. He was a fine mechanic, following the occupations of carpentering and cabinet making. George Reahm, the maternal grandfather, who was also a cabinet maker and carpenter, married a Mrs. Getz, whose maiden name was Barnhart, and to them were born three children; Susan, who married John Bower, of Illinois; Daniel, who died in that State; and Annie, the mother of our subject.

Samuel L. Noll, the father of our subject, was born in West Buffalo township, Union county, December 16, 1807, and was reared near Mifflinburg, learning the carpenter's trade under his father's direction. He gained the reputation of being one of the most particular mechanics in the locality; his feats of hewing were remarkable. During the summer he continued to work at the carpenter's trade, often employing three or four hands, and he built many of the best barns and houses in the community, as well as the second Dreisbach church in Buffalo township. In Union county, April 29, 1830, he married Miss Anna

Reahm, who was born in East Buffalo township, April 7, 1809, and they began their domestic life upon a part of our subject's present farm, she having received a portion of this from her father. The building now used by our subject as a shop served as their residence at one time. To the original tract, Samuel Noll added by subsequent purchase, and upon that farm they made their home for over half a century. The barn which is still standing was erected by the father in 1842. In connection with farming and carpentering, he also carried on cabinet making and the undertaking business, any kind of a vehicle being used as a hearse in those days. He was a man of average size, weighing about 150 pounds, was energetic and very industrious, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His ballot was always cast in support of Republican principles, and he and his wife were faithful members of the Reformed Church. His death occurred May 5, 1864, and hers on June 6, 1888, and both were interred in the Dreisbach cemetery in Buffalo township.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mary A., who wedded William Walter, and died in Snyder county, Penn.; Mollie, who married, first, Henry Bowersox, but she is now Mrs. Henry Loudenslager, of Buffalo township; Matilda, who married Daniel Hafer, and died in Michigan; Martin, a resident of East Buffalo township; Moses, also of that township; Michael, a carpenter, living near Mifflinburg; and Mathias, of this review.

With Mary Thompson as his first teacher, our subject began his education at the Buffalo school, which was conducted on the subscription plan, but his studies were often interrupted as his services were needed at home, and he also engaged in threshing for others during his boyhood and youth. Soon after his father's death he started out in life for himself, learning the carpenter's trade under David Reahm, though he had become somewhat familiar with that occupation previous to that time by assisting his father. He continued to following carpentering until 1874, when he was taken ill, and for two years was unable to actively engage in any kind of business. On February 16, 1874, he had purchased the undertaking business of Andrew Hauck, of Buffalo township, and since his recovery has given it his attention. For some time, Mr. Noll rented the old homestead from his father's heirs, but in 1888 purchased the place, and there continues to make his home. He has remodeled the buildings, and made many other valuable and useful improvements, having one of the neatest homes to be found in the locality.

The farm comprises twenty-two acres of well-cultivated and highly productive land.

On June 16, 1867, Mr. Noll was married to Frances E. Bowen, a native of Snyder county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Anna (Slear) Bowen. Three children blessed their union: Adda M. and Edith I. (twins), and Mary E., who are still with their father. The wife and mother departed this life December 25, 1890, and was buried in the Dreisbach cemetery, where a handsome monument marks her last resting place.

Although an ardent Republican, Mr. Noll has never cared for political distinction, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of the community, and has a host of warm friends. Fraternally, he is a member of the Grange, and, religiously, is an active member of the United Evangelical Church, to which his wife also belonged. He is at present serving as trustee and treasurer of the Church. Among his valued possessions he has two old Bibles handed down in the Reahm family, one dated 1589, and the other 1770.

ISAAC KING, one of New Berlin's best citizens and oldest merchants, is a self-made man, who, without extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the commencement of life, has battled earnestly and energetically, and, by indomitable courage and integrity, has achieved both character and fortune. By sheer force of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward.

Mr. King is a native of Union county, born in Hartley township, February 15, 1834, and is a son of James and Sophia (Klose) King. During the latter part of the past century the grandfather, James King, a native of England, started for the New World with his father, who also bore the name of James, but the latter died while *en route*, and was buried at sea. The mother landed at New York with her family of small children, who were bound out to different persons and soon became scattered, some of them never being heard of again.

The grandfather was placed with a farmer and drifted to Lancaster county, Penn., where he later married a Miss Dornbaugh. He was reared in much the usual manner of boys of his day, practically having no schooling and being taught nothing but labor. After his marriage he located in Perry county, where he invested the little capital his wife had received, but this was soon lost, as he had received no lessons in good manage-

ment. He then became a laborer, supporting his large family mainly by chopping wood. Some time during the '20s he came to Union county, where he died at the age of eighty-eight and his wife at the age of eighty-six.

James King, one of the family of eight sons and two daughters, and the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, in 1804, and was six years old when his parents removed to Perry county. When a young man he accompanied them to Hartley township, Union county. His educational privileges were limited to three months' attendance at the common schools. For a number of years he was employed at the Berlin furnace, which was located near his home, as a wood chopper and teamster; and at one time he chopped 600 cords of wood, no other work intervening. In early manhood he married Sophia Klose, a native of Beaver township, Snyder Co., Penn., and a daughter of Solomon Klose. She inherited a few hundred dollars, which they invested in a home, and for some time the father engaged in farming. In 1858 he removed to St. Joseph county, Mich., where he spent his remaining days, but his death occurred in Kansas while on a visit to friends. His remains were brought back to St. Joseph county, and laid by the side of those of his wife, who had died some years previous. He was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the community, and amassed a comfortable competence. Considering his youthful opportunities, he deserved no little credit for his success in life. He was five feet nine inches in height and of ordinary build, was a staunch Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in the family of eight children, the others being as follows: Amelia, who married Aaron Bobb, in Michigan, and removed to Kansas, where her death occurred; Sarah, now the wife of James Childs, of Michigan; Samuel, who preceded the others to Michigan, and was the first of the family to pass away; Harriett, wife of Lewis Kemmerling, of Elgin, Ill.; James, who died at Three Rivers, Mich.; Daniel, a resident of Sumner county, Kans.; and John, of Three Rivers, Michigan.

In boyhood, Isaac King would walk two and a half miles to the nearest school house, where he pursued his studies for a few months during the year, but he learned readily, and later attended school at Mifflinburg, Freeburg and New Berlin, where he paid the greater part of his expenses. In 1855 he successfully passed the teacher's examination at Freeburg, and for six terms taught different schools in Snyder and Union counties.

In March, 1858, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Mauck, of New Berlin, a daughter of David and Nancy (Shroyer) Mauck, and to them were born two children: Katy and Frank, both at home.

After his marriage, Mr. King located in New Berlin, where he subsequently embarked in business, opening a small book and confectionery store, with a capital of \$175. From this start his present business has grown, and he has added to his stock other lines of goods, principally hardware. Besides his store building he owns a comfortable residence in New Berlin, and a farm of 224 acres in Jackson township, Snyder county, all of which have been accumulated through his own well-directed efforts.

At one time Mr. King was a Democrat, but of recent years his sympathies have been with the Prohibition party, being a pronounced enemy of the liquor traffic. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve as burgess of New Berlin, and he is at present a member of the school board. He and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran Church, of which he is now an elder, and is also assistant superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

NORMAN L. RANCK is a wide-awake and progressive agriculturist of Gregg township, Union county, and belongs to one of the honored pioneer families whose identification with the interests of this locality covers an entire century. His great-grandfather, John Ranck, located on the farm in 1797, where the birth of our subject occurred December 4, 1857. The latter is a son of Levi and Charlotte Ranck. His father was born January 9, 1833, and died April 29, 1888. The mother was born August 7, 1834, and died October 5, 1880. Their children were: (1) Florence Rose, who was born December 24, 1853, and is the wife of Charles Baskins, by whom she has three children, Lee and Lena, the former deceased, and Leslie, a railroad engineer at North Platte, Neb. (2) Virginia F., born January 15, 1856, is the wife of David Gross, of Lewisburg, sheriff of Union county. (3) Norman L. is the next of the family. (4) Anna U., born November 23, 1861, is the wife of Addison Coch, a farmer of New Columbia, and they have four children. (5) Mary E., born April 6, 1864, is the wife of Howard Corson, of Hughesville, Penn., by whom she has one child, Faith. (6) Harry P., born May 19, 1866, is living in Union county. (7) Carrie C., born May 18, 1869, is living with her sister in Lewisburg. (8) Violet Pearl, born July

16, 1872, is the wife of Howard Reed, a salesman in a store in Benton, Penn. (9) Charles W., born April 28, 1874, is living in Hughesville, Penn. (10) Daisy D. is with her sister in Nebraska. (11) Levi R., born January 1, 1879, is attending school in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Norman L. Ranck spent the first thirty-three years of his life on his father's farm, with the exception of one year passed in New York, where he was employed as a farm hand. He was married to Miss Joan Kennedy, who was born March 14, 1861, and was a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Brean) Kennedy, of Lycoming county, Penn. She died June 16, 1889, and was buried near the Reformed Church in White Deer Valley, Union county. She left one child, Benjamin, born August 30, 1882. Mr. Ranck was again married, in 1890, his second union being with Etoil Lynn, and they have an interesting little daughter, Ethel Audrey, born September 16, 1891. Mrs. Ranck was born in Pleasant Valley, Northumberland Co., Penn., July 19, 1869. Her paternal grandparents were Charles and Catherine Lynn, of Columbia, Penn., whose children were Mary A., wife of George Robbins, of Northumberland county, Cal.; John, who died in 1896; Libbie, who married John Boggert, and after his death became the wife of Perry Jones; Sarah, who married Richard Richardson, and after his death became the wife of Samuel Hess; Abraham and Henry, who died in the army; and Amanda, wife of Henry Shurtz, who is living near Chicago, Ill. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Ranck were James and Nancy A. (Fowler) Van Wagner, the former a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and the latter of Muncy, Penn. He was engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills, and died in Burlington, N. J. His widow afterward became the wife of Moses Yoder, a merchant and postmaster at White Deer Mills, Union county. She is again a widow, and is living with her daughter at the age of seventy-nine years. The maternal great-grandparents were James and Ann (Croft) Fowler, the former a native of Columbia county, Penn. The latter, a native of England, ran away from home when sixteen years of age, and came to America with an uncle and aunt.

The parents of Mrs. Ranck are Isaac and Anna (Van Wagner) Lynn, the former a native of Columbia county, and the latter of Muncy, Penn. They were married at White Deer Mills, and after residing at various places came to the farm on which our subject now resides, in 1892. Here Mr. Lynn carried on farming until his death, which occurred July 2, 1893, having been struck by a railway train which crossed his farm. He

was buried in Watsontown cemetery. For three years he served his country in the Civil war, and was always a loyal citizen. His widow now resides upon the home farm, and is in partnership with her son-in-law—our subject. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn were five in number, namely: Blanche E., wife of John Burgenstock, of White Deer Mills, by whom she has six children: Mrs. Ranck; Nancy E., wife of Warren Traxwell, telegraph operator at Allenwood, Penn., by whom she has four children; Grace G., who is the wife of David Jamison, and has one child; and Merrill Y., who is with his mother.

On leaving the old Ranck homestead, Mr. Ranck worked on a farm at White Deer Mills for a year. He then came to his present place, which he purchased May 25, 1891, in partnership with his father-in-law. This is a very valuable property, highly improved. The elegant brick residence and substantial outbuildings are surrounded by well-tilled fields, and the place is very neat and thrifty in appearance. Mr. Ranck is now serving in the position of school director, to which he was elected in 1896. In politics he is a Republican. He possesses good business ability, is a man of sterling worth of character, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

REV. ISAIAH BEAVER, a well-known minister of the German Baptist Church, commonly known as the Dunkard Church, comes of an honored ancestry, two of his progenitors in different lines having served gallantly in the Revolutionary army. Adam Beaver, or Beiber, as the name was then spelled, came from Germany when a lad of fourteen, and worked seven years to repay his passage money. At twenty-one he enlisted in the Continental forces, and remained in service until honorably discharged at the close of the war. He escaped wounds or injury, but at the battle of Brandywine a button was shot off from his vest. John Beaver, our subject's grandfather, married Anna Baker, daughter of John and granddaughter of Wendell Baker, another Revolutionary soldier, and one of the first to visit what is now Union county. A native of Lancaster county, Penn., he came to this section before the war of Independence, but was driven away by the Indians, and returned to his early home. Later in life he again came to Union county and remained, his death occurring there at the age of eighty-eight.

John and Anna (Baker) Beaver reared a family of ten children—David, who settled in Illinois and died there at the age of sixty, leaving a num-

ber of children; Adam, a resident of Hartleton, Union county, Penn.; Mary, who married the late Andrew Houck, and after his death went to live with her children in Ohio, where she died at seventy-eight years of age; Anna married Christian M. Shively, a farmer of Limestone township, Union county, and died in May, 1863, the mother of sixteen children, only eight now living; John L., our subject's father; Israel, who went west in 1865, and is now postmaster at Panther, Dallas county, Iowa, where he is now engaged in business as a farmer and grocer; Benjamin H. who died at seventeen years of age; Peter H., a resident of Northumberland county, a saddler by trade, who has been postmaster for fourteen years, and is now justice of the peace; Thomas J., a farmer and carpenter residing in Dallas county, Iowa; and Catherine B., Mrs. James Merty, a widow, residing in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. John L. Beaver, the father of our subject, was elected to the ministry of the German Baptist Church, June 3, 1859, and after many years of faithful service is living retired upon his fine farm near Mifflinburg, Penn. Among his most highly prized possessions is a tomahawk, which was carried by his grandfather, Adam Beaver, while a soldier in Washington's army. He was reared after the custom of country youths of his time, helping upon his father's farm and attending the neighboring schools as he could. They were conducted on the subscription plan during his early boyhood, but the free-school system was introduced before his attendance ended. He has always wielded much influence in the community, and his well-known integrity and sound judgment have caused him to be frequently called upon to settle estates. He has also served as school director, but has never taken an active part in politics, and since 1852 has not even voted. On April 18, 1844, Rev. John L. Beaver married his first wife, Miss Anna Shively, by whom he had three children: Spencer, born March 9, 1845, resides in Juniata county, Penn., and like his father is a minister of the German Baptist Church; Isaiah is mentioned more fully below; Caroline, born June 2, 1848, married G. W. Walters, a farmer in Dallas county, Iowa. The mother of this little family died, and in 1852 the father married her cousin, Miss Rachel Shively, who was born March 8, 1816, and is quite well preserved for one of her age. By this union there were also three children—C. H., born April 23, 1855, is now a bookkeeper in a land and broker's office at Wizner, Neb., but spent some years previously in teaching in normal and graded schools; Johanna, born Feb-

ruary 3, 1857, lost her sight when but two years old as a result of scarlet fever, but notwithstanding this misfortune is quite proficient in music and fancy work; Augustus C., born August 3, 1861, is married, and operates the homestead for his father.

Rev. Isaiah Beaver first saw the light in Lewis township, Union county, October 14, 1846, and the White Spring school in that locality afforded him his educational opportunities for a short time, but his parents moved to West Buffalo township when he was about seven years old, and he attended the Buffalo Creek school, Miss Mary Hawes being his teacher for several years. Contrasted with the schools of this day, his privileges seem meager, but he managed to secure a good start, and subsequent reading and observation have enabled him to acquire a goodly store of information. He received practical training in farm work, remaining at home until the age of twenty-five, with the exception of one month in the spring of 1868, when he worked for Isaac Royer, a farmer in Hartley township, Union county.

On September 28, 1871, Mr. Beaver was married in Mifflinburg to Miss Sarah A. Grove, a native of Kelly township, Union county, born January 31, 1852. She was educated in the Hagenbach school in that township, and was the youngest child and daughter in a family of two sons and three daughters. Her father, the late John Grove, a well-known agriculturist, died at the age of seventy-two, and her mother, whose maiden name was Rachel Goodlander, is still living, and is in her seventy-eighth year. Mr. Beaver began farming on his own account after his marriage, renting the old Beaver homestead, which he was the fifth of the name to occupy, though in the fourth generation from the first settler. After spending six years at the old place, he purchased, October 8, 1877, his present home in East Buffalo township, Union county, one of the oldest farms in the township, formerly known as the Schrock homestead. It contains forty-eight and a half acres under cultivation and fourteen acres of woodland, and was purchased for \$8,000. Mr. Beaver took possession of this farm on March 21, 1878, and has ever since resided there. On July 25, 1895, his barn was struck by lightning and burned, but he rebuilt it, making various improvements in the plan. He is a successful manager, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the township. Six children have blessed his marriage—Rachel A., Salome, Abby J., Sarah E., Norman F. and John R., all of whom are living at home except Salome, who died in infancy.

Mr. Beaver and his wife are both members of the German Baptist Church, in which he was a deacon for many years previous to his election in 1889 to the ministry, where his devotion to the cause has been manifested by effective work. He has never taken an active interest in politics, but his sympathies are with the Republican party.

S F. MILLER, whose fine farm near Lochiel, Union county, challenges the admiration of every passerby, is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his locality, his careful study of scientific methods being put to practical use on his estate. Mr. Miller was born in Penn township, Snyder Co., Penn., May 13, 1837, upon a farm which has now been in the possession of his family for more than a century, his grandfather, George Miller, having once been its occupant. This worthy pioneer owned a large quantity of land and other property, including a gristmill, and left each of his ten children a goodly portion. His son Daniel, our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead, assisting in the work of the farm and mill, and securing such education as he could in the neighboring schools. In the division of the estate he and a brother took the homestead at an appraisement of \$50 per acre. Daniel Miller was married in Snyder county to Miss Esther Wangner, daughter of Yost Wangner, and continued to operate the old farm for some years. He then spent six years in Northumberland county, and in 1854 made his permanent home on the farm now owned by our subject. It had then but a few improvements, a log house and a barn being the most conspicuous; but the land was excellent and he purchased it from James Reber at the then remarkably high figure of \$100 per acre. It comprised 169 acres, and he incurred a debt of \$8,000, requiring the payment of many hundreds of dollars in interest before the obligation was finally discharged. He and his wife resided there until about ten years prior to his death, when they moved to another farm near the "Pike." In his last years he was sickly, but in early manhood he enjoyed robust health, and his well-built frame supported the weight of 200 pounds without loss of proportion. As a business man he was very successful, adding to his inheritance and gaining a handsome competence. While he took usual interest in public questions, he was not a politician, and the only office that he ever held was that of overseer of the poor, in which he served for several years. He was a Whig in early years, but his ardent advocacy of

the abolition of slavery led him into the Republican party at its organization. He and his wife were both consistent members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he held various official positions and was one of the leading workers. He died at the age of sixty-nine, and his estimable wife, who survived him, attained the age of seventy-five, both being interred at death in Dreisbach cemetery. Our subject is the eldest of three children: Franklin W. resides in East Buffalo township, Union county, and Mary, now Mrs. Solomon Benner, lives in Vicksburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Miller was reared as a farmer boy, but received better educational advantages than fell to the lot of most of that class in his day. He first attended the Middle Creek school in his native county, and then, after pursuing his studies in the country schools in Union county until he could go no further there, he entered Lewisburg Academy, of which John Randolph was then the head. His physique at the age of sixteen was remarkable, and his strength equaled that of the average man. As the eldest son, he was trained to take a responsible part in farm work, and when a young man relieved his father of much care.

On September 15, 1859, he was married in Buffalo township, Union county, to Miss Mary C. Slear, and in the following spring they began housekeeping in an old log cabin at the homestead. Eight years later they removed to the main residence, which they have since occupied. In 1877 Mr. Miller bought a portion of the farm at \$125 per acre, and to the 112 acres then purchased he afterward added until he now has 120 acres. At one time he was a member of the Grange, and he has always been regarded as a representative of the best element in agricultural affairs. The original deeds of the farm are records of interest and value. The original deed of Edward Hodsoll to Abraham Betz bears the date of 1791. A later deed of Abraham Betz to John Reber is dated 1807, and another deed of Mary Ann and Eliza Morrison dated 1821, while the deed of John Reber to Daniel Miller was given in 1854. The farm is known as the "Fairfield Farm." The present barn was the first bank barn erected in Buffalo Valley, and contains sufficient lumber to build three barns in the present age. The appointments of the barn, sheds and buildings are perfect, contain the latest improved machinery and a large, sixteen-foot wind wheel to furnish power for grinding feed, sawing wood and running burr mills. The water for house, barn, &c., is furnished by water wheel. The beautiful spring and fish

ponds are stocked with German carp, black bass, yellow perch, brook, brown, rainbow and California trout. These fish ponds are the finest private ponds in the country, and the farm the best appointed and finest, not only in Union county, but cannot be surpassed in Pennsylvania.

Politically, Mr. Miller is a Republican, as he is a staunch believer in the policy of protection. In but one instance has he ever voted the Democratic ticket in State or National elections. He has served ably in the office of supervisor, his progressive ideas being as valuable there as in his private business. In religious faith he and his wife are Lutherans, and he has been an elder and deacon in the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had nine children: Adda E., born September 15, 1860, died December 16, 1862; Charles S., born October 29, 1861, lived to the age of nine years; Augustus D., born May 22, 1864, is now a well-known resident of Lewisburg, Penn., and is prominent among the younger workers in the local Republican organization, and was honored with the Republican nomination for State Senator in 1896; George F., born April 17, 1866, resides at Williamsport, Penn.; William, born September 27, 1867, died June 17, 1869; John C., born June 26, 1871, and Clyde S., October 13, 1873, are at home; Oliver P., June 23, 1875, is attending college, and James L., born July 29, 1876, is at home. Mrs. Miller was born in West Buffalo, Union county, March 18, 1838, and was educated in the schools of that locality. Her father, George M. Slear, a prominent agriculturist, lived to the age of eighty-one years, lacking sixteen days. He was married three times and had thirteen children, ten of whom lived to maturity. His third wife, Elizabeth Barklow, Mrs. Miller's mother, had four children. She died at seventy-five years of age, and was buried beside her husband in Dreisbach cemetery.

FRANK P. CHURCH, the genial and popular proprietor of the hotel at Glen Iron, Union county, was born in Hartley township, that county, May 12, 1858, a son of John H. and Susan (Knauer) Church, well-known and highly respected citizens of Hartley township. The father was born in Lancaster county, Penn., September 15, 1815, and was next to the oldest of the six children of Thomas and Mary (Huston) Church, the former of Irish, and the latter of Welsh extraction. The others of the family were: Adaline, Mary, Ann, Elizabeth and Thomas. The grandfather served as quarter-

master in the war of 1812, and his father, who also bore the name of Thomas Church, was a soldier in the Continental army under General Washington, faithfully aiding the Colonies in their struggle for independence.

In 1851 John H. Church came to Union county with his uncle, Clement Brooke, with whom he had lived since the age of six years, his father dying at that time. The uncle engaged in the iron business, owning a forge and furnace, which he operated very successfully for a number of years, and Mr. Church became an expert workman along that line. By will he received a half-interest in the property at the former's death, and afterward bought the remainder, becoming sole owner. In 1885, however, he sold the furnace to the Jackson Iron Company, composed of Messrs. Jackson and Crissman, who still own the plant, but have not operated it for several years. Mr. Church uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and, religiously, is a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

In 1841, John H. Church was joined in wedlock with Miss Susan Knauer, daughter of Samuel Knauer, and they have become the parents of the following children: Mary (now the wife of William Showalter), Samuel, John, Maria, Anna, Susan, Frank P. (of this sketch), and Elizabeth (who is with her parents).

Frank P. Church received his education in the public schools, and began his business training as a clerk in a store. Later he engaged in merchandising on his own account for two years, and then embarked in his present business, in which he has met with a well-deserved success. He has one of the best appointed hotels in his section of the county, having erected the building himself. It is conveniently arranged and well furnished, and under his excellent management is a first-class house, and is well patronized. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, and his pleasant courteous manner has attracted to him many warm friends. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party.

On the 4th of July, 1885, Mr. Church was married to Miss Anna Karns, a native of Swengel, Lewis township, Union county, and they now have two children: Louis, and Knaus.

JOHAN HUFFERD, a retired farmer and carpenter, who resides on a farm in Lewis township, Union county, has a history which cannot fail to bring a lesson of encouragement to all who must struggle against adversity, his success having been won by his own energetic and well-

directed efforts. Having prospered in his undertaking, he is now able to lay aside business cares and enjoy a well-earned rest.

Mr. Hufferd is a native of West Buffalo township, Union county, and the son of John and Rebecca (Ketner) Hufferd, the former of whom died when our subject was only two days old. The other children of the family were as follows: (1) Mary is the wife of John Koser, a retired farmer of Union county, and has two daughters—Elizabeth, now the wife of Gideon Koch, a miller by trade; and Lucinda, wife of Matthias Gilbert, a farmer of Brush Valley, Centre Co., Penn., by whom she has children. (2) Susanna died in childhood, and (3) David died in infancy. The Hufferd family, which is of English origin, was early founded in Union county, where occurred the birth of the father of our subject.

Until fourteen years of age, John Hufferd, of this review, lived with his aunt, Mrs. Reish, and the following three years were spent with another aunt, Mrs. Jay Anderson. He was provided with fair common-school advantages, but at an early age began to make his own way in the world. At seventeen he became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade with a Mr. Noll, of East Buffalo township, Union county, for a period of two years, receiving twenty dollars per year for his services. As he had to furnish his own clothes, he was allowed two weeks in harvest time to earn whatever he could for himself. Until his marriage he continued carpentering, and after that event also successfully engaged in farming. He is a man of more than ordinary business ability, and well deserves the prosperity that has crowned his labors.

In 1851, Mr. Hufferd was married to Miss Susanna, daughter of William Noll, also a farmer and carpenter by occupation. Three children were born to them, namely: (1) William N., July 3, 1852, is well educated and a fine penman, having completed his literary training in the Hartleton graded schools. He resides with his father. (2) Mary E., born September 24, 1859, became the wife of D. K. Royer, a popular young farmer of Lewis township, Union county. They were married twelve years before their first child was born, which led to the death of the mother, and the child died shortly afterward. (3) Emma M., born July 21, 1865, is the wife of William Troxel, a commercial traveler, by whom she has four children—Franklin, Graham, Merrill A., and Ralph, now one year old. Mr. Hufferd has been called upon to mourn the death of his estimable wife, who passed away October 11, 1884, and was laid to rest in the Ray's Church cemetery.

Since the organization of the Republican party, Mr. Hufferd has been one of its staunch supporters, and he has ever taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, doing all in his power to advance the welfare of his community. In his religious views he is a Lutheran, and is a consistent member of that Church.

SAMUEL GETGEN, of Mifflinburg, Union county, has seen twenty-six years of unbroken service as justice of the peace in his borough, a record which it would be difficult, perhaps impossible, to equal in the State. The achievement is the more notable from the fact that he is a Democrat in a strongly Republican neighborhood, but while he has at times met stubborn opposition he has never failed at the polls, and usually his majority has exceeded the entire number of votes cast for his opponent. He is prominent also in business life as the senior member of the firm of S. Getgen & Son, leading merchants of Mifflinburg, and it is due to him to say that in this line of effort he has also met and overcome obstacles, as his history will show.

Squire Getgen was born in Mifflinburg July 3, 1820, the son of Ludwig Getgen, who died nine years later. The latter's wife, Maria Dietrich, who was born in Berks county, Penn., of pioneer stock, survived him many years, attaining the advanced age of eighty-two. They had eleven children: Thomas, Elizabeth, Pollie, John, Jacob, Catherine, Adam, Charles, Sarah, Samuel and Susannah.

The public schools of Mifflinburg afforded Mr. Getgen (our subject) fair educational privileges, but at an early age he sought and found employment in a brewery, in order to enlarge the family income. Later he learned the potter's trade, which he followed for twenty-five years, disposing of his ware in this section of the State. He then ventured into horticulture, cultivating a good-sized vineyard and raising various kinds of small fruits, and was also interested to some extent in gardening. After a few years in this work he sold out and engaged in his present business, in which he and his son have gained an extensive and profitable trade.

In religious faith Mr. Getgen is a Reformed, and he has always been in sympathy with any progressive movement in his locality. Socially he is popular, and since 1846 has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, making him the oldest member in the county. He is an active worker, and has passed all the chairs in his local lodge.

In 1846 Mr. Getgen was married to Miss Lydia Schoch, who was born in 1812, and died in 1882, leaving two children: (1) Anna M., born March 10, 1847, who is living with her father and brother, and is not married; (2) Thomas M., born December 27, 1849, is not married, and since 1870 has been in business with his father. He was educated in Mifflinburg, attending the public schools and the academy, and is a remarkable fine penman. On leaving school he learned the coach-maker's trade, which he followed until he went into mercantile business with his father. He was also interested in the Live Stock Insurance Company of Union county, of which he was secretary. He belongs to a number of fraternal societies, and has been secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for ten years, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle for eight years. He is a prominent member of the Reformed Church, and has been secretary of the Sunday-school for twelve years, and for three years he has held the same office in the Union County Sunday School Association. Politically he is a Democrat, and while taking an interest in all local movements he is especially active in educational matters, serving for fourteen years past as secretary of the Mifflinburg board of council, and as town clerk for said borough.

JAMES K. REISH, ex-treasurer of Union county, and at this time postmaster of Vicksburg, is one of the leaders of the Republican party in his section, his large acquaintance and unbounded popularity giving him an influential following, while his shrewd judgment of men and affairs make his counsel of value in all important movements. In business circles he also takes a foremost rank, his success as a merchant, lumber dealer and general financier being all the more notable from the fact that it has been secured by his own judicious management.

Mr. Reish is of Berks county stock. Daniel Reish, his grandfather, who was born February 5, 1800, removed to near Forest Hill, Union county, to engage in distilling. On April 18, 1820, this well-known pioneer was married to Miss Catherine Ingelhart, a native of Berks county, born July 22, 1801, and both died in Union county, their remains being interred in Mifflinburg. Ten children were born to them, as follows: Mary A., in December 1824, married Christian Plank; Benivel M., February 5, 1826, is mentioned more fully farther on; Susanna, June 5, 1827, married Thomas Harbeson, and died near Forest Hill; Sophia, October 29, 1830, died in childhood; George, July 17, 1832, died

unmarried; Daniel, May 8, 1834, died in West Buffalo township, Union county; Eli, August 3, 1836, died in childhood; Lydia, June 12, 1838, married William Clapham, and now lives in Indiana; Elvira, July 22, 1842, married John Bogenrief, of West Buffalo township; and Margaret, July 7, 1847, married Frederick Gast, and resides near Mifflinburg.

Benivel M. Reish, our subject's father, obtained a thorough knowledge of the distilling trade by assisting his father in boyhood, and for some years followed the business in connection with other enterprises. On January 22, 1850, he was married in Rebersburg, Penn., to Miss Lavina Kling, a native of York county, Penn., born October 29, 1827. Her father, Joel Kling, a farmer by occupation, removed to Union county in 1833, locating in West Buffalo township, and later went to Nittany Valley, and finally to Brush Valley, where he died when between eighty and ninety years old. His wife, Mary Meixel, lived to the age of seventy-six, and both were buried in Nittany Valley. They had four sons and six daughters, and Mrs. Reish, who was the fifth daughter, was the eighth child in order of birth. After his marriage, Benivel Reish located at Reish's Mill, near Forest Hill, upon property belonging to his father, which had previously been rented. He remained there until 1865, conducting a sawmill, gristmill and distillery, and then sold out the entire business and removed to Forest Hill. For a short time he dealt in live stock, then forming a partnership, with Isaac Smith of that village, he carried on a general mercantile business. On disposing of this he purchased a distillery, which he managed until his removal to the "Forest House," a well-known hostelry at the entrance to Brush Valley Narrows in West Buffalo township, Union county. In those days teaming from Brush Valley was an extensive business, and the house being a convenient stopping place he did an immense business during his fourteen years there. From this place he removed to Cowan, and lived for a short time in partial retirement, but his last days were spent at the old home between Forest Hill and Cowan. He was a well-known citizen and a staunch Republican in politics, and, while taking great interest in his party he was not a politician. His death occurred October 12, 1894, his funeral being held at Mifflinburg. His widow now resides near Forests Hill, with her son. Our subject was the eldest of a large family. Mary died when six years old; Catherine married William Swartslander, of West Buffalo township; Agnes died at the age of eight years; Joel is a distiller in West Buffalo township; George resides in Hiawatha, Kans.;

Nannie (a twin of George) is the wife of Luther Clingman, of Buffalo township; Benjamin resides at Forest Hill; Charles is the proprietor of the "Forest House" mentioned above; Emma married L. Lahr, of West Buffalo township; Hattie is the wife of John Clingman, of Buffalo Cross Roads; and Maggie married Charles Wagner, of Winfield, Pennsylvania.

James K. Reish was born October 30, 1850, at the old home in West Buffalo township, his early education being acquired in the schools of Forest Hill. Conrad Sheckler was one of his first teachers. In 1866 he entered Bucknell University, Lewisburg, where he spent two terms in study. His business training was gained at home under his father's direction, and included work on the farm and in the distillery, as well as experience in the mercantile line. In 1870 he started out to see what fortune had in store for him, his first employment being as a farm hand for Robert Strunk, near Jacksonville, Centre county, where he remained one summer at \$16 per month. During the following winter he worked in the woods for the same employer, and, in the spring of 1872, he made his first business venture as a partner in a meat market with an uncle, Joel Kling. In this he spent one year, then selling his interest, he made a visit to his parents, who resided at White Deer Mills. While there he became interested in the live-stock business, but in the fall of 1872 he engaged in distilling at Cowan, renting a plant, which he bought after two years. In March, 1891, he traded his distillery and home at Cowan for a general mercantile stock at Vicksburg, where he has since resided. His trade is now as large as can be found in any town of the size in the county, but his energies are by no means limited to its successful management. In June, 1892, he purchased a tract of timber land in Hartley township, Union county, and for some years he has been extensively engaged in lumbering at wholesale and retail, the business keeping two sawmills busy and requiring the employment of a large force of men. He now owns over 2,000 acres of timber land, and other valuable property including the "Forest House." He conducts an extensive coal yard at Vicksburg, and is interested in various corporate enterprises, being a director in the Farmers Bank at Mifflinburg, and a stockholder and director in the Home Telephone Company, at Lewisburg. His business relations being so extensive he has acquaintances everywhere, and with him an acquaintance soon becomes a friend. His strength among all classes was shown by his election in the fall of 1891 to the office of county treasurer, and during his

term of three years, which began in January, 1892, he established a high reputation for ability and faithfulness.

On January 15, 1873, Mr. Reish was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Irvin, who was born in 1852, in Walker township, Centre county, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Irvin, now highly respected residents of Washington Furnace. Six children have blessed their union: Grace L., Paul N., Bessie E., Marcie B., William I. and James K., Jr., who are all at home. Socially, the family is prominent, and Mrs. Reish is one of the leading members and workers in the Reformed Church at Vicksburg. Mr. Reish is identified with the Masonic fraternity as a member of the lodge at Lewisburg. In July, 1897, he was appointed postmaster at Vicksburg.

NOAH RITTER, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Buffalo township, Union county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Alsace township, Berks county, May 9, 1827.

At the age of twelve years Mr. Ritter, with his parents, John and Hannah (Hartman) Ritter, traveling in covered wagons, drawn by four horses, came to Union county. It was in the spring of the year when the creeks were high, and, as there were few bridges, most of the streams had to be forded. In crossing one of these the coupling-pin of one of the wagons broke, but nothing serious happened, only inconvenience. In East Buffalo township, the father purchased a farm, and in connection with its cultivation also engaged in blacksmithing. Although a hard worker, he never accumulated much property. He died at about the age of seventy-five, his wife at eighty-one, and both were buried in the Dreisbach cemetery. They were active members of the Reformed Church, in which he served as elder and deacon, and his political support was given the Democratic party.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Simon, who died in Berks county; William, who died near Lochiel, Penn.; George, who died in Limestone township, Union county; Noah, of this sketch; Hannah, who married John Noll, and died in East Buffalo township; Mary, now Mrs. John Rangler, of St. Joseph county, Mich.; Susanna, who died at the age of four years; Valentine, a resident of Lewisburg, Penn.; and Leah A., who married Simpson Biddle, and died in Buffalo township, Union county.

As he never attended school in Berks county,

Noah Ritter was twelve years of age before he began his education, his first teacher being Aaron Smith, who taught in English, a language with which our subject was unfamiliar. His entire school training did not cover more than one year, but he is an ardent advocate of better educational privileges for the young. At the age of twelve he was bound out by his father for six years, and then began learning the blacksmith's trade with his uncle, Jacob Ritter, serving a three-years' apprenticeship. Until he had attained his majority he never owned a pair of boots, a fine shirt or an overcoat, and then purchased these articles for himself.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Ritter was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Rishel, a native of Buffalo township, and a daughter of Martin Rishel. They began housekeeping at Buffalo Cross Roads, where he had established a small blacksmith shop, which he conducted for one year, and then turned his attention to farming, operating the old John Rishel farm for ten years. He then purchased twenty acres of land near Lochiel, in East Buffalo township, where he lived for five years, spent the following year on the Daniel Rishel farm, and, subsequently, rented the John Zeller farm for ten years. In 1875 he purchased his present place of four acres, on which he has since resided, while during the winter season he follows butchering, and in the summer months does all kinds of work, such as building fences, etc.

Mrs. Ritter, who was a member of the Reformed Church, died May 8, 1876, and her remains were interred in the Dreisbach cemetery. By her marriage to our subject she became the mother of four children: John, who died at the age of seven years; Elizabeth, who married Wilson Smith, and died in Mifflinburg; Daniel, night messenger at the Pan Handle railroad shops in Columbus, Ohio; and William, engineer of the city water-works at Lincoln, Nebraska.

In February, 1881, Mr. Ritter was again married, his second union being with Miss Leah A. Herbst, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., December 14, 1846, the daughter of David and Saloma (Stahl) Herbst. Four children were also born of this union: Frank, who died in infancy; Clarence H. and Harry D., at home, and George E., who died in infancy. The parents are both faithful members of the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Ritter has served as elder for the long period of thirty-five years, and was previously deacon. He has ever taken an active and prominent part in all Church work, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years. No more honest, upright or better

citizen can be found in Union county than Mr. Ritter, and he well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held. Politically he is a Democrat.

THOMAS WALTER, one of the most substantial farmers and citizens of Limestone township, Union county, is descended from ancestors who have been identified with the growth and development of this section of the State for upwards of a century.

Henry Walter, his grandfather, was born in what is now Snyder county, Penn., and was throughout his lifetime an agriculturist who played well his part in the pioneer days of his county. He married a Miss Mertz, and to the union came the following children, all of whom are now deceased: Magdalena was the wife of John Bowersox; Wilhelmina married John Frey; George wedded (first) a Miss Betts, and (second) a Miss Bosler; John married a Miss Bowersox; David married a Miss Phillips; Henry; Samuel wedded a Miss Eyer; Abraham became the husband of Christina Eyer; William selected a Miss Wolf for a life partner, and Jesse married a Miss Eyer.

Of these, Abraham Walter was born June 29, 1812, in that part of Union county which subsequently became Snyder county. After beginning life for himself his first purchase of land was in what is now Snyder county, then, in 1846, he bought what is now the old Walter homestead, one mile south of Mifflinburg, in Limestone township, and upon which Thomas Walter, a son, now resides. Abraham Walter was an agriculturist throughout his lifetime. He had a mechanical mind, and was quite a good blacksmith. He was an honorable and upright man, and reared his children to follow in his footsteps, all of whom became good citizens and are useful men and women. His death occurred at the homestead on March 18, 1869. His marriage to Miss Eyer took place on August 23, 1836, and was blessed with children, as follows: Mary Jane is now Mrs. Abraham Mensch, of Buffalo township, Union county, Penn.; Sophia is Mrs. Aaron Klose, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; Thomas is our subject; Jackson married Miss Ann Klinger-man, and resides in West Buffalo township, Union county; Harriet is Mrs. Jonathan Sanders, of Limestone township, Union county; Henry married Susan Reber, and resides in Limestone township, Union county, and Eyer is a physician and druggist of Selins Grove, Snyder county; Oliver died of typhoid fever when eight years of age; John married Minerva Dundore, and resides

near Bettsville, Ohio. The mother of these died October 8, 1867. She was a woman of many virtues.

Thomas Walter was born September 15, 1841, in Limestone township, Union county, where he received the usual common-school education that was given the son of the general farmer of that period. On the death of his father in 1869, he inherited the homestead upon which he has continued to live. This is a most excellent tract of 125 acres of land lying almost adjacent to the village of Mifflinburg. The substantial improvements, and the neat appearance in general of the buildings and things about the place, give evidence of the thrifty and enterprising farmer who dwells there. Mr. Walter has given his attention to farming, and while interested in politics and public affairs to the extent that every citizen should be that has the welfare of his country, of the State, and of his county, at heart, has never been an aspirant to office—yet when his fellow-townsmen sought his services he did not shirk what appeared to be a duty, but accepted and filled to the best of his judgment and ability the several town offices to which they elected him. He served very acceptably as tax collector, and as superintendent of the poor, for several terms. He is a man of strong will and determination, and generally accomplishes what he sets out to do. He is ever ready to do a kind act. He is a man of considerable force, therefore influential. His wife, to whom he was married on January 16, 1868, was Miss Diannah Seebold, and there have come to gladden their home, children as follows: (1) Scott, a farmer of Limestone township. (2) Reno received the usual common-school education; he then entered the Central Pennsylvania College of New Berlin, Pennsylvania, where he pursued his studies a few terms, completing the commercial course. Shortly afterward he was married to Miss Cora May Wittenmyer, a daughter of John and Catherine Wittenmyer, of Mifflinburg, and they have a daughter, Florence, who is the idol of the father and grandfather. Reno and his devoted wife are religious people, devout members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Mifflinburg. Reno has rented and is now a resident of the old homestead.

Mrs. Thomas Walter is a woman of rare worth, and presides over the pleasant home with dignity and grace. She is a native of Union county, being one of three children born to Joseph and Nancy (Spangler) Seebold. Joseph Seebold is a resident of the homestead in Limestone township—on the farm where he first faced the battle of life. His good wife died in

1881. The other two of their three children, were: Frank, who died when five years of age; and Scott, who wedded Maize Heimbach, and lives at the old Seebold homestead, where himself and wife are caring for the aged father. Mrs. Walter is a religious woman, a devout member of the Lutheran Church, as are her two sons.

JOHAN LINCOLN HALFPENNY. Among the enterprising and successful agriculturists and business men of Lewis township, Union county, this gentleman takes front rank. His entire life has been passed here, his birth occurring in Buffalo township, May 3, 1850, and he comes of a distinguished family that has borne an important part in the advancement of Central Pennsylvania.

His paternal grandfather, Mark Halfpenny, removed from Montgomery county, Penn., to the vicinity of Northumberland, Penn., about the year 1806, where he resided for a number of years, then removed to Columbia county, near Washingtonville, and finally located in Lycoming county, Penn., near Muncy, in 1823. Here his sons, James, H. S., John, Mark and William R. were employed in the woolen factory owned and operated by Samuel Rogers. In 1837 they located in Millheim, Centre county, where they engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods until the spring of 1841, when they came to Laurelton, Union county, Penn., where James and Mark established a woolen factory, and William R., the father of our subject, turned his attention to agriculture. William R. married Miss Catharine E. Lincoln, and they became the parents of three children—Hannah, wife of Wm. E. Smith; James M., a prominent mechanic of Lewis township, Union county, who married Miss Sarah J. Knauss, daughter of Daniel Knauss; and John L., of this review. He was named after his maternal grandfather, John Lincoln, of Union county, Penn. The family is one of prominence, having the respect and esteem of all who know them.

During his youth, John L. Halfpenny was provided with excellent educational privileges, being a student for some time in the Lewisburg Academy (now Bucknell College), and completing his literary course in the Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Penn. For ten years thereafter he successfully engaged in teaching school through the winter months, while the summer seasons were spent in farming. In the spring of 1884 he purchased the homestead in Lewis township, on which he is now residing, and besides its cultivation he is also interested in the

milling business, in partnership with A. E. Grove, owning and operating a grist and saw mill on Penn creek in Lewis township. A wide-awake, progressive business man, he has met with success in his undertakings, and is now numbered among the substantial and reliable citizens of his community. Possessing a liberal education, and of pleasing address, he makes friends readily, and has the happy faculty of being able to retain them. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and although not a member of any Church, he is a believer in the Christian religion.

Mr. Halfpenny was married to Miss Asenath Knauer, a daughter of Samuel Knauer, a miller by trade, who at one time owned and operated the Berlin Iron Works (furnace and forge) in partnership with John H. Church, on Penn creek, in Hartley township, Union county. Three children bless this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Paul E., October 1, 1882; Grace E., February 13, 1884; and Samuel Lincoln, July 6, 1889.

AUGUSTUS A. GEMBERLING, who is now serving his third consecutive term as commissioner of Union county, resides near New Columbia upon a farm which was purchased by his parents in 1832, and where he himself was born May 23, 1849. The Gemberling family has been well known since pioneer times in the vicinity of Selins Grove, Penn., where Jacob and Catharine (Wolfensberger) Gemberling, the great-grandfather of our subject, purchased, about 1782, a tract of 300 acres of land at six shillings per acre. They made the journey from their old home in the Tulpehocken region by wagon, and followed the river route, their furniture being conveyed in keel boats. At that time there was but one house at what is now the city of Harrisburg.

Their son Philip, the grandfather of our subject, was born July 27, 1773, and the greater part of his life was spent in Selins Grove. He was one of the leading citizens of that locality, an extensive land owner, and his influence did much to shape the future of the community. He was twice married, and his second wife, Eve Goss, bore him five sons and four daughters. His death occurred from apoplexy, at the age of eighty-six years, two months and twenty-six days.

The late Samuel Gemberling, our subject's father, was born in Selins Grove, and was reared upon a farm, learning also the tanner's trade, which he continued until his retirement from business in 1872. After taking possession of the

present homestead, he also conducted a sawmill. He was a Republican in politics, although not active in party work, and he and his estimable wife, Matilda Kline, were both members of the Reformed Church. She passed to the unseen world May 26, 1888, in her seventy-second year, and he followed her May 30, 1890, at the age of eighty-three years, nine months, and twenty-four days. She was a native of White Deer township, Union county, and was of old Berks county stock, her grandparents having removed from that locality to Union county. Her parents, Charles and Sarah (Lutz) Kline, resided in White Deer township, and died at New Columbia, the father passing away in 1858 at the age of eighty-six. Five children were born to Samuel and Matilda Gemberling, namely: Anna E., who died in 1864; Charles K., who is engaged in the milling business in southwestern Missouri; Augustus A., our subject; Sarah I., widow of J. B. Metzger, formerly a druggist of Williamsport; and Elizabeth A., wife of O. W. Meek, a merchant of Selins Grove.

A. A. Gemberling has always resided at the old homestead, and his education was begun in the public schools of the neighborhood. He studied one year in the academy at Milton, and later attended the Lewisburg Academy. As his father's health declined, he took charge of the farm, and the other business interests connected with it, but in 1889 the sawmill was destroyed by a flood, and it has never been rebuilt.

Mr. Gemberling is a leading Republican, and his sound judgment and public spirit have been well proved in various ways, notably in the discharge of the duties of the office of county commissioner, to which he was first elected in 1889. He is a member of the Masonic order, of the Fourteenth degree, belonging to Milton Lodge, No. 256, at Milton. In religious faith, he is a Presbyterian, and in Church work, as in other local movements, he is a generous helper as the occasion may demand. He was married, in April, 1880, to Miss Fannie Patterson, and the union has been blessed by two sons: Samuel and Robert P., who are both at home.

JOHN PAWLING, a prominent retired agriculturist of Kelly township, Union county, and one of its most highly esteemed citizens, is a representative of a family which has been identified with Pennsylvania from pre-Revolutionary times, his great-grandfather Pawling, having come from England about 1700, settling in Philadelphia county, then a frontier point. His son Joseph sought a new and undeveloped

country, settling in 1794 in what is now Snyder county, and there purchased 400 acres of land near Selins Grove, where he engaged in business as a farmer and hotel keeper. By his first wife he had one son, John, who moved to the West, his descendants being found chiefly in Kentucky.

Joseph Pawling's second wife, Mary Shannon, bore him seven children, four daughters and three sons, Samuel, Joseph, and Nathan. Of these children, Samuel was the eldest. He was born February 9, 1794, and became an extensive farmer and leading citizen, being especially active in local politics and holding various township offices. On January 24, 1815, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Woodling, a native of Snyder county, Penn., and a daughter of John Woodling, who died at the age of eighty-three years, eight months and four days, and his wife, Susannah Hendricks, passed away at the age of eighty-four years, seven months and eighteen days. Samuel and Elizabeth Pawling spent sixty years of wedded life before their union was broken by his death, November 23, 1874. She followed him October 9, 1883, and at that time there were living of their direct descendants nine children, fifty-five grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Of their children the following record is given: (1) Harriet, born December 31, 1815, married David Schoch, and both are now deceased, leaving one son, Allen Schoch. (2) Maria, deceased, born December 4, 1817, was also the wife of David Schoch, and left one son, Sofares Schoch. (3) Susannah, born February 25, 1819, now the widow of Jacob Hilbish, resides at Swengel, Penn. She had six sons and two daughters—Aaron, Charles, Wilson, James, David, Ammon, Harriet, Agnes. (4) Levi, born July 27, 1820, is deceased. (5) John, our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (6) Jane E., born June 15, 1825, married Frederick Schoch, who died leaving no issue; she then became the wife of Louis Gemberling, and they had one daughter, who is married to Rev. W. W. Clowser. (7) Samuel B., deceased, born September 14, 1828, settled in Union county in 1853, and on dying left one son, James M. Pawling, born to his first marriage; by a second marriage he also had one son, and by a third wife he left surviving him a son, Harry. (8) Rebecca, born December 25, 1830, married James Biehl, of East Buffalo township, Union county, and they had two sons and one daughter—Jefferson, Gideon and Sady Rule. (9) Angeline, born September 22, 1834, now deceased, married Benjamin Ulrich, a farmer near Selins Grove, had three sons—Jerome, Benjamin, and Samuel

Ulrich. (10) Charles W., born May 21, 1837, now deceased, married Miss Lida Long, who survives him and resides in Gregg township, Union county. (11) Louis E., born December 10, 1839, is a retired farmer residing at Selins Grove. He has three sons and two daughters—Allen, Samuel, Emanuel, Alice and Della.

John Pawling was born August 21, 1822, in Penn township, Snyder county, and his early recollections picture a very different state of civilization from that which now prevails in that locality. Passing his youth on the old homestead, he assisted his father with the farm work, while attending the local schools, and at twenty-two he engaged in agriculture at his present farm near Lewisburg. For three years he managed the place for his father, to whom it belonged, and for two years he conducted it on shares, but he then purchased it and continued to cultivate until his retirement from active business. His son-in-law, H. A. Danowsky, now rents the estate and resides there with his family. In politics Mr. Pawling is a Republican, and for many years he has been a leading member of the Lutheran Church, in which he was confirmed by Rev. J. P. Shindle, of Sunbury. He has held the office of trustee in the Church at White Deer Church for seven years, and served as deacon in 1867, '68, '69 and '70.

On March 19, 1850, Mr. Pawling was married to Miss Barbara A. Gemberling, now deceased, by whom he had the following children: William, born March 6, 1851, died at the age of four years and six months; Sarah E., born September 22, 1852, is the wife of Jerry M. Aurand, a farmer in Snyder county, and has one son, Harry P. Aurand; Christopher G., born August 26, 1854, resides in Portland, Ore.; Mary L., born September 19, 1856, married Frank Keizer, a coal and feed merchant, of West Milton, and has three boys and one girl—James, George, Ray, and Bertha; Emma F., born March 24, 1859, is the wife of Allen S. Snyder, a fruit gatherer at Orange, Cal., and has two boys—John and William; Catherine J., born May 9, 1861, married F. L. Smith, agent at Los Angeles, Cal., of a mineral water company; Bertha A., born August 22, 1863, married Reuben F. Moyer, a farmer at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county; Alice R., born September 14, 1867, is the wife of Henry A. Danowsky, who conducts the homestead, and also has a sawmill on Beach creek, and has three boys—William F., Lloyd L., and John P.; Melinda R., born December 22, 1869, is the wife of Chester Reedy, a farmer in the same township, and has one daughter, Detha Reedy.

Mrs. Barbara A. Pawling, who passed to the unseen life March 5, 1875, was a native of Kelly township, born March 31, 1831. Her father, the late Philip Gemberling, Jr., was born in Snyder county, but, after passing many years in agricultural pursuits in Union county, he retired to Lewisburg to spend his last days. His wife, Elizabeth, was a native of Union county, and her death occurred there. Philip Gemberling, Sr., grandfather of Mrs. Barbara Pawling, had twenty-one children, three of whom are now living, namely: Lida, widow of John Parks, resides at Selins Grove; Reuben is a farmer near Elkhart, Ind.; and William, a bridge builder, resides at Selins Grove.

JEFFERSON S. PAWLING, a nephew of our subject, is a prosperous agriculturist of Kelly township, Union county, born December 13, 1854, in the house where he now resides. He is a son of Levi Pawling, and a grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth (Woodling) Pawling, mentioned above. Levi Pawling was married, May 25, 1847, in Snyder county, to Miss Margaret Weaver, a lady of German descent, whose ancestors had settled in this State before the Revolution. Her grandfather, Jacob Weaver, and his wife, Catherine Hoffer, were both natives of York, Adams Co., Penn. He enlisted in the Colonial army during the struggle for independence, and made an excellent record for courage and discretion. On one occasion he was appointed to carry some important dispatches to General Washington, to whom he gave them personally, and he narrowly escaped capture by the British while on this difficult mission. He died in 1836, at the age of eighty-four, in Shippensburg, Penn. His son, Michael Weaver, the father of Mrs. Pawling, was a prominent resident of New Berlin, Snyder county, and held an influential place in political circles, serving at different times as register, recorder and surveyor of his county. He married Miss Phoebe Townsend. The Weaver family was never identified with agricultural pursuits, its members choosing mercantile business and similar occupations.

In the spring of 1848 Levi Pawling removed with his wife from Snyder county to Juniata county, and in 1852 to the present homestead, where they spent the remainder of their lives. He was active and influential in local affairs, and in the Republican party, holding office at times, and was noted for his sound judgment. When a boy at play with his brother, from whom he was running, his right eye was destroyed through an accidental fall against a stove, a corner of the door striking his eye. His wife was a woman of more than ordinary mental ability and literary inclina-

tion, and his life was characterized by a beautiful Christian spirit. Although she was for some time a member of the Presbyterian Church, she afterward became a Lutheran, her husband being a member of that Church. She died January 16, 1880, aged forty-eight years, nine months, and twenty-nine days, and her husband survived her thirteen years, his death occurring January 15, 1893, at the age of seventy-two years, five months, and eighteen days, the remains of both being interred in the Lutheran churchyard at White Deer.

Their children were: Margaret S., born March 6, 1840, who died in infancy; Allen F., born May 1, 1850, in Juniata county, now a dealer in implements at Lewisburg, Penn.; Jefferson S., born December 13, 1854; Malinda J., born November 14, 1859, who married M. R. Brown, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Nora E., born October 2, 1861, who died at the age of one year, five months and sixteen days; Ida C., born February 13, 1864, who died at twenty; and Anna S., born August 15, 1867, who died July 20, 1887.

Jefferson S. Pawling was reared at the old homestead, where he assisted in the "chores" from boyhood. Until the age of fourteen he attended the neighboring school in winter but, having completed the course of study offered, he entered Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin, and spent one year. At seventeen he began teaching school, and after one term in White Deer township, he taught eight years in Kelly township. During this time he gave much attention to the work at the farm, and owing to his father's enfeebled health, he finally gave up teaching in order to care for his home interests more thoroughly. On March 7, 1895, he was married at Freeburg, Snyder county, to Miss Mary Moyer, a native of that town, and a daughter of Prof. William Moyer, a well-known resident. They have no children.

Mr. Pawling's political sympathies are with the Republican party, and he has been active in local affairs, holding the office of assessor for three years. He takes keen interest in educational matters, and is now serving a two-years' term as school director. His own early training has been supplemented by a wide course of reading, and in 1890 he graduated from the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. In religious faith he is a Lutheran.

siding upon his farm near Lewisburg, holds a leading place. Born in Union county, January 14, 1819, his entire life has been spent there, and the marvelous development of that locality may be said to have taken place within his observation. He is of good old Berks county stock, and both his grandfathers served as soldiers in the Revolutionary war. His grandparents, on the paternal side, had their home in Aulbury township, Berks county, where John J. Leiby, the father of our subject, was born and reared. He was married there, April 1, 1800, to Christiana Neifert, a native of the same township, and a daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Stumbin) Neifert. In 1811 John J. Leiby and his wife came to Union county, and settled in Union (now Limestone) township. He was drafted during the war of 1812, but furnished a substitute. By occupation he was a dyer, and by reason of his strong and decided character he acquired great influence in the community, being chosen to various local offices, and holding for twenty-five years the position of elder in the Reformed Church. In early life he was a Democrat, but later he joined the anti-Mason faction, and finally became a Whig. His death occurred March 22, 1856, at the age of eighty-one years and nine months, and his wife passed from earth July 8, 1852, in her seventy-eighth year.

They had six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest, and is now the only survivor: (1) George, born November 11, 1802, died in Union county in 1872; John, born January 4, 1805, died in Mifflinburg in 1872, eleven weeks from the time of his brother's death; Mary, born January 12, 1809, married John Benner (now deceased), and her death occurred in Buffalo township, Union county, in 1865; Jacob, born May 16, 1812, died in Limestone township, Union county, at the age of seventy-one; Catherine, born December 5, 1814, married the late John Norman, and died in Snyder county, Penn., at the age of seventy-three.

At the time of Mr. Leiby's birth his parents were residing in Union (now Limestone) township, Union county, and he remained there until 1857, when he located at his present home in Kelly township, purchasing the place from Thomas Comley. It is a fine farm, and was first settled in 1769, by William Patterson. Mr. Leiby is a careful manager, and has always been considered one of the best agriculturists in his vicinity, while he has also taken a prominent part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and has served as supervisor and overseer of the poor. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and for many

DAVID LEIBY. Among the honored representatives of pioneer times who are still spared to us, this venerable gentleman, now re-

years of his active life he held office as deacon and elder in the Church.

On February 15, 1844, Mr. Leiby was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Moyer, who was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, in 1820. Her father, Jacob Moyer, who was also a native of Union county, was a man of prominence and an extensive farmer and land owner. He and his wife, Sarah Gemberling, who was born in Snyder county, both died in Union county. Mrs. Leiby passed to her eternal rest August 29, 1892, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends, to whom her rare qualities of mind and heart had endeared her. Of a family of six children all but two are living. William A., born January 5, 1845, conducts a grocery and meat market at Lewisburg; Sarah J., March 30, 1846, married George Noll, a farmer in Kelly township; Margaret Matilda, December 29, 1850, resides with her father, to whose needs she ministers with rare filial devotion and womanly skill; Harriet C., July 4, 1853, married Charles A. Moll, who is mentioned more fully below; John F., born September 14, 1857, died March 21, 1858; and Mary C., born March 15, 1860, died March 16, 1861.

CHARLES A. MOLL, Mr. Leiby's son-in-law, is now in charge of the homestead, which he rents, and his able management has earned for him a reputation as a successful farmer. He was born in 1848, in Gregg township, Union county, then Lycoming county, and was married October 3, 1872, to Miss Harriet Leiby. Four children were born of this union—Anna E., February 5, 1876; Jennie M., April 24, 1880; Regina, October 19, 1884; and George L., May 17, 1890, making a family of whom any parent might feel proud. Mr. Moll's paternal ancestors were early settlers in the Keystone State, his great-grandparents, Martin and Catherine (Cashiner) Moll, being residents of Berks county. His grandparents, Henry and Christiana (Cashiner) Moll, moved from that county to Northumberland county, where they located permanently. His father, the late Henry Moll, was born and reared there, and married a native of the same locality, Miss Anna Ritter, who was also of an old Berks county family. Her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Ritter, lived and died there, and her parents, George A. and Sophia (Crist) Ritter, were both born there, but settled after their marriage in Northumberland county.

Henry Moll died August 14, 1888, at the age of seventy-four years, five months and twenty-six days, and his devoted wife, who was born June 9, 1816, survived until November 12, 1897, when, at the age of eighty-one years, five

months and three days, she too, passed away. They had nine children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Levi, February 9, 1840, died November 17, 1869; Elias, September 14, 1841, died October 14, 1896; Henry A., October 10, 1844, is a carpenter at Milton, Penn.; Mary E., September 14, 1846, is the wife of William Ringler, a painter, residing in Philadelphia; Charles A., July 19, 1848; Anna E., October 23, 1850, is the wife of Jonathan Snyder, a sawyer at Lewisburg, Penn.; Daniel, January 29, 1853, is a teller of the First National Bank at Mahanoy City, Penn.; Sarah A., March 10, 1856, formerly the wife of Cyrus Dieffenderfer, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county, died March 3, 1893; and Amanda E., March 12, 1861, married Cyrus Yost, a farmer of White Deer township, Union county.

JOEL REISH, a leading citizen of West Buffalo township, Union county, is now the proprietor of a distillery, which has been successfully operated by some member of the family for over three-quarters of a century, it being established by his grandfather, Daniel Reish, and later was conducted by his father, Benivel M., who was succeeded by his son, James K. Leasing the plant, our subject purchased the stock and apparatus of his brother in 1893, and has since done a large and flourishing business, the manufactured product, which is noted for its purity, finding a ready sale in the market.

At Forest Hill, West Buffalo township, Mr. Reish was born March 19, 1859, a son of Benivel M. and Lavina (Kling) Reish. As a pupil of Miss Nancy Gibbony, he began his education in the district school near his boyhood home, but his educational advantages were much inferior to those afforded the youth of the present day, and he heartily endorses better schools. During his boyhood he early became familiar with his present business, under the able direction of his father, and remained at home until the spring of 1880, when he went to Illinois, working as a farm hand in both Fulton and McDonough counties until the following December, and receiving from \$15 per month to \$1 per day.

Returning to his native county, Mr. Reish was for the four following years in the employ of his brother, James K., working in the distillery and at other labor. In the spring of 1885, however, with his wife and family, he removed to Brown county, Kans., where for eight years he operated rented land, and at the end of that time returned to Pennsylvania, where he has

since carried on his present business with excellent results.

On March 14, 1881, in Mifflinburg, Union county, Mr. Reish was married to Miss Sadie Kersteter, a daughter of Reuben Kersteter, and a native of Sugar Valley, Clinton Co., Penn., where she was reared until eighteen years of age. Three children blessed this union, namely: Pearl E., Carl B. and Hattie C. The wife and mother was called to her final rest March 30, 1894, and her remains were interred in the Mifflinburg cemetery.

In politics, Mr. Reish is a staunch Republican, but at times supports the men of other parties, especially at township and county elections when no issue is involved. He is progressive and public-spirited, and has many warm friends in the community, where almost his entire life has been passed.

GEORGE E. SEEBOLD, one of the active and energetic agriculturists of Limestone township, is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family of Union county.

His great-grandfather, Christopher Seebold, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, but when only seven years old came to the United States with his father, Lenhart Seebold, and family, landing at Philadelphia in 1750. Lenhart Seebold settled in Lebanon county. Christopher Seebold, the founder of the branch of the Union county, Penn., family of Seebolds, and wife, Barbara, had eight children, namely: (1) Barbara, born in 1761, died in 1843. (2) Christopher, Jr., born September 3, 1763, died May 6, 1839. (3) Michael, died (unmarried) in Lebanon county. (4) Catharine (twin), born July 19, 1769, and (5) Anna Maria (twin), born July 19, 1769, married Henry Hassenplug, and they lived in Mifflinburg. (6) Otilia, born in 1774, died in 1858, married Michael Greens. (Most of the family went to the West). (7) Grace died in 1863, the wife of Andrew Wagner. (8) John, born April 24, 1781. (All were born in Lebanon county). About 1789-90, Christopher Seebold, Sr., and family, most of whom were married, removed from Lebanon county to what is now Union county. On April 25, 1792, he purchased of James Watson one hundred and seventy acres of land whereon was a gristmill, two miles west of New Berlin, on the road going to Mifflinburg. This property has ever since been in the Seebold name. He died on his place in 1813, his widow surviving him some years. He bore a prominent part in the early development of this region, and here reared his family.

Our subject is descended from John Seebold, who was born April 24, 1781, and was but a boy when brought by his parents to Union county. His father being a mill owner, he learned the trade of a miller, and succeeded to the ownership of the old Seebold mill, which stood the ravages of time until recent years, when it was torn down, but never passed out of the hands of the family. In 1819, however, John Seebold erected a new mill, which he operated quite successfully for many years, doing an extensive business for those early days, and shipping thousands of barrels of flour to Baltimore. The principal means of transportation from New Berlin was by "arks" that floated down Penn's creek, and often contained as many as 300 barrels of flour.

John Seebold, the grandfather, wedded Maria Auble, who was born April 24, 1784, and was a daughter of Conrad Auble, a Hessian soldier, who was hired by the British in the Revolutionary war, in which struggle he was wounded. With his family he located in Buffalo Valley at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Seebold were born six children, namely: Rebecca, who became the wife of George Leitner, and died in Limestone township, Union county; Barbara, who married John Rinkert, and died in the same township; John, the father of our subject; Jacob, who died in Limestone township; Daniel, who still lives in that township, and Mary, who died unmarried. The father of these children died October 26, 1857, the mother April 19, 1866, and both were buried at New Berlin.

John Seebold, Jr., was born two miles west of New Berlin, March 1, 1818, and with his father learned the milling business, which he followed for a number of years, but later turned his attention to farming, owning and operating the place on which our subject now resides. During boyhood he was able to attend school for only a few weeks each year as his services were needed in the mill. In early manhood he married Miss Elizabeth Spangler, who was born in Union, now Snyder, county, Penn., March 13, 1820, a daughter of Jacob and Maria (Shroyer) Spangler. Two children blessed their union: George E., of this review; and Sevilla, wife of Samuel Crossgrove, of Limestone township, Union county. The mother was called to her final rest in 1860, but the father survived her many years, dying February 20, 1892, and both were buried in the New Berlin cemetery. Originally, he was a Whig in politics, later a Republican, and by his fellow citizens he was called upon to serve as supervisor, school director, and overseer of the poor in his township. Industrious and enterprising, he secured a comfortable competence, and his up-

right, honorable career gained him the confidence and respect of all who knew him. In religious belief he was a Lutheran.

In Limestone township, George E. Seebold was born March 13, 1842, and since the age of ten years he has resided at his present home, now owning 100 acres of valuable land, which he successfully cultivates. He also owns and operates a chopping-mill for his own use. Under the instruction of Daniel Seebold he began his education at Penn's Creek school, on the Sanders farm, but the school house has since been torn down. Later he attended the Union Seminary at New Berlin, and was the first teacher to have charge of the new school at Wehr's Hotel, where he successfully taught for two terms.

On the outbreak of the Civil war it was Mr. Seebold's desire to enlist, but his father opposed. Finally, on February 28, 1865, at Harrisburg, Penn., he enlisted in Company D, 74th P. V. I., and joined the regiment near Cumberland, Md. He was mostly engaged in guard duty in West Virginia, protecting the property of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and at the time of Lee's surrender he was stationed at Clarksburg, that State, where he was honorably discharged August 27, 1865. He was never wounded or off duty on account of illness.

On February 22, 1866, Mr. Seebold was married to Miss Catharine Crossgrove, who was born in Limestone township, Union county, February 27, 1843, a daughter of James and Polly (Ulsh) Crossgrove, being one of the two children born of her father's first marriage. He was a carpenter by trade, but his later years were spent in farming. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seebold, namely: Clara, born November 22, 1866, died August 14, 1873; Ella, born July 6, 1868, died March 10, 1870; Flora, born March 19, 1870, married to W. E. Reed, of Linntown, Penn., September 10, 1893; Mary Alice, born October 20, 1871, died February 5, 1891; Sadie Verdilla, born February 23, 1876; John, born July 16, 1877; George, born January 12, 1881; James, born June 6, 1883; Charles, born September 9, 1884, died February 13, 1885; and Adda Mae, born July 22, 1886.

Mr. Seebold is well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, is a staunch Republican in politics, and has acceptably served as school director, but cares nothing for official honors. Always good natured and jovial and pleasant in disposition, he makes hosts of friends and is widely recognized as one of the thoroughly reliable and highly respected citizens of Limestone township. He and his estimable wife are both worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL BURNS, a prominent lumber merchant residing at Winfield, Union county, is a man whose life history presents an eloquent lesson in the value of self-help. Beginning business life as a boy of fourteen, with no capital and but little education, he has steadily made his way, and with such clear and steadfast aim that from the first he has occupied positions which would reflect credit upon any man. Mr. Burns was born July 3, 1849, in Northumberland county, Penn., on an island in the Susquehanna river, and his ancestry on both sides had been identified with the State from pioneer days. His father, the late Christian Burns, was a native of Northumberland county, born February 14, 1819, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Speece) Burns, and was reared in Snyder county, returning afterward to his earlier home to engage in farming. On October 18, 1849, he settled at Winfield, but his last days were spent in Union county, where he followed farming, and was also employed as foreman in a stone quarry at his death which occurred July 19, 1894. He married Miss Mary Bettilyon, who was born February 12, 1825, in Perry county, Penn., and is yet living. Her grandfather, Isaac Bettilyon, was a native of Perry county, and her father, David Bettilyon, was born in Hanover, Penn., married Miss Mary Rafter, of Perry county, and in 1845 they moved to Winfield, where both breathed their last.

To Christian Burns and his wife the following children were born: Sidney Ann, born May 18, 1844, died at the age of seven; David A., born November 1, 1845, died at twenty-five; Judson, born October 6, 1847, lived only one year; Samuel is mentioned more fully below; Andrew Bigler, born August 8, 1851, lives in Milton, Penn.; Susan E., born September 16, 1853, married Jacob Campbell, of the same place; Henry F., born June 28, 1855, died in Brazil, South America; Mary L. (twin of Henry) married Clarence Leisher, and died some years ago; Nancy J., born March 11, 1857, married F. Snyder, of Winfield; William C., born April 16, 1859, resides at Winfield; Alda C., born December 31, 1861, died at an early age; and Jeremiah, born March 1, 1863, now lives at Winfield.

As has been said, Mr. Burns (our subject) had few educational privileges in his youth, his attendance at the schools near his home being limited to three winter terms. At fourteen this opportunity was closed to him by the necessity for earning a livelihood. The year he spent in Clearfield county, where he worked in the woods during the winter, boating on the canal in summer, and his energy and discretion were even

then so evident that at sixteen he took charge of crews. When the Civil war broke out he was much too young to go as a soldier, but on February 8, 1865, he was accepted and joined the 15th New York Regiment, the Pioneer Engineer Corps, enlisting at City Point. Fortunately the need of recruits did not long continue, and in May, 1865, at the close of the Grand Review at Washington, he was honorably discharged. Returning to Clearfield county, our subject resumed his former occupations, and soon began taking contracts for work of various kinds. For two years he had charge of a force of men that built the bridge at Sunbury and the transfer at Shamokin, also a number of trestles in the vicinity. He also helped to build the Sunbury boom for the Sunbury Lumbering Co., working two summers, and then remained to manage the place for two years more, conducting a coal yard at the same time, in which he lost every cent which he had previously saved. During the next summer he was captain of a floating gang, and after the completion of the Reading railroad he engaged in the lumber business, making a specialty of getting out props. He has gradually extended his trade until he now commands a large and profitable business in all kinds of lumber. He is sole owner of his yard at Winfield, and has a camp in Northumberland county, which he conducts in partnership with Michael Slear, of Winfield. As a citizen he is progressive and public-spirited. In politics he has been a Republican for the past six years, and while he has not sought public office he has taken keen interest in party movements. Socially he is a charter member of Winfield Lodge No. 352, P. O. S. of A., and has twice been a delegate to the State camp at Allentown and Altoona.

On December 5, 1873, Mr. Burns was married in Northumberland county, to Miss Matilda Hummel, and four children have blessed their union: William C. is now attending the State Normal School, at Bloomsburg, Penn.; Jennie M. is at home; Benjamin F. is a student at Bloomsburg; and Charlotte Anna died in infancy.

Mrs. Burns was born November 5, 1844, in Northumberland county. Her grandfather, Jacob Hummel, of Northampton county, Penn., moved to Snyder county at an early day, with his wife, Margaret (Kline), and remained there, following carpentering and farming. Daniel Hummel (Mrs. Burns' father) was a lifelong resident of Snyder county, and was by occupation a farmer and carpenter. He was a Lutheran in religion, and politically adhered to the Republican party. He died in 1849, aged thirty-six years. His wife, Anna Smith, daughter of Ben-

jamin and Eve (Kesler) Smith, of Snyder county, survived him many years, passing away April 27, 1896, aged seventy-seven years, seven months and sixteen days. Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of John Troxell, a carpenter; Benjamin, a farmer; Matilda, Mrs. Burns; Amanda, widow of Joseph Hess; Katie, who married William Hess, a watchman on a railroad; and Levi—all of whom reside in Snyder county, with the exception of Mrs. Burns.

REBUBEN KLINE. A family who sent seven brave sons to the defense of the flag, in the dark days of threatened disunion, deserves a high place in the nation's roll of honor, and Union county takes pride in the fact that such patriotism was nourished within her borders. Of the nine sons of Jacob and Mary (Ingelhart) Kline, of West Buffalo township, all but two entered the army and they were too young to enlist. This record is doubtless unequalled by any other family in the State, and, few if any, could be found to match it in the entire country. The eldest son, Daniel, enlisted in Company E, 51st P. V. I., in 1864, and remained in the service until the close of the war. John was a member of Company E, 142nd P. V. I., and lost his life at the battle of the Wilderness; he was wounded and left on the field; is supposed to have been burned by the forest fires which swept over the spot where he was last seen. George enlisted in Company E, 131st P. V. I., for nine months' service, and at the close of the term re-enlisted in Company E, 51st P. V. I., for "three years or during the war," and was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness May 6, 1864. Joel also answered the call for nine months' service, and later re-enlisted in Company E, 51st P. V. I., for three years, and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor June 3, 1864. Charles enlisted, first, in the 131st Regiment, and at the end of his term of nine months joined Company E, 51st P. V. I., and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness. Jacob L., a member of the 51st P. V. I., was a valiant soldier, but privations and exposure brought on an illness from which he died in the hospital at Annapolis, Maryland.

Reuben Kline, the subject of this sketch, and the youngest of the gallant seven, was born in West Buffalo township, Union county, November 6, 1844, and enlisted while still in his "teens" in Company E, 21st P. V. C., for six months. In 1864, when barely eighteen years old, he re-enlisted in Company E, 51st P. V. I.,



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and served in the Army of the Potomac. He took part in the battle of the Wilderness, and was at Spottsylvania, North Anna, as well as other places where the full horrors of war were seen, and at Cold Harbor he was wounded in the right leg so seriously that immediate amputation was necessary. This done, he was taken to the hospital at Washington, and although he was mustered out at the close of the war, he was compelled to remain at the Soldiers' Home in Philadelphia until 1866, when he returned to his native place. In his youth he had received a common-school education, but while in Philadelphia he took advantage of the educational facilities offered at the Home, and studied hard to prepare himself for some vocation in which his crippled condition would not be a barrier to success. After a visit at home, he went to Illinois, and while there was brought out for nomination in 1869 by the Republicans of Union county as their candidate for the office of register and recorder. He came home, made the campaign, and was elected, and so faithfully and well did he serve that he held the office five consecutive terms, or fifteen years. On retiring he engaged in agriculture in West Buffalo township, but in 1897, being elected clerk of the commissioners' court, he returned to the county seat to reside. He is an influential factor in the politics of his county, and is a popular member of the G. A. R. His wife, who was formerly Miss Sarah E. DeLong, was a native of West Buffalo township, born November 15, 1845, and they have one daughter and one son: Bertha M., married Wesley Kleckner, and has one child—Ruth; and Arthur Paul, who is at home.

The Klins are of old Pennsylvania stock. Grandfather Jacob Kline died in West Buffalo township. His children were: John, who died in Illinois; David, who died in Hartleton, Penn.; and Sallie, wife of George Ingelhart, the brother of our subject's mother. Jacob Kline, the father of our subject, was born in West Buffalo township, Union county, in 1805, and died in 1869. He learned the carpenter's trade in early life, and followed it for some years, but later became a millwright, operating chiefly in his native township. His influence in the community was marked, and was always exerted on the side of patriotism and progress. His wife, who was also a native of West Buffalo township, died in 1879. They had fourteen children: Daniel and Eleanor (twins), the former of whom is now a resident of Oneco, Ill., the latter being the wife of Joel Hursh, and residing in Flemington, Penn.; Eliza, wife of H. D. Royer, of Buffalo township, Union county; John; who met a sol-

dier's death as mentioned above; George, now a resident of Forest Hill; Joel, who resides in Wisconsin; Charles, of Forest Hill; Sarah, wife of Jacob Ross, also of Forest Hill, Union county; Jacob L., whose life was sacrificed on the altar of his country; Reuben, our subject; B. C. and Stephen (twins), the former being a resident of West Buffalo township, the latter dying in infancy; and two younger children who lived but a brief time.

GEORGE SCHNURE, Esq. (deceased), was born in Union county, Penn township, December 23, 1811, of German ancestry. His grandfather, John George Schnure, according to the records of the Church in Dudenhoppen, Germany, was married to one Anna Catharine Mennor. Of this union John Christian Schnure, the father of George, was born at Dudenhoppen, in the principality of Hesse-Cassel, July 2, 1763.

In 1781, John Christian Schnure left his home and native land, and emigrated to this country, knowing that upon the termination of the voyage a bondage for a term of years awaited him to pay his passage. Upon his arrival the captain of the vessel bound him for three years to a farmer named Ege, residing in Berks county, and all he earned in that time went to pay his fare, clothing and board. After serving out his time he moved to what is now Middle Creek township, Snyder county, where he was married to Elizabeth Pontius, who, at an early age, had removed with her parents from Philadelphia to that locality. She was born February 19, 1776, and died in Hartley township, Union county, September 17, 1852. John Christian Schnure died July 27, 1827. Their children were Catharine, who married Tobias Miller, and settled in Venango county; Henry, who has descendants living in Michigan and Indiana; Elizabeth married to Charles Smith, descendants living in Centre and Union counties; Michael, descendants living in Union county; Mary, who died unmarried; George, who is the subject of this sketch; Levi, descendants living in Ohio; and Mary, married to Robert Lucas, descendants living in Union county.

During his early life George Schnure assisted his father on the farm. During the winter seasons he had from two to three months' instruction in schools where some were taught in English and others in German. The remainder of the year was spent at work. When but nine years of age he left the parental roof, and was

employed by Robert Foster, who kept a store in Hartleton. This early beginning impressed upon his youthful mind a love for mercantile pursuits, and laid the foundation for that industry and thrift which, in after years, resulted in financial success. After serving Mr. Foster a short time, he returned to his father's farm, where he remained during the summer, and then entered the service of A. D. Hahn, who kept a store and tavern at Hartleton, and remained four years. In 1825 Mr. Hahn moved to New Berlin, where he engaged in mercantile business, and George Schnure accompanied him, remained his clerk for one year, then went to Northumberland, and for three years was clerk in the store of John A. Sterrett. The store then being purchased by John Guyer, he continued with the new owner nine months.

In 1833 Mr. Schnure came to Selins Grove, and at the age of twenty-two entered into partnership with his former employer, John A. Sterrett. Their store stood on the second lot from the northeast corner of Market and Walnut streets. After continuing this partnership for three years, Mr. Sterrett, having sold his interest to Henry C. Eyer, retired from the firm. Eyer & Schnure remained in business for seven years, when they disposed of their store to Gundrum & Reichard. Two years later Mr. Schnure entered into partnership with James K. Davis, Jr., and opened a general store on the southeast corner of Market and Pine streets. Mr. Schnure having bought property on the northwest corner of said streets, the store was moved to that place, where he and Mr. Davis continued in general mercantile, grain and shipping business for twelve years. In 1858 the store was sold to Charles S. David and Lewis R. Hummel. About 1860 Mr. Schnure bought back Charles S. Davis' interest, and engaged in business with Mr. Hummel. The new firm continued four years, when Mr. Schnure withdrew and devoted the several years following in settling up the partnership affairs. In 1868 he formed a partnership with Daniel Carey, and purchased the Maine sawmill property from Scribner & Perkins, at a cost of \$22,000, and continued in the lumber trade until 1873, when, upon the death of Mr. Carey, he devoted his time in settling up the business affairs as well as the estate of his deceased partner. In September, 1879, Mr. Schnure bought out A. Kreiger's and J. Pawling's interest in the flourmill at the upper end of Selins Grove, and became a partner with his son, H. D. Schnure, who had previously been in partnership with Kreiger & Pawling. They rebuilt the mill, added new and improved machinery, erected a

large grain house, and connected the mill with the railroad by means of a siding.

About 1850 Mr. Schnure was elected a director in the Northumberland Bank, and was frequently re-elected. Upon the removal of the bank to Sunbury he was continued. On January 21, 1864, he was elected the first president of the First National Bank of Selins Grove, and for almost twenty-three years continued to fill this position. On November 6, 1889, he resigned the presidency, and afterward lived in retirement. He frequently served as school director, as chief burgess (was the first chief burgess of Selins Grove), and as councilman. About 1868 he was president of the Sunbury & Lewis-town railroad, then known as the Middle Creek railroad, and during his administration part of the grading was done. For many years he was president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute. Throughout this eventful business career Mr. Schnure was always successful, resulting in the accumulation of much wealth and property.

On September 23, 1841, he was married to Miss Cordelia Davis, a daughter of James K. Davis, Sr., and a granddaughter on her maternal side of Anthony Selin, the founder of the town. Mrs. Schnure died March 1, 1859. Their children are: Francis Marion, born November 13, 1845, married Miss Laura Gross, of New Berlin, November 11, 1868, died October 5, 1871; John Sylvester, born January 21, 1848, died March 15, 1881; HOWARD DAVIS, born October 30, 1850, married Miss Sarah J. Six, of Mechanicstown, Md., September 20, 1876; Mary Elizabeth Eyer, born January 12, 1853, married Ira C. Schoch, October 23, 1878, died June 5, 1884; Emma Catharine, born January 4, 1857, married Harvey H. Schoch, September 20, 1882. On April 15, 1863, Mr. Schnure was married, the second time, to Miss Amanda Spyker, of Lewisburg. She died January 11, 1877, after an illness of a few hours.

In the various walks of life Mr. Schnure was ever held in high esteem. His opinion and advice were for many years sought and carefully followed by many of his fellowmen. His economy, perseverance and discretion were carefully studied and practiced by those desiring to advance in life. When a cause was just and deserving of aid, his heart contained a sympathetic chord that could always be touched by the hand of charity. On January 27, 1893, after a busy, useful and eventful life George Schnure passed to his last rest, bequeathing to his sons and daughters not only the fruits of his toil, but the better heritage of untarnished honor.

JR. DIMM, D. D., President of Susquehanna University, at Selins Grove, Snyder county, is an educator of national reputation, his ripe scholarship and remarkable gifts as an organizer fitting him for the highest ranks of the profession. For some years also he has labored faithfully and successfully in the ministry of the Lutheran Church, and few men can review their lives with as much satisfaction in the sight of duties well done.

Dr. Dimm comes of Colonial stock, and is of the fourth generation of his family in this country; the first of the line having come from the ancestral home in Germany in 1743, to settle in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The Doctor was born in 1830 near Muncy, Lycoming county, Penn., the son of Simon and Rebecca Dimm. His parents, who were devout Lutherans in religious faith, had him baptized in infancy in Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Muncy Creek township, and at twenty he was confirmed. At twenty-one he entered the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, and after two years of study there he took a four-years' course in the college, graduating in 1857 with the highest honors of his class. On leaving college he assumed the management of the classical school at Aaronsburg, Centre county. While thus engaged he carried on a private course of study in theology, and in 1859, at Harrisburg, he was examined and licensed by the Synod of Eastern Pennsylvania. In the same year he became pastor of the Lutheran Church at Bloomsburg, Penn., where he labored eight years with signal success. The Sunday-school and Church attendance was largely increased, and a great deal of general work for the Church was done in the Susquehanna Valley. During this time he helped to organize the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, and taught the classics there one year.

In 1867, he became pastor of St. Peter's Church, at Barren Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia, Penn. During his stay of four years the Church was remodeled, a private classical school was established, and a great work done in religious advancement. In 1871 he became secretary of the Lutheran Board of Publication of Philadelphia, and in this capacity he traveled over five States during the next fifteen months. In 1873, he resumed pulpit work as pastor of the Lutheran Church on Jefferson and Sixteenth streets in Philadelphia. The natural tendencies of his mind led him back to school work, and in 1874 he became principal of the Lutherville Female Seminary. During his administration of six years the standard of scholarship was raised, and many progressive changes were made. In 1880,

he was called to Kimberton, in Chester county, to organize a new private school, and soon afterward was invited to the pastorate of two Churches. In 1882, his reputation as a teacher led to his being called to the principalship of the classical department of the Missionary Institute at Selins Grove, Penn., now Susquehanna University, and later he became President. A great change has come over the college since he assumed management. The attendance has been increased four-fold, and the curriculum greatly extended. The old building has been remodeled, and a beautiful additional building, known as Gustavus Adolphus Hall, erected in 1894. This contains a chapel and six recitation rooms on the first floor, the theological room, reading room and library, and various other apartments on the second floor. In 1897 another building was added, containing four apartments—the chemical laboratory, botanical and geological laboratory, a recitation room for science, and a room containing the cabinet.

Dr. Dimm possesses high executive ability as a college manager. A man of profound learning, indomitable energy and with a natural aptitude for teaching, he has gathered around him a loyal faculty and board of trustees, and the progress of the institution has been a matter of pride to all familiar with its history during late years.

Dr. Dimm has been a frequent lecturer, following chiefly scientific lines of thought. During a single year he delivered nearly fifty lectures. His literary efforts have been principally in the form of review articles. He has received in turn the degrees of A. B. and A. M. and D. D. from Pennsylvania College, the last in 1884.

In 1859 Dr. Dimm was married to Miss Mary C. Hill, a daughter of John Hill, Esq., of Hughesville, Penn. One son and four daughters have been born to them. The eldest daughter died in infancy, but the other children are all living: Margaret, who was educated at the Lutheran Seminary near Baltimore, Md., married Rev. James Eugene Dietrich, a Lutheran minister. They have two children—Charles and Margaret. Evangeline Longfellow was educated at Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, and is the wife of Rev. Jerome M. Guss, a Lutheran minister. Charles H., the only son of our subject, is a physician at Mifflinburg. He married Miss Mary Snodgrass, and has one child, Charles Alvin. Martha, a graduate of a musical institute in Maryland, is now a teacher of vocal and instrumental music in Susquehanna University.

Mrs. Dimm, who unites rare mental gifts with a generous sympathy, is highly esteemed by

all who know her. She is now filling the second term as president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Susquenanna Synod.

HON. JOSEPH A. LUMBARD, of Selins Grove, is the editor and proprietor of the *Snyder County Tribune*, the oldest Republican paper in that locality, and one of the leading periodicals of this section, without regard to political complexion. As a citizen Mr. Lumbard holds a high reputation, his patriotism having been demonstrated at an early age as a soldier in the Union army. He was but a boy of eighteen when, on September 13, 1862, he enlisted for three years in Captain Davis' famous company of volunteers. This band of recruits was attached to the 147th P. V. I., and saw much severe fighting, ending their service as a part of the force that marched from Atlanta to the sea with Sherman. Mr. Lumbard participated in all the important battles of his regiment, and he was wounded at Gettysburg.

The birth of our subject occurred January 5, 1844, at Selins Grove, where he received a common-school education. On April 2, 1860, he became an apprentice in the office of the *Selins Grove Times*, published by Newhall & Weirick, but his work there was interrupted by his military service. After the war closed he returned to Snyder county, and on October 22, 1865, he took the position of foreman on the *Snyder County Tribune*, then published at Middleburg. In October, 1866, he acquired a part-ownership in the paper, and has since been continuously connected with it, becoming its editor and publisher in 1874. The office was destroyed in the great fire of February 22, 1872, and unfortunately there was no insurance, as the paper had been moved from Middleburg to Selins Grove, and the insurance had not yet been transferred when the fire destroyed the plant. Nothing daunted, however, by the mishap, its owners purchased new material, and in two weeks from the time of the fire the *Tribune* was again issued. When Mr. Lumbard took charge of the paper it was a six-volume journal, printed on a Washington hand press; it is now run by a water motor, and its circulation has more than trebled. Mr. Lumbard is a vigorous writer, positive in its character, and is ever ready to defend the right as he sees it.

In political life he is an active and influential worker, and has held a number of important public positions, all of which he filled with credit. In 1877 he was appointed one of the associate

judges for Snyder county, vice Hon. Daniel Gemberling, deceased, and, in 1882 and 1890, he held appointments in the State Legislature. In 1893 he was messenger in the State Senate, and in 1896 he was appointed clerk to the Committee on War Claims for the Fifty-fourth Congress, a position which he holds at present. He has been school director for thirteen years, and for five years was president of the board, and he has also served one term in the town council. He has been chairman of the Republican County Committee, and twice served in the capacity of delegate to the Republican State Convention.

On June 19, 1866, Editor Lumbard was married to Miss Sara E. Scharf, and their union has been blessed with five children, four daughters and a son, four of whom are married.

Mr. Lumbard is a well-preserved man, mentally and physically, and is capable of many more years of useful work. When in the office he fills a place at the case, generally setting up his editorials and local matter without copy.

HON. SAMUEL ALLEMAN, deceased. The name of Alleman has been a synonym through several generations of American citizenship for energy, integrity, ability and patriotism, and the representatives of this family in this section have fully sustained this well-won reputation. An examination into history also reveals the fact that during the time of Caesar's campaign against the Gauls, that great Conqueror was greatly tried by the warlike tribe of the Allemani. During the days of Napoleon, the name Alleman appears prominent in the official circles of the French army, and in the councils of the First Empire. In professional, political, financial and social life, those of whom we now write have gained an enviable rank, as the following memoirs indicate.

The late Samuel Alleman, who was for many years one of the most prominent residents of Snyder county, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., February 2, 1818, and died February 28, 1881, at Selins Grove, where his mortal remains now rest. Early in life he was thrown upon his own resources, and by industry and economy was enabled to obtain a liberal education, at Pennsylvania College, located at Gettysburg. About 1840, after leaving college, he engaged in teaching school at Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Penn., at which place, and in the surrounding neighborhood, he is still favorably remembered by the older inhabitants. In 1842, upon the election of Samuel Faunce as sheriff of Dauphin county, Samuel Alleman was made his deputy,

and together they moved to Harrisburg. Soon after his arrival at that city, Samuel Alleman entered the law office of Crouse & Boas, and on August 19, 1845, was admitted as a member of the legal profession. During the administration of Gov. William F. Johnston, Samuel Alleman was chief clerk in the State Department, serving until Gov. Johnston's successor was inaugurated. He filled the position with marked ability, and, being a most excellent scribe, he was noted as one of the finest clerks that ever occupied the office.

In 1856, Mr. Alleman removed from Harrisburg to Middleburg, the county seat of the newly formed county of Snyder, there to continue the practice of his chosen profession. He was not in the county long until his sterling worth and ability were recognized, appreciated and rewarded, and he speedily took rank among the leaders of the Snyder County Bar. In 1861 he was elected county superintendent of the public schools, serving his full term. In 1864 he represented his county in the State Legislature. In 1872 he was the choice of the Republican party of Snyder county, for Congress. In 1873 he was the Republican nominee as delegate to the Constitutional Convention, which met in Philadelphia. From time to time Mr. Alleman filled a number of minor offices in the county and borough in which he lived; always meeting ably the respective requirements of the positions he occupied. In executive ability he had no superior, and his aid in any enterprise was appreciated by his associates. He was one of the first promoters of the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad; also the Selins Grove and North Branch railroad; and sacrificed much in an effort to make Selins Grove the county seat.

In his relations to his fellow men, Samuel Alleman always fulfilled the part of a Christian gentleman. For many years he was a member of the Lutheran Church, at all times manifesting great interest in its prosperity, and frequently contributing liberally for the furtherance of its different departments. In 1873 he was in attendance at the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, which met at Canton, Ohio, as one of the delegates from the Susquehanna Synod.

Mr. Alleman had a proper conception of the importance of education, and for many years he was a valued member of the board of directors of Susquehanna University at Selins Grove. He was a useful citizen, and a man of unblemished honor and integrity. To the poor and humble he was kind and generous, and in the bestowal of alms he sought not the praises of men. In social life he was hospitable, warm-hearted and

jovial. On no occasion did his noble nature manifest itself more strongly, than when entertaining his friends around the festive board.

Mr. Alleman was one of the representative men of his county, one of whom it can be truthfully said: "The world has been benefited by his having lived in it."

On May 18, 1846, Mr. Alleman was married to Miss Ann E. Holman, eldest daughter of Samuel Holman, a prominent citizen of Harrisburg, and one of the most noted architects and contractors of his day. This union was blessed with four children; three sons—Horace, Charles and John; and one daughter, Sarah E.

HON. HORACE ALLEMAN was born at Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Penn., February 7, 1847, and at the age of ten years came with his parents to Snyder county. His education was obtained in the public schools of Dauphin and Snyder counties; in select schools at Harrisburg and Middleburg; at the Susquehanna University, Selins Grove, and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg; from which last named institution he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1869. In 1872 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of A. M. Immediately after his graduation at Gettysburg, he commenced the study of law in the office of his father, the Hon. Samuel Alleman, and so continued until the fall of 1870, when he entered the Senior class of the law department of Columbia College, Washington, D. C. In June, 1871, he graduated from this institution with the degree of LL. B., and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Upon his return to Snyder county he was admitted to practice in its several courts, on September 25, 1871, and has continued his professional work there up to the present time.

For a period of twenty-three years Mr. Alleman held the office of notary public, receiving his commissions from Govs. Geary, Hartranft, Hoyt, Pattison and Beaver. His services were engaged as attorney for the county commissioners for a period of six consecutive years; and for eight years he served as treasurer of the borough of Selins Grove. Upon the vacancy caused by the death of his father in 1881, he was elected a director of the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, which position he still retains. The board of directors honored him by choosing him as vice-president and member of the executive committee.

Since 1863 Mr. Alleman has been an active

and consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He has served the congregation at Selins Grove as its treasurer for eighteen years, and at the present time is one of its trustees. At three sessions of the Susquehanna Synod he represented the Selins Grove congregation as its lay delegate, in 1882 at Montoursville, in 1886 at Hughesville, and in 1892 at Northumberland. He also represented the Susquehanna Synod as one of its lay delegates to the General Synod, the highest legislative body in the Church, on two separate occasions, in 1887 at Omaha, Neb., and in 1893 at Canton, Ohio.

During the war of the Rebellion, in September, 1862, being then but a lad in his sixteenth year, he enlisted as a private in Company D, 18th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and in June, 1863, re-enlisted and served in Company I, 30th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Emergency Troops, having been sworn into the United States service. Since the war Mr. Alleman has been a faithful member of the Grand Army. As an officer of the Post he has served in the capacity of quartermaster, adjutant and post commander; and at the present time he is the Post's historian. The military spirit seems to have been inherited by the subject of this sketch. In the war of the Rebellion he had two uncles; in the war of 1812 a grandfather; and his earlier ancestors were found in the Continental army in the war of the Revolution.

On September 28, 1871, Mr. Alleman was married to Miss Tillie Pierce, of Gettysburg. During the great battle at her native place in 1863, Miss Pierce had a most thrilling experience. Upon the opening of the battle, she left her home in Gettysburg to seek safety with friends who lived near Round Top. On the second and third days of the battle the struggle was transferred, in part, to her place of refuge; and hence it was that she had an actual, personal experience of the suffering and horrors spread out upon that field of carnage. At the earnest solicitation of many of the old soldiers she was induced to give in a tangible form her experience on those memorable days of July 1, 2, 3, 1863. Hence the publication of a very interesting narrative: "At Gettysburg, or what a girl saw and heard of the Battle." She proved herself an angel of mercy to the weary, wounded and dying. For a number of years, Mr. and Mrs. Alleman, together with their family, have occupied the Gov. Snyder mansion at Selins Grove. The issue of their marriage is one son, Harry Pierce, now successfully engaged in business in Philadelphia, and two amiable and accomplished daughters, Anna and Mary, who are at the present time attending

Irving College for Young Ladies at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Mr. Alleman has been and is still one of our desirable, useful, and appreciated citizens; and such a man as every one can honor and respect. His intelligence, ability and uprightness fit him for the highest positions in life; and no favor or trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens will be too great for his merits.

HOWARD DAVIS SCHNURE. Over a century's identification with the growth of the prosperous town of Selins Grove, Penn., adds luster to the life-work and ancestry of the subject of this sketch, Howard D. Schnure, who has achieved the distinction of being one of the most prominent and progressive citizens of Snyder county. Through his strict business integrity and untiring zeal, he has risen to an honorable eminence in his native community, and acquired a conspicuous place on the long roll of Pennsylvania's noted sons.

Howard Davis Schnure was born at Selins Grove, Snyder Co., Penn., on the 30th day of October, 1850, and on his paternal side is a descendant of good old German stock. He is the son of George Schnure, whose father came to America from Dudenhoppen, Germany, in 1781, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Cordelia Davis was the maiden name of the mother of the subject of this sketch. She was a granddaughter of Major Anthony Selin, the founder of the town of Selins Grove, Penn., and a man of much prominence in the business and political circles of his day, being also a member of the famous "Society of Cincinnati."

Mr. Schnure's boyhood was spent in the place of his nativity. He received his elementary education in the public schools of Snyder county, meanwhile increasing his store of knowledge through wide and varied courses of reading. The finishing touches of his schooling were obtained at the educational institution now known as the Susquehanna University.

Mr. Schnure made his first entrance into business life as a clerk for the mercantile firm of McCarty, Moyer & Schnure, at Selins Grove. Later he joined the clerical forces of the First National Bank, in the same town, retaining his position for a period of two years. In 1875 he entered into co-partnership with A. Kruger in the vocation of milling, the business of the firm being conducted as the "Isle of Que" mills at Selins Grove.

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of four years, and in 1879 the firm name was changed to G. & H. D. Schnure, the father of Mr. Schnure assuming the interest held by Mr. Kruger, the entire business of the mills now being conducted under the firm name of H. D. Schnure since his father's death.

Mr. Schnure has always been progressive in his ideas, and is a man of exceptional activity in his chosen walks of life. He has the honor of being the first to introduce electric lighting in Snyder county. He recognized the value of the modern system of illumination, and, in order to keep step with the march of progress, he established an individual plant of his own for the exclusive purpose of supplying his dwelling and mill properties with light, the power for his plant being secured by the use of the water power from his mills.

Mr. Schnure's close identification with the development of his native town has placed him in the front rank of its most valued and respected citizens. On January 16, 1883, he was elected a director of the First National Bank of Selins Grove, and continued in that capacity for a term of eleven years, when he was elected to the presidency of that financial institution. His election to that honorable position took place on January 16, 1894. During the previous year he was made a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury, Penn., a position he still retains, as well as that of the presidency of the First National Bank at his home.

At present Mr. Schnure's entire attention is devoted to his banking and milling interests. Mr. Schnure has been a lifelong Democrat, and he has often devoted his best endeavors to promoting the welfare of the party of his fealty. In 1895 he was sent as a delegate to the State Convention at Williamsport, and in the following year he was again elected a delegate to the State Convention at Allentown. His work at both gatherings was marked by his customary earnestness and energetic methods.

Mr. Schnure was married on September 25, 1876, to Sara J. Six, of Thurmont (formerly Mechanicstown), Frederick county, Maryland. Two children have blessed this union—one son and one daughter—their names being William Marion and Mary Cordelia Schnure.

MISS KATHRYN ANNA ARNOLD. Among the early settlers of Union county were representatives of the Arnold family, the first of the line having come from Germany at a date which is now unknown. Henry Arnold, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a well-

to-do agriculturist of Union county, and he and his wife reared a goodly family, their descendants being now quite numerous. George Arnold, the grandfather, became a well-known farmer of Chapman township, Snyder county, where he owned a large tract of land. He was a Democrat in politics, and was prominently identified with the Lutheran Church in his locality. His death occurred in 18—, and his wife, Mary Bussler, a native of Union county, passed away in 1880. They had eleven children, namely: Jacob, a resident of Clearfield county, Penn.; Augustus, who is mentioned more fully farther on; Stephen, a resident of Chapman township, Snyder county; Calvin, of Port Trevorton, Penn.; Daniel, of Chapman township, Snyder county; Samuel, of Shamokin, Penn.; Phely, who married Daniel Guagler, of Ohio; Charlotte, wife of Peter Glatfelter, of Perry township, Snyder county; Barbara, wife of William Leach, of Chapman township; Fianah, wife of John Brown, of the same township; and Minerva, who married Joseph Reachner, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Augustus Arnold, the father of our subject, was born in 1826, in Chapman township, Snyder county, and is now residing at Shamokin, Penn. He was educated in the schools of his native township, where the instruction was chiefly given in German, and he did not learn to read or write in English. He is a man of intelligence, an expert mechanic, and for many years he was successfully engaged in business as an undertaker, carpenter, and wagon builder, the greater portion of his life having been spent in his native township. In 1878 he removed to Shamokin, where he now resides with one of his sons. Politically, he is a Democrat, and he belongs to the United Brethren Church, his consistent life winning him the respect and esteem of all who know him. He was married in Chapman township, Snyder county, to Miss Leah Rine, a daughter of Jacob Rine, an agriculturist of that locality. She died May 3, 1893, in Shamokin, leaving the memory of a helpful life. Of the eleven children of this union, two, Settilla and Uriah B., died in infancy. Mary is the wife of Jonathan Bordman, of Paxtonville, Snyder county; Miss Kathryn A., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Lucetta married Edward Zigler, a furniture dealer at Herndon, Northumberland county, Penn.; O. J. Pearce is a wagonmaker at Shamokin; George is in the hotel business at Shamokin; Wilson, a blacksmith, resides in Michigan; Reiley resides at Shamokin; William settled in Texas; Agnes married William Paule, of Kansas.

Miss Arnold was born March 22, 1848, at the old home in Chapman township, Snyder county, where she remained until the age of fourteen, her education being obtained in the local schools. She possesses great force of character and rare executive ability, which was manifested at an unusually early age, and at fourteen she took a responsible position in the home of Dr. W. H. Backus, of Aline. A few years later she assumed full charge of his elegant establishment, and for more than thirty years she directed every department, adding the feminine refinements without which no house can be truly a home. The Doctor delighted in hospitality, and she did much to entertain his guests and make their stay pleasant. At the Doctor's death he made a practical acknowledgment of her faithful care for his interests by leaving her an ample income, and the use of the home for her lifetime. Personally Miss Arnold is very attractive, and her generous contributions to charitable work and to the Evangelical Church, of which she is a member, are proof of a kindly heart. She takes an intelligent and active interest in the various questions of the day, and is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, feeling keen regret over her inability to cast a vote in its support.

The late DR. WILLIAM H. BACKUS was born at Williamsburg, Penn., and was of German descent on the paternal side, the name having been originally written Backhaus (Bake-house). On leaving the Fatherland his ancestors went first to England, where the name was written Backhouse and pronounced Backus, the latter spelling being the one adopted in America in accordance with phonetic rules. The first of the family to come to this country settled at an early date in Connecticut, and Daniel Backus, the Doctor's grandfather, was born there, but settled on Staten Island in early manhood. The family is numerously represented in the East, several of the Doctor's relatives residing at Newark, N. J., and at Parkersburg, W. Va., while Rev. Dr. Backus, of Baltimore, Md., and Rev. Dr. Woods, of Philadelphia, are also related to him. Calvin Backus, a wealthy resident of Caldwell, belonged to the same family, and Maj. Henry Backus, who owned valuable estates near Selins Grove, was an uncle.

S. S. Backus, the Doctor's father, was born in 1803, on Staten Island, and was educated at New Brunswick, N. J. On deciding to enter the medical profession he pursued a course of study in New York City, and for one year he practiced at Belvidere, N. J. In 1826, he was married to Miss Sarah Dietrich, of Williamsburg, Penn.,

where he taught for one year in the academy. In 1827 he located at Georgetown, Penn., and engaged in practice, remaining until 1838, when he moved to McKee's Half Falls, on the Susquehanna river opposite Georgetown. His death occurred there in 1848, and his estimable wife died in 1880 at Lewisburg, where her long widowhood had been spent in a comfortable home, surrounded by all that could make her declining years peaceful. Dr. S. S. Backus had a very extensive practice, extending through parts of Juniata, Perry, Snyder and Northumberland counties, and during the twenty years of active work in his profession he traveled more than half the time on horseback. For some years he was interested in mercantile business at Mahanoy, Chapman, Baltimore, and at Big Flats, N. Y., the management of the different establishments being in the hands of partners. He also took an active share in political work, and while at Georgetown was a member of the standing committee of the Democratic party for his county.

Dr. W. H. Backus received his elementary education at Tuscarora Academy, and was prepared by David Wilson to enter the Sophomore class at Dickinson College. After studying for some time at the latter institution, he entered the Junior class at Lewisburg University where he was graduated with honor, delivering the salutatory. He was the president of a literary society, the Phresakasmean, and on being chosen as chief debater in a contest with a rival organization, the Philomathean, he was adjudged the victor by the umpire, Hon. A. K. McClure. In 1852 he went to Europe to secure a medical education in the most noted institutions of the day, starting from Philadelphia in the "City of Manchester," which narrowly escaped being wrecked near the Isle of Man, during a violent storm. He was graduated at Wurzburg, Germany, August 10, 1858, and also attended lectures at Heidelberg, Zurich, Gottingen, Prague, and Vienna. Some time was spent in visiting points of general interest, including the principal cities of Europe, and during the administration of Franklin Pierce he was consul to Hanover and Brunswick. While in the latter province he visited relatives, one of them being a prominent general in the German army. In London he found other relatives, one of whom occupied a high position in the Foreign Office, and he was most cordially welcomed by them. During his stay at Gottingen he was given two handsome souvenirs, made of fine porcelain and suitably inscribed. After spending seven years in the Old World he returned to Lewisburg, where he remained one year. In 1860 he began his profes-

sional work at McKee's Half Falls, and speedily won the success which had distinguished his father, his practice extending over the same territory. About twenty years were passed in active work as a general practitioner, but, later, the Doctor restricted his labors to office practice and to consultations in difficult cases, neighboring physicians often calling upon him to aid them by his advice.

In 1879 he took possession of his property at Aline, which he had purchased from Gen. Adam Light. It is a beautiful estate, and under his care was improved greatly. There he spent his last years, his time being devoted to reading, to the management of his extensive farms, and to the society of the friends whom he loved to gather around him in his home. He died on December 26, 1886, and his remains were interred at Lewisburg. While Miss Arnold has the use of much of his estate for her lifetime, his entire fortune is to go to Bucknell University at her death. His valuable library has already been donated to that institution, and his generous bequest will prove a most beneficent and lasting memorial.

HIRAM PERCIVAL JARRETT, justice of the peace for the borough of Selins Grove, is one of the most highly esteemed residents of that locality, and although he is now nearing the ordinary limit of three-score years and ten he is as active mentally and physically as many a younger man.

He was born March 1, 1828, in Snyder county, then Union county, where his grandfather, Jacob Jarrett, settled at an early day, having come from Lehigh county, Penn. This worthy pioneer, who followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, attained an advanced age. His wife, Catherine Ott, also spent her last years in what is now Snyder county. They had seven children: Jacob, Isaac, Henry, John O., Daniel, George and Catherine.

John O. Jarrett, our subject's father, was born in 1808, in Union county, now Snyder county, and died in 1877, in Penn township, Snyder county, where for many years he was engaged in farming. He was a large man, weighing more than two hundred pounds. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and he took great interest in politics, supporting at all times the principles of the Democratic party. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Smith, was born in Pennsylvania in 1806, and died in 1875. Of their seven children the eldest, Matilda, married Henry Krider, of Snyder county; Hiram P., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Lydia,

widow of Benjamin Harmon, resides in Kratzer-ville, Penn.; Susannah, who married John C. McFall, resides on the Isle of Que; the next two died in infancy, and Sarah, the youngest, was married to Jerry Antley, and died leaving three children.

Squire Jarrett was reared in Snyder county, and attended the country schools of Penn, Monroe and Jackson townships. From 1849 to 1853 he was engaged in boat building, and then for a time he was occupied in the building of bridges, but later he became interested in agriculture. This he followed for ten years, but in August, 1865, he enlisted in Company D, 74th P. V. I., for six months. On returning home he resumed the occupation of bridge building, which he continued until 1894. He has always been an active worker in the Democratic organization of his locality, and in May, 1894, he was appointed a justice of the peace, in which office he is still serving with credit to himself and satisfaction to others. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R., C. S. Davis Post, No. 148.

On June 2, 1853, the Squire was married to Miss Rebecca Musselman, who was born in May, 1835, in Penn township, Snyder county. They have had seven children, all of whom are living: Newton P. is a foreman in a bridge-building business. Milton T., who is also a bridge builder, resides on the Isle of Que. Alice J. married Edward Gemberling, a time-keeper for a bridge company, and has four sons—Charles, Percival, Joseph and Ray. Barbara married Charles Covert, and has five children—Rebecca, Ethel, Guy, Newton (1), and Newton (2). Katie married Mr. Norman, and has three children—Marguerite, Milton and Hiram. Nora married James Cary, and has one child, Clara. Maude married Charles Fisher, and has one daughter, Myra.

JOSEPH G. LESHER, editor and proprietor of the *Selins Grove Times*, is a man of much more than ordinary ability and influence, and his history, though brief, will be read with interest.

Mr. Leshar comes of German stock, his ancestors coming to America at an early period. George Leshar, his grandfather, who was probably born in New Jersey, became a pioneer settler in Point township, Northumberland Co., Penn., where he was engaged in farming for many years, his death occurring at the age of eighty. He was married to a Miss Sarah Robbins, and their son, Daniel R., our subject's fa-

ther, was born in 1820, at the old home in Point township, Northumberland county, and died in 1886. Daniel Leshar was married, in 1845, to Miss Sarah J. Van Kirk, who was born in 1825, and lived to the age of seventy-seven years, two months and ten days. Joseph Van Kirk, her father, who was of French descent, was a hotel keeper in Northumberland county, and at the age of eighty-two was as spry and active as a boy, but he was killed by an accident at a railway crossing. To Daniel R. and Sarah thirteen children were born, as follows: Charles, who died in childhood; Clarence L., who died when twenty-eight years old; Hannah, wife of Amos Bloom, of Sunbury, Penn.; James B., a resident of Abbot, Neb.; Daniel, who died in infancy; Fannie, wife of Harvey Bloom, of Curwensville, Penn.; Joseph G., our subject; Miss Sarah J., and Miss Amelia; Gordon, a butcher at Shamokin Dam, Penn.; Elizabeth, deceased; Martin, who resides at the old homestead; and Miss Loula, who is deceased.

Our subject's birth occurred August 9, 1856, in Point township, Northumberland county, but much of his time in boyhood was spent in Snyder county, his education being obtained in the common schools. His first occupation was agriculture, which he followed until 1886, when he bought the *Selins Grove Times*. This is a weekly paper, and under Mr. Leshar's able administration it is a firm champion of the best interests of the locality. As its editor is a Democrat, the *Times* supports the principles of that party at all times. Mr. Leshar is a leader in Democratic councils, and has frequently been a delegate to State Conventions. On one occasion he allowed his name to be presented on the ticket as a candidate for the Legislature, an act which was in the nature of a sacrifice, as no member of that party can hope for election from Snyder county.

On January 10, 1884, Mr. Leshar was married to Miss Mazie App, a native of Monroe township, one of the leading ladies of her section of the county, born in 1857. Two children, Chalender H. and Lee Richmond, have blessed this union.

REV. W. A. HAAS, the honored pastor of the Reformed Church at Selins Grove, has now ministered to that charge for more than a quarter of a century, a fact which speaks more eloquently in his praise than any wordy panegyric could do. His influence throughout this long period has been potent for good, his character and life bearing silent witness to the power of the Master, while his sermons have been effective expositions of the faith which he holds.

Mr. Haas comes of that sturdy race known as the Pennsylvania German. The first of whom we have record was our subject's grandfather, George Haas, a native of Lehigh county, Penn., who was a miller by trade, which he followed in early years, but later bought a farm in Northumberland county, where he lived to a very advanced age. He married Elizabeth Miller, and had thirteen children, of whom five died in childhood. Of the others, Mary married (first) Benjamin Haupt, and (second) George Startzel, and died at Snyder town, Penn., at ninety years of age; Elizabeth married Jacob Wagner, and died in Northumberland county; George, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully farther on; Katie, deceased, married Emanuel Erdman; Salome married Samuel Miller, and lived in Juniata county; Nathan, deceased; Henry died recently at Mahanoy City; and Caroline, married to Mr. Wiest, resides in Dauphin county. Several of these children were among the first settlers in Northumberland county.

George Haas, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland county, and became a carpenter by trade. His first years were spent in Schuylkill county, Penn., but he died in Clarion when our subject was twelve years of age. He married Miss Anna Knorr, a native of Schuylkill county, who died at Pottsville, Penn., at a comparatively early age, when Rev. Haas was eight months old. Our subject was the youngest of a family of three children. Edward, the eldest, who was a millwright by occupation, died in Philadelphia, Penn., and Nettie, who married Michael Hower, died at Ashland, Pennsylvania.

W. A. Haas was born January 20, 1840, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Penn. He prepared for college at Freeburg Academy, and afterward took a course in Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1864. Entering the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Penn., he there pursued the thorough course of training prescribed for the ministers of the Reformed Church, and in 1867 was graduated with the degree of B. T. In the same year he was ordained, and after spending four years in the Augusta charge (his first), which included four congregations, he was called in 1871 to Selins Grove. There he has ever since remained, taking charge also of the congregation at Freeburg, Kratzerville and Salem, and in all this time his kindly and helpful relations with his people have never been disturbed.

In 1868, Mr. Haas was married to Miss Sarah A. Haus, who was born January 23, 1848, at Mercersburg, Penn., and died in 1893, after a period of wedded happiness of twenty-five years. Five children were born to this union, viz.: Will-

iam A., who died at the age of twenty-seven, was a graduate of Susquehanna University, and was by trade a machinist; George H. died at twenty-two years of age while a student at State College; Olive Linnette died when eight years old; Cyril H. is a student in Susquehanna University; and Carl W. is at home.

J A. SNYDER, of Middleburg, Snyder county, is making an enviable reputation in journalistic work as the editor of the *News Item*, a weekly paper, well-known as an organ of the Democratic party in Snyder county. For about four years he has been the sole proprietor of this enterprise, having purchased his former partner's interest, and at present he is also publisher of the *Search Light*, a monthly devoted to the work of the Christian Endeavor Society in that county.

The Snyder family is one of the oldest in this section, our subject's great-grandfather, John Snyder, having come from Germany at a very early date to locate in what is now West Perry township, Snyder county, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-six. Among his children was a son John, our subject's grandfather, who resided in that vicinity all his life, and became noted as a local preacher in the United Brethren Church. Henry Snyder, the father of our subject, was one of six children, and was born in West Perry township, in 1842. He occupies the old homestead, and has been engaged in agricultural work for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Ellen Graybill, was born in Juniata county, Penn., and is still living. They have had ten children: J. A., Clayton, Phoebe, Emory, William, Edward, Samuel, Annie, Grace, and Rena.

J. A. Snyder was born June 12, 1866, at the old home in West Perry township, and was educated in the schools of Freeburg. He then taught for about six years, but in 1888 he helped to establish the *News Item*, and entered upon a journalistic career. In 1893 he bought the entire business, and has since edited and published the paper with marked success. Being a staunch Democrat in political faith, the paper reflects his ideas, and it exerts a decided influence in the community.

In 1890 Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Minerva Bowers, a native of Mifflinburg, Penn., born April 24, 1865. Three children have blessed this union: Margaret, Emily, and Dorothy. Mr. Snyder and his wife are prominent, socially, and he is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.

PROF. J. I. WOODRUFF, A. M. The work of a faithful educator has a value that cannot be estimated, for, however clearly its immediate effects may be seen and appreciated, there are lasting results of an indirect but potent kind starting from each pupil as a center of influence, and radiating without limit through an unending future. Truly there is no more useful position than that held by the teacher whose every word and act affects permanently the plastic material with which he deals, and whose unconscious influence has even greater power to raise or lower the character of his pupils.

In Professor Woodruff, who occupies the chair of Latin and English in Susquehanna University, at Selins Grove, we find an ideal teacher, untiring, conscientious and devoted to the best interests of the institutions and of the students committed to his instruction. He is a man who believes that the works of genius are the result of hard work and application rather than of some unanalyzed and unanalyzable gift of nature, and his own industry shows his faith in the truth of this conviction.

The Professor was born near Selins Grove, November 24, 1864, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Woodruff. The Woodruff family came to this country from England in our Nation's early history. The first representative of the family who located in Snyder county was John Woodruff. He was the father of two children: Fanny and Elijah. Elijah was married to Miss Elizabeth Keller, and unto them were born four children, who reached mature age: Susan, Hannah, Maria, and Henry. Henry, the only son, thus being the only male representative of the third generation. He, at the age of twenty-two, was married to Barbara E. Klingler, and their eldest living child is the subject of this sketch. In all, there are living of this family: John I., Emma K. (married to Charles Dinius), Mary J. (married to Charles Shultz), Charles H., Carrie E., and George C. About two years ago Mr. Henry Woodruff died, aged fifty-seven years. The mother is still living.

Life on a farm during boyhood afforded Prof. Woodruff wholesome physical exercise, while the neighboring district school supplied his growing intelligence with the means of development. At eighteen he was prepared to take charge of a similar school, and for two years he taught in his native county, but a longing for more thorough and extended education prevented him from remaining upon that level. In 1885 he entered the Sub-Freshman class at Missionary Institute, and he was graduated from this institution in 1888. The next fall he entered the Junior class

at Bucknell University, and two years later received his diploma from the classical department. Immediately after leaving college he was elected principal of the Friends' Normal Institute at Rising Sun, Md. This, being a classical school of high grade, called upon every resource of the young professor, but Mr. Woodruff proved himself equal to the occasion, and conducted the school to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The following year he was called upon to take charge of the Mifflintown Academy, which position he resigned after one year, to accept the professorship of Latin and English in Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University. With the exception of a brief intermission he has been in this institution ever since. Under his judicious management the Latin and English courses have been much strengthened and increased; and it is certain that so long as such men are retained in the Faculty of the Susquehanna University we need not fear for her prosperity. Personally he is much liked as a friend and helper, and his work has won the good will and respect of his colleagues.

The Professor is actively interested in Church and Sunday-school work, and is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Selins Grove. While in college he became identified with the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and he has since joined the Good Templars, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Masonic fraternity. In 1892 he was married to Miss Anna M. Moyer, daughter of Henry Moyer, of Salem, Penn. They have one child living, Ralph Waldo, and one passed from earth in infancy.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY. Situated in the quaint but beautiful town of Selins Grove, on the banks of the historic Susquehanna, is a comparatively young but growing institution, bearing the name of the stream that flows by its side. Although having struggled along in the early years of its existence on few and slender endowments, it has modestly worked its way against adverse circumstances until at present, while still somewhat hampered by narrow means, it is justly claiming the attention and recognition of the friends of higher Christian education.

The university, first denominated Missionary Institute, was endowed and established to meet a special and peculiar need in the Lutheran Church. Thus when founded in 1858 by Rev. Benjamin Kurtz, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., it was virtually a theological seminary designed to train men, irrespective of age or domestic ties,

for the Lutheran ministry. In connection with the theological course, at the same time, was offered, for their better intellectual equipment, a short classical training.

At the death of the founder, Dr. Kurtz, Rev. Henry Zeigler, D. D., who with the co-operation of the good people of Selins Grove, was also an active instrument in the establishment of the school, was made the head of the theological department. He was assisted in his work by Dr. Peter Born, who had been elected principal of the classical department in 1859.

Owing to the misleading name by which the institution had been designated, the classical course was pursued by few outside of those preparing for the ministry. In consequence this important department of the school made but slow progress until 1882. At this time Dr. J. R. Dimm, an earnest educator, was invited to assume the principalship. Having no responsibility in regard to the theological work, which was then earnestly prosecuted by Drs. Born and Yutzy, he directed his efforts exclusively to the extension and elevation of his department. His labors soon effected an increase in the teaching force and in the number of students.

It required but a few years for the institution to outgrow its former equipments, and the eminently successful work which it had accomplished soon gained the ear of the Church for its crying needs. Up to the year 1894 the curriculum had prepared students for the Junior class in the various colleges surrounding. In June of that year, however, the board of directors, realizing the increment of good that would follow increased facilities, extended the course to that of a full college, and at once put forth strenuous efforts to sustain it. The name was changed to the more appropriate one it now bears; new professors were added; and, at the cost of over \$20,000 a commodious new building was erected. This edifice known as Gustavus Adolphus Hall, contains a chapel, recitation rooms, library, reading rooms, society halls, etc.; and the old building (Selins Grove Hall), remodeled and furnished with modern conveniences, serves as a dormitory.

A new chemical and physical laboratory has recently been added which greatly facilitates the study of the sciences. Thus, with a gymnasium and a young ladies' dormitory assuming definite proportions in the minds of the Alumni and friends of the Institution, it bids fair to be able to meet in the near future all the requirements of a modern, well-equipped university.

The teaching force of the school now numbers seven able professors, with Dr. Dimm as

president, three instructors and a teacher of music and art. Besides these a professor from the town instructs a large number of the young men in glee club and orchestral music.

Four courses of instruction have been arranged and offered to the choice of the students: the Classical, leading to the degree of A. B.; the Latin Scientific, to the degree of B. S.; the Preparatory course, which prepares for college; and the Theological course, which covers a period of three years. These courses have recently undergone a thorough revision; text books are of the latest, and all subjects are presented by the latest and most approved methods.

The expenses of a college course at Susquehanna are reduced to a minimum so as to be within the reach of any plucky young man or woman. The religious element has always been paramount; the professors maintaining that the science or philosophy or mathematics or language, which does not point ultimately to the divine Author of all knowledge, is defective in the very essentials.

Though having lacked the training afforded by a gymnasium hitherto, the physical man has not been neglected. Foot-ball, base-ball, tennis and wheeling receive their due amount of attention, as has been evidenced by the successful foot-ball and base-ball teams placed on the field during the last few years, and by experts in other athletic sports. Literary work stands well upon the list. Two well organized societies afford the students practical training in voice culture and literary development of various kinds. A monthly journal is published by the student body and the Junior class publishes an "Annual."

The board of directors, with Mr. D. K. Ramey as president, the Faculty and friends of Susquehanna are constantly striving to increase her usefulness. Taking all things into consideration, her future looks exceedingly bright, and we unhesitatingly predict for her a long and useful career in the cause of higher Christian education.

REV. WILLIAM M. LANDIS, pastor of Christ Reformed Church of Beaver Springs, Snyder county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring April 17, 1836, in Springfield township, Bucks county, and is of German descent. His grandfather, Jacob Landis, spent his last years in Lehigh county, and followed the occupation of farming in Saucon township, where he died at a ripe old age. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, and a Whig in politics. In his family were several children.

William Landis was born in Springfield township, Bucks county, received a good German education, and also devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits throughout life. For several years he owned and operated a farm in his native county, and then sold and removed to Saucon township, Lehigh Co., Penn., where he purchased a farm and flouring mill, conducting the same until his death in 1870. He had married Miss Catharine Moyer, also a native of Lehigh county, and a daughter of Peter Moyer, an agriculturist. Her death occurred in 1863. The following children were born of this union: Hannah, now the widow of Charles Weaver, of Bucks county; Rebecca, wife of Benjamin Jacoby, of the same county; Sarah, Peter, Reuben, Catharine, Caroline, all deceased; and William M., our subject. The parents were both faithful members of the Reformed Church, and were held in high esteem by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. The father gave his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party.

During his boyhood and youth William M. Landis was provided with school privileges, such as were afforded in the public schools of Lehigh county, and later the Fredericks Institute of Montgomery county, Penn., where he prepared for college. Having a strong desire from early boyhood to enter the ministry, he in 1861 became a student in the Mercersburg Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1863 and was licensed in February, 1864, and in June, 1865, he was ordained. From that time to the present his life has been dedicated to the work of the Church, and to preaching the Gospel which God had called him to do. He has been a missionary in every sense of the word, and, in the four charges he served, new churches were built, and old ones remodeled under his supervision during his thirty-two years of ministerial work. Success has crowned his efforts, and the congregations of which he had charge were left by him in a most flourishing condition.

At the age of twenty-nine Rev. Landis accepted his first charge in Harmony, Butler Co., Penn., where he spent six years laboring among his people and attending to their spiritual wants. He greatly improved the church property, and, by his efforts and God's blessings, added a number to the fold. In 1871 he received a call from a Church in Lykens Valley, Dauphin Co., Penn., and here he displayed his ability as an organizer. He built a church and also a parsonage in the town of Lykens costing \$4,000, and added quite a number of members to the congregation. He was next located at Rebersburg, Centre Co., Penn.,

where he faithfully labored for eleven years, during which time he erected three churches, two brick and one frame, the aggregate cost of which was \$14,000. In 1883 he was called to his present charge, and, during the fourteen years of his pastorate here, he has erected five new churches—a brick edifice at Beaver Springs, costing \$6,000; a brick one at Troxelville, costing the same amount, and a frame one in Decatur township, Mifflin county. He has also built a fine parsonage at Beaver Springs, which is second to none in the county. Here he attended to the spiritual wants of five congregations. Long and faithfully he has labored in the Master's vineyard, and not only has the love and respect of his own people, but is held in high regard by all who know him. In 1865, in Lehigh county, Rev. Landis was united in marriage with Miss Amelia R. Basler, a native of Montgomery county, Penn., and a daughter of Rev. H. S. Basler, also a minister of the Reformed Church. They have become the parents of three children, namely: William H. completed his education in the Franklin Marshall Seminary, of Lancaster, Penn., where he graduated with the degree of M. A. He was ordained a minister of the Reformed Church in 1893, and is now located in Saxony, Bedford Co., Penn. Addie M. is at home. Augustine C. is a cornice maker now living in Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES K. DAVIS (deceased), late a prominent citizen of Selins Grove, Penn., and a business man well and most favorably known throughout Snyder county as a successful business man, and a self-made one, was born November 22, 1815, in Chapman township, Snyder county. The Davis family traces their lineage to one Jenkin Davis, who came to America about 1700, and died in 1747. His daughter, Catherine, married Reese Davis (who came to America about 1719), and their son David Davis married Jane Edwards, by whom he had a son, John, who married Lydia Keemer, and their son, James Keemer (1), was the father of our subject.

James K. Davis (1) was a native of Virginia, born near Winchester. He was one of the old innkeepers of Snyder county. He was three times married, his first wife being Mary Weitzel, to which union was born a daughter, Charlotte, who married John Byers, both of whom are now deceased. His second marriage was with Agnes Selin, which was blessed with seven children, namely: Selin and Lydia died in youth; James K., our subject, is referred to farther on; Catherine married a Mr. McLanahan; Mary married

Col. Henry C. Eyer; Cordelia married George Schnure; and Agnes married Franklin Spyker, of Lewisburg, Penn.; all are now deceased. The third wife of the father of these children was Margaret Hummel, and to the marriage were born five children.

James K. Davis, whose name opens this review, received but a limited education, attending only the district schools, and then not more than two months each year. He remained at home until nearly twenty years of age assisting his father about the hotel, attending to the stable and making himself generally useful. He often said that the first money he ever made was earned by blacking boots. On leaving home he went to Harrisburg, Penn., where for some years he was a clerk for a stage line which was operated between Williamsport and Harrisburg. On his return from Harrisburg he was employed in the post office at Selins Grove, and later became the postmaster. Then for a time he clerked in the store of George Schnure. Later on, in 1845, he began a business career as partner with his employer under the firm name of Davis & Schnure. He was saving, and lived economically, so that in 1848, when he was married, he had some \$600. The firm had a general store at Selins Grove, and in connection with it carried on a grain business until in 1858 when they sold the business to Capt. Charles S. Davis, a half-brother of one of the firm, and Louis R. Hummel, the latter being the present postmaster of Selins Grove. Prior to and at this time Selins Grove was a great shipping point, and for years our subject in connection with his partner did a large business and made money. Mr. Davis was possessed of good business tact, and had a successful business career. He accumulated considerable means, at the time of his death owning four fine farms. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Selins Grove in 1870, holding stock in the same, and was its president from November 6, 1889, until January, 1894, when, owing to poor health, he resigned this position. Politically he was first a Democrat, but when the war issue arose he became a Republican, and an active and earnest one. He was an influential man both in party and in citizenship. He was United States deputy provost marshal for Snyder county in 1864 and 1865; member of the board of revenue commissioners for the State of Pennsylvania in the winter of 1859-60; was appointed postmaster of Selins Grove by Amos Kendall, Postmaster-General, November 7, 1836, and served four years, succeeding Mathew Coan, Esq. He had some complimentary offices, be-



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ing correspondent of Snyder county under the Department of Agriculture, Frederick Watts being the commissioner. In religious faith he was a Lutheran.

The following are resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the First National Bank of Selins Grove on the death of Mr. Davis, which occurred on September 4, 1894:

But few, perhaps, had better opportunities of knowing him than his colleagues at the board and to know his great worth. He always took a deep interest in the affairs of this bank and an active part in all that related to its welfare and prosperity. He aimed always to be just through his conscientious convictions of duty and right, and by this rule gauged the conduct of his life. Therefore, Resolved—that in the death of James K. Davis our board has lost one of its best members, and the community a citizen endeared to them by a life of usefulness, from youth to old age, spent in their midst. Second, That we tender to the family of our deceased friend our warmest sympathy in their bereavement, knowing that the struggle to be up under it cometh from Him who is too wise to err. Third, That we bow to the irrevocable mandates of an all-wise Providence, and in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death we should be aroused to a sense of our true condition and at all times be prepared, for "in such an hour as we think not the Son of Man cometh." Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of our deceased friend.

Following is from resolutions prepared by a committee from the board of directors of the First National Bank of Sunbury:

The board of directors of the First National Bank of Sunbury has learned with profound regret and deepest sorrow of the death of James K. Davis, Esq., one of their oldest and most honored members; our loss is the more marked because of his close personal relation with each one of us, and our admiration, for many years, of his exalted virtues. The board, therefore, meets to express their deep sense of this affliction and to make appropriate record of the life and standing of the deceased, and to tender to the family their heartfelt sympathy. Bound to us as he was by every tie of friendship and personal business relations of the board, covering a very long period of years, we find it difficult to properly express the sorrow we all deeply feel at his taking away. His wide financial policy, his sound reasoning, his ability to look far into the future, in many of his business matters coming before the board, gave his opinion the highest respect from us all. He was entirely worthy of our highest esteem while he was a member of the board, and now that in course of nature he has paid the debt, which each one must in time pay, and has entered into the life beyond the grave, it is fitting that we, his fellow-members of the board, whose relations here were so pleasant, should perhaps more than others record his conscientious performance of every duty that devolved upon him. Saddened that we shall see his face no longer among us; sorrowing that it is no longer our pleasure to meet with him in our board, we know that he has left to us a valuable inheritance; ever kind and considerate, pure and conscientious, upright and dignified; the record of a long and useful life is before us when we examine the minutes of the board—the pleasant recollections of the past, together with his useful life and most excellent example, comfort us.

On January 31, 1843, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Agnes D. Swineford, and the marriage was blessed with four children, one of whom survives: Harry E., a coal operator of Sunbury, a sketch of whom immediately follows.

Mrs. Davis, who was a woman of rare gifts

of mind and heart, contributed greatly to her husband's success in life. She was born October 23, 1821, at Middleburg, Penn., of German descent on the paternal side. Her father, the late Jacob Swineford, of Middleburg, was a drover by occupation, and was murdered on the night of July 4, 1826, at Lebanon, Penn., where he had just sold all but fifty in a drove of 380 sheep. It is believed the crime was committed by persons who knew of this transaction. Mr. Swineford met at the hotel an old acquaintance, a Mr. Greenwalt, and they walked out together on Hill street. When opposite an alley they were attacked by three men, and Mr. Greenwalt, who was knocked down twice, finally succeeded in getting away. As he escaped he called out to Mr. Swineford to run also, but a few moments later some boys passing the spot found a man lying on the ground. A light was brought, and Mr. Swineford was recognized, but he was in the agonies of death and expired almost immediately. Arrests were made, but no convictions followed, and the names of the murderers will probably never be known. His wife, Susan Sailor, a native of Lancaster county, died in Juniata county, Penn., when about fifty years old. They had six children: (1) Robert was in early life a traveling salesman, and later owned a clothing store in Selins Grove. He married Miss Selin, of that city, and his death occurred there. (2) Harriet married a Mr. Brock, and died in Peoria, Ill. (3) Absalom (deceased), an attorney at law, resided near New Berlin, Penn. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Ann Laschelles, daughter of a prominent lawyer of that town, was drowned in the Johnstown flood while coming back from a visit to a son in St. Louis, Mo. The son's wife; whose father, Mr. Wolfe, was on the editorial staff of the *St. Louis Republic*, was also drowned, her body being found in a cellar after the flood subsided. (4) Barbara married Walter App, and removed to Juniata county, Penn. (5) Agnes D. is the widow of our subject. (6) John married a Miss Hilbish, and died in Iowa.

Returning to the Selin family into which James K. Davis, the father of our subject, married: Agnes Selin, his wife, was a daughter of Anthony Selin, who served as major in the war of the Revolution. He was the founder of the town of Selins Grove. He came to this country from Switzerland. His wife was Agnes Snyder, a sister of Simon Snyder, once governor of Pennsylvania, and their children were Anthony and Agnes. Anthony Selin was a member of the Society of Cincinnati. His grandson, Harry E. Davis, of Sunbury, has the certificate of membership signed by George Washington, as presi-

dent of the society, at Mount Vernon, January 2, 1784. Its holder at that time, Major Anthony Selin, was a captain in General Hagen's regiment and by brevet a major. A camp kettle carried by him is now in the possession of H. D. Schnure, of Selins Grove.

HENRY EYER DAVIS, a prominent citizen of Sunbury, and one of the most enterprising, progressive and broad-gauged business men of central Pennsylvania, is a native of Selins Grove, Snyder Co., this State.

Born June 7, 1845, Mr. Davis is the grandson of Major Anthony Selin, a patriot of the Revolution and the founder of Selins Grove, and the son of the late James K. Davis, of Selins Grove, a sketch of whom appears above, and elsewhere will be found a sketch of our subject's brother, who in his lifetime was a leading member of the Sunbury Bar. Our subject, therefore, is not the only member of the Davis and Selin family who has conspicuously achieved distinction. He was educated in the public schools and in Selins Grove Missionary Institute. He was always a bright and industrious boy. At the age of twenty years he began his business career, and has been active in affairs ever since. His first experience was as clerk in a store in his native town, in which position he served one year. Then he removed to Meadville, Penn., where he obtained a position in a large retail dry-goods store, and remained a year. In 1867 he entered the First National Bank of Sunbury, Penn., the most extensive institution of its kind in that section. He remained there some years, and mastered every detail of the business. But the arduous nature of the work impaired his health, and he was compelled to relinquish the position and seek employment of a less confining character.

In 1871 he became the representative of Hall Brothers & Co., a Baltimore firm, which was the sole agent for the sale of anthracite coal mined by the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company and the Lykens Valley Coal Company. His district embraced Pennsylvania and the West, and his office was located in Sunbury. He held this important relation to the business interests of his community for ten years. At the expiration of that time he severed his connection with the firm which he had served so long, so faithfully and so well, and went into the business of buying and shipping anthracite coal on his own account. The venture met with gratifying success from the outset, and has been prosecuted with characteristic energy ever since. Some

years ago he added to his business the industry of mining and shipping bituminous coal from mines which he acquired in Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Davis has always been one of the most progressive citizens of his adopted home, and every enterprise which promises the promotion of the business and the development of the material interests of the community has found in him a willing promoter. He was one of the promoters and for a number of years president of the Sunbury and Northumberland Street railway, an enterprise which is of great benefit to the business of Sunbury. He is president and general manager of the Bethel Coal Co., of Somerset county, Penn.; was one of the promoters and for a number of years a director in the Shamokin, Sunbury and Lewisburg railroad, and a director in the First National Bank of Sunbury, the institution in which he spent several years of his early life. He is also a director in the First National Bank of Selins Grove, Penn., and was one of the foremost promoters and for a number of years president of the Sunbury Electric Light and Power Co.; also one of the promoters and for some years president of the Northumberland Electric Light Co. In addition to that he has always been among the first and most active men in the community to advocate progressive ideas and improvements in the affairs of the town, and many of the advanced steps which mark Sunbury as among the leading towns in the interior of the State are traceable to his enterprise and foresight. He is a trustee of the Mary M. Packer Hospital of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Davis is an active and earnest Democrat. Naturally a man of his progressive spirit would be called on by his party to serve in official capacity, and he has proved himself not only useful, but faithful, in the discharge of municipal functions imposed on him in the town council, the school board and other honorary capacities. He has frequently been delegate to State and County Conventions, and has discharged every trust which he has accepted with scrupulous fidelity and notable intelligence. But he has never consented to take an office of emolument, and to those who have suggested such compliment his invariable answer has been that he had too much business to attend to to sacrifice his time in the discharge of public duties which there were plenty of competent persons willing to assume. But while he thus abstained from political aspirations on his own account, he has always been zealous and active in the advancement of his friends, and thus exercised an important influence in the affairs of the county. Of honorary offices, how-

ever, he has had a full share, and in 1876 the Democrats of Northumberland county named him State Senator, but he readily yielded the district nomination to his friend, Hon. A. H. Dill. When Mr. Dill resigned to become the Democratic candidate for Governor two years later, the eyes of the party naturally turned to Mr. Davis; but he was among the most earnest advocates of the nomination of Hon. S. P. Wolverton. In 1878 he was a member of the State Committee, and in 1880, during the Hancock campaign for the Presidency, was on the Electoral ticket for the Twenty-seventh Congressional District. In 1886 he was one of the secretaries of the Democratic Convention, and was an earnest advocate of the nomination of Hon. William A. Wallace for Governor. He has always been a liberal contributor to the party campaign funds, and is regarded by the Democratic leaders of the State as one of the safest party counselors and most sagacious political advisers. In 1892 Mr. Davis yielded to the wish of his friends and his party, and became the Democratic candidate for State Senator, but was not elected. Commenting on his candidacy the *Milton Record* in October of that year observed:

No man stands higher in the estimation of the citizens of his adopted town. In the prime of a vigorous manhood, honest, generous and faithful to his friends, it is a pleasure to take the warm and sympathetic grasp of his hand. Possessing every qualification requisite to fill this high position in a manner creditable alike to himself and to the diversified interests of the people of the district, he will make an ideal Senator. Energetic and industrious in the pursuit of life, he will be untiring in the duties assigned him in the Senate of the State if the voters of the district are true to themselves and elect him.

On October 13, 1869, our subject was married to Miss Kate C. Haas, a daughter of Henry Haas, for many years proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Sunbury. This was one of the best conducted and most popular hotels in the State, and its landlord was one of Sunbury's most worthy and highly esteemed citizens. To the marriage of Mr. Davis and wife were born three daughters: Annie C., Helen A., now most accomplished ladies, and Annie, who died at the age of ten. The family home is a most comfortable one, from which there is a generous hospitality dispensed, as it is the especial delight of Mr. Davis to entertain strangers visiting Sunbury.

WILLIAM EUGENE HOUSEWORTH, of Selin's Grove, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, teacher, lawyer and author, was there born November 7, 1853.

At an early age Mr. Houseworth learned the printer's trade, but not content with the compos-

ing room, he took upon himself the greater and nobler responsibilities of the school-room, and continued in the work for a period of twelve years. Dr. E. E. Higbee, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania, honored him with a permanent certificate in 1885. From the age of twenty-five up to the present, Mr. Houseworth gave the best part of his time to literary pursuits, particularly on the side of poetry. As a poet, he has few, if any, peers in his native State, and is known throughout Pennsylvania by the nom-de-plume, "The Bard of the Susquehanna." In 1874 he graduated with honors from Susquehanna University, at Selin's Grove. After graduation, he read law with Hon. Charles Hower, was admitted to the Bar in 1880, from which time he has been continuously practicing in the place of his birth, and holds an enviable place in the esteem of his friends and acquaintances.

On March 9, 1880, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Emma Floranda Dietrich, of Hamburg, Berks Co., Penn., at which place she was born September 7, 1861. The following children, all born and residing at Selin's Grove, are the fruits of this marriage: Mary, born February 8, 1881; Fanny Ruth, born September 7, 1882; Benjamin Hawthorne, born June 12, 1884; Lydia Eva, born September 16, 1886, and died April 11, 1888; William Gladstone, born February 13, 1889; Emma Anita, born September 26, 1891; Paul Eugene, born September 19, 1895.

William Eugene Houseworth is naturally endowed with more than ordinary musical as well as poetical gifts, and divides his attention about equally between his law practice and the study of poetry. "The Sage and the Sexton," "The Tramp's Soliloquy," and "The Teacher" are adjudged the best productions from his pen. The lawyer-poet is of German extract. His great-grandfather, Johannes Hauswirth, emigrated to this country, from Rotterdam, Germany, on October 13, 1749. His grandfather, on his father's side, John Hauswirth, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., on October 7, 1769, and died in Selin's Grove, March 25, 1840. His grandmother on his father's side, Elizabeth Hauswirth, whose maiden name was Miller, was born September 30, 1774, and died at Selin's Grove, January 6, 1860. John Jacob Miller was the name of the grandfather on the mother's side, who was born March 9, 1786, and died at Selin's Grove, March 18, 1842. Sarah Miller, whose maiden name was also Miller, his grandmother on his mother's side, was born December 9, 1786, and died at Selin's Grove, June 20, 1879.

His father, Benjamin Houseworth, was born in Union county, Penn., on August 30, 1806, and died June 24, 1878, at Selin's Grove.

Mr. Houseworth's mother, Lydia Houseworth, whose maiden name was Miller, was born in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Penn., April 22, 1810. She was married to Benjamin Houseworth, February 14, 1833. Her death occurred February 9, 1891. The following children, all born at Selin's Grove, were the fruit of their marriage: Utica (now Mrs. B. F. Tanner), born January 20, 1834; Mary Catherine (Mrs. J. Hall), born October 6, 1835, died March 6, 1887; Benjamin Franklin, born December 8, 1837; John Jacob, born April 3, 1842; and William Eugene, the subject of this sketch. The Houseworth family were among the pioneer families of Snyder county, and to their industry and brawn (they all having been carpenters and tradesmen) is attributed more than an equal share, with their other pioneer contemporaries, of the honor due the hardy yeomanry for the goodly heritage left to their posterity, and which they now enjoy and heartily appreciate.

ROBERT MIDDLESWARTH. If it would be impossible to prepare a satisfactory edition of Hamlet without naming the "melancholy Dane," an attempt to give a view of the men who have been and are prominent in the development of this section with no mention of the Middleswarth family, would be a signal failure.

It was in the year 1792 that John and Martha Middleswarth, the great-grandparents of the well-known citizen whose name appears above, came from New Jersey to make their home at a point on the frontier line in what was then Northumberland county, Penn., but is now included in Beaver township, Snyder county. The pioneers found but few wagon roads through this section, and were obliged to cut their way through the forests and cross deep and dangerous streams without bridges. With Indians for neighbors they cleared a farm in the wilderness, and deer grazed in their fields in friendly company with their cattle. Amid such surroundings, Ner Middleswarth, our subject's grandfather, one of the most distinguished men of his day, grew to manhood, having accompanied his parents to their new home when he was about ten years old. He was born during the Revolutionary war, and was five years of age when the Constitution of the United States was adopted. His existence dates back to the birth of our country, and passes on through the war of 1812, the Mexican war and the war of the Rebellion. He lived during the administration of sixteen Presi-

dents, viz.: Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Monroe, J. Q. Adams, Jackson, Van-Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Polk, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan and Lincoln. In 1813, when he was aged thirty years, Union county was formed, and in 1855, when he was seventy-two years old, Snyder county was erected. He passed through two county division campaigns, of which the erection of Snyder out of Union was the most exciting one in which all public men participated. Beavertown was laid out in 1810 when he was twenty-eight years old, and he was a resident there in 1827. When he was thirty-two years old, the war of 1812 with Great Britain commenced. James Madison was President of the United States, and Simon Snyder was Governor of Pennsylvania. He raised a company, became captain and was assigned to the 8th Penn's Rifles. In 1814 he raised another company, became captain, marched to Marcus Hook, where they were stationed awaiting orders to face the enemy, the regiment being under Col. Uhl, with Gen. Cadwalader as division commander.

In 1815, after the close of the war, he was elected to the Legislature of Pennsylvania and was re-elected thirteen times, serving fourteen terms, from 1815 to 1841. He was twice elected Speaker of the House. In 1848 he represented his district in the Senate of Pennsylvania, filling the unexpired term of Dr. Jacob Wagenseller, who died after serving two years. In 1851 he was the Whig nominee for Canal Commissioner of Pennsylvania, and received 487 more votes in Union county than Gen. Irvin, the nominee for Governor. This flattering vote was an evidence of his popularity among the people who had known him from his infancy. The Pennsylvania Canal was built in 1828 when he was a member of the Legislature, and the large vote polled for Mr. Middleswarth for Canal Commissioner induced his party to nominate him for State Treasurer in 1852. His name was often mentioned as a suitable person to be elected governor, and he could have secured the nomination had he desired it. In the year 1853 he was elected a member of the Thirty-third Congress of the United States, serving with acceptance the term of two years. After the formation of Snyder county, in 1855, he was elected a county auditor with Francis A. Boyer, Sr., and Henry W. Snyder, a son of Gov. Snyder, popular and leading men of the county. After serving three years as auditor he was elected, in 1858, an associate judge of the county, serving a full term of five years. He was a public servant a period of twenty-seven years, and if we add to this the time he served in the war it will be about

thirty years, the period allotted to one generation of man. He was executor, administrator and guardian for many estates in his locality which required much of his time, besides being frequently consulted in matters of public and private business, and being a lover of peace he frequently settled quarrels among neighbors, thus preventing many lawsuits.

His successful career seems the more remarkable when we consider that his schooling must have been very limited. When he arrived at the age of manhood, schools were still kept in private houses where English and German reading were taught. This fact is conclusive evidence that when he was a youth, if they had schools in the locality where he lived, they were of a very inferior kind and of short duration, and according to one authority he never attended school but six days in his life. Private study and keen observation enabled him to secure an excellent education, and he was a fluent speaker in the German and English languages, his addresses on political and other topics being listened to with interest by large crowds of people. As a presiding officer he was dignified, and he displayed a complete mastery of parliamentary rules. His public position brought him in contact with educated and refined people, and he was a man of polished manners when in the society of the refined. His appearance and manner would attract the attention of those not personally acquainted with him, and he would impress a stranger as being more than an ordinary man. During his Congressional term he was elected an honorary member of a number of literary societies in connection with different colleges and academies in Pennsylvania. He would always acknowledge these honors in neatly and properly worded replies, and he would also forward useful public documents as contributions to their libraries. He had an extensive correspondence with his patrons when he was a member of Congress, being then seventy-two years of age with his mental faculties unimpaired, and the family now possess a number of letters requesting him to attend to various businesses in all the public departments at Washington. Among them are letters from Gov. Porter, Gov. Curtin, Gov. Miller, of Wisconsin, Judge Walls, Gov. Pollock, Judge Shindel, Dr. Hottenstein, Samuel Pawling, and many others too numerous to mention.

His was a busy life from infancy to youth, from youth to manhood, from manhood to old age. He was a living illustration of the proverb of Solomon: "He that driveth with a slack hand becometh poor, but the hand of the diligent maketh rich." He acquired extensive real estate,

on which were erected grist, saw and paper mills, and distilleries, and much of his property is still owned by his descendants. While he was not a Church member he was a believer in Christianity, and contributed to the Lutheran Church at Beavertown, to which several of his family belonged. He died in June, 1865, aged eighty-two years, four months and twenty days, and his wife Christiana passed away some time before. They had the following children: John, who married Elizabeth Fall; Mary, Mrs. Jacob Howell; Moses, who married Eliza Hontz; Abner, our subject's father; Aaron J., who married Harriet Oyginger; Abraham R., who married Elizabeth Bubb; Merib, Mrs. Jacob Feese; Jacob, who married Sarah Bubb; Martha, Mrs. John S. Smith; Sarah, wife of Reuben Klose; and Matilda, Mrs. Peter Rigel.

Abner Middleswarth, the father of our subject, was born about 1815 at the old homestead in Beaver township, and in his youth learned the tanner's trade at Beavertown, under Henry Dreese. After working for three or four years at this business he engaged in milling above Beavertown, continuing about eight years. In 1847 he removed to a farm near Troxelville belonging to his father and now owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch, but subsequently he located upon what is known as the "paper-mill property" above Adamsburg. His last years were spent in the same vicinity in the little town called Peola, which he named. He was a leading Republican, and at times held office, but was not a seeker after political honors. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and for many years he served as deacon in the Church. His death occurred on September 17, 1889, aged seventy-four years, ten months and twenty days, and his remains now rest in the cemetery at Adamsburg. His estimable wife, Sophia, a daughter of Henry Bickel, survived him and attained the advanced age of eighty-two years. Their children were: Henry J., now a resident in Pawnee county, Kans.; Robert, our subject; Susan, widow of Michael Smith, of western Nebraska; Elmira, Mrs. William Ewing, of Spring township, Snyder county; Abram, now of Denver, Colo.; Miss Lizzie, residing in Colorado; and John, a resident of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania.

Robert Middleswarth, the subject proper of this biography, was born August 12, 1839, at Beavertown, and his education was begun there with William Frederick as his first teacher. During his boyhood his parents removed to his present farm, and from that time his schooling consisted of only a few weeks in each winter. Having been reared to farm work, he has always

continued it. On arriving at manhood he rented the old home for seven years, but in 1880 he purchased the place from his father. It contains 150 acres of choice land, and he has made many improvements since taking charge. He owns another tract of ten acres, and also has a half-interest in a threshing machine. At present he gives but little attention to business, personally, his tenants managing the farm, but he has been an active worker, his strength having been remarkable in his youth. As a business man he is shrewd and far-seeing, and he ranks among the substantial citizens of the locality, while his fair dealing in all transactions has won him the respect and esteem of every one. He is a staunch Republican, but has invariably declined to accept a place on the ticket, his impaired hearing being a hindrance.

At the age of twenty-two years he was married to Miss Lydia Hassinger, who was born in Beaver township, Snyder county, in 1841, the daughter of Joseph Hassinger. Two children have blessed their union. David, a merchant at Troxelville, is married and has one child, Neoma; and Jeannette, who married William H. Fetterolf, of Adams township, Snyder county, to whom has been born a daughter, Annie. Mr. Middleswarth and his wife are both members of the Lutheran Church, and take a prominent part in religious work. Fraternally, he belongs to the K. G. E., at Adamsburg.

Our subject has always been, and is now, exceedingly fond of hunting, fishing and trapping, and many a night, darkness having overtaken him, he has slept in the mountains tributary to the Alleghanies, with only a pine knot as a pillow, a rock as his sheet and the blue sky as his cover. Scores of deer and bear have fallen under the unerring aim of his trusty rifle; he is a fine marksman with a steady nerve and a keen eye, and has a great store of knowledge of the habits and characteristics of birds and wild animals.

NATHAN T. DUNDORE, a leading farmer and business man of Union township, Snyder county, has for a number of years been the popular postmaster of Dundore, which office was named in his honor. He was born April 29, 1840, in Bern township, Berks county, Penn., and is the only representative of the family in Snyder county. In 1881 there was completed an extensive genealogical record of the Dundore family, by Nathan Dundore, of Philadelphia, who in his introductory remarks mentions several gentlemen to whom he was indebted for assistance, including our subject.

Mr. Dundore is a representative of the fifth generation of the family in the United States, being descended from Jacob and Anna M. (Wendelbrecht) Dunder (as the name was then spelled), who were married about 1745, in Germany, their native land. They were probably born in one of the Rhine provinces, and in 1748 immigrated to America, locating permanently in Berks county, Penn., near Host Church. In 1771 he bought a farm east of Bernville, but continued to reside for several years on his farm in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and finally removed to the former place, where he died May 12, 1789. He was born July 25, 1720. His wife survived him for some time.

Of their family of nine children, John, the eldest son and third child, was born March 20, 1751, and died October 14, 1823. He married Catharine Geiss, who was born December 23, 1753, and died January 12, 1827. Of the nine children born to them, John, the third son and child, was born June 30, 1780, and died April 14, 1858. He was twice married, first, to Elizabeth Kline, who was born March 30, 1783, and died April 14, 1812, leaving five children: Samuel K., the father of our subject; Rebecca; Isaac; Polly and Mary. After the death of his first wife, John Dundore married her sister Christiana Kline, who was born February 8, 1794, and died April 5, 1861. Five children grace that union.

Samuel K. Dundore was born April 27, 1805, and on the 29th of January, 1830, was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Tobias, who was born January 10, 1809. They continued to reside in Berks county, where the father died December 18, 1857, and was buried at Zion Church cemetery, while his wife died April 26, 1875, and was laid to rest in Haag cemetery. Their children were as follows: Aaron; Catharine; Aaron T.; Nathan T., of this review; Cornelius T.; and Samuel T.

Reared in the county of his nativity, Nathan T. Dundore obtained his early education in its country schools, where he learned readily and progressed rapidly. At the age of nineteen he entered the Union Seminary, at New Berlin, Penn., where he pursued his studies for a time, and subsequently took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which institution he graduated. Previous to this he had taught school in Berks county during the winter of 1861-2, and on January 1, 1864, he went to Philadelphia to accept a position as bookkeeper for the wholesale hardware firm of Smith & Seltzer, where he remained until March, 1866.

In the meantime, on April 6, 1865, Mr. Dun-

dore was married to Miss Maria Witmer, of Union township, Snyder county, with whom he became acquainted while attending Union Seminary. She was born July 28, 1843, and is a daughter of ex-Associate Judge Daniel Witmer, and his wife, Catharine Herrold. The Judge is now deceased, having passed away in December, 1890.

In the spring of 1866, Mr. Dundore formed a partnership with his father-in-law, in the mercantile business, and together they conducted a store at what is now Dundore, until the latter's death, since which time our subject has been alone in business. He carries a well-selected stock to meet the demands of his customers, and besides conducting his store he is also successfully engaged in general farming. In September, 1869, he was appointed postmaster, a position which he still fills to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a staunch Republican and strong Protectionist, and though he takes a keen interest in public affairs, he is no politician in the sense of office-seeking, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. Being a great reader, he is well posted on the questions and issues of the day, and is in a position to make an intelligent choice of political parties. As he is a strong friend of public education, he has efficiently served as school director in his township, and probably no man in the community has done as much to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of his township or county.

In February, 1862, Mr. Dundore united with the Evangelical Association, but since 1891 he has been one of the most active and prominent members and substantial supporters of the United Evangelical Church. For fourteen years he was superintendent of the Sabbath-school, has always been active in its work, and has been a delegate to a number of State and county Sunday-school conventions. He was also a delegate to the first General Conference of the United Evangelical Church, which was held at Naperville, Ill., November and December, of 1894, and the following year was a delegate to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, held at York, Penn., where he was appointed trustee of the Central Pennsylvania College, at New Berlin, Penn. The Witmer United Evangelical Church was built on a portion of his farm, which comprises 300 acres of excellent land, and he laid out the beautiful cemetery connected with the church. He has ever been a liberal contributor to all enterprises tending to advance the interests of the community, and is recognized as one of its most valued and influential citizens.

P SCOTT RITTER, sheriff of Snyder county, is an able and popular official, and is regarded as one of the influential Republicans of this section. He was born April 16, 1862, at Kratzerville, Snyder county, where his family has been well known from an early date. His grandparents, John and Elizabeth Ritter, resided there, the latter attaining the advanced age of ninety-three years. In their family were the following children: Catherine, married to Jacob Miller; Sarah, married to John Beachler; Elizabeth, wife of Squire Wagner, of Kratzerville; Mary, who became the second wife of the same gentleman; John, Daniel, Elias, all three deceased; Louis; Samuel and H. J.

The late H. J. Ritter, our subject's father, was born near Kratzerville, January 3, 1832, and remained there for some time after his marriage, removing finally to Shamokin Dam, Penn., where he died December 31, 1886. In early life he was a merchant, but his last years were spent in agricultural pursuits. He was a man of excellent character, a member of the Lutheran Church, and was held in high esteem among his associates. His wife, whose maiden name was Veronica Wagner, was born near Selins Grove, August 14, 1835, and is now residing with our subject. She is a daughter of William and Christiana (Beaver) Wagner, and on her mother's side is descended from the noted pioneer family of which ex-Gov. Beaver is a member. Our subject was the eldest of seven children. Of the others, Heber died in infancy; Irene married W. G. Morris, of Mt. Carmel, Penn.; H. L. resides at Nuremburg, Penn.; Daniel P. is a shipping clerk at Sunbury, but lives at Shamokin Dam, Penn.; Cora died in infancy; and Miss Katie I. resides with our subject.

Mr. Ritter began his education in the public schools of Shamokin Dam, and afterward studied at Selins Grove for a few terms, acquiring a good practical training as a preparation for life's duties. He taught school successfully for five terms, and then clerked in a store at Shamokin Dam for nine years. In the meantime he became an active and efficient worker in the local Republican organization, and in recognition of his ability and popularity he was nominated to his present office, and was duly elected. His nomination was the result of an appeal to the people at a primary, and, as the first contest ended in a tie, the matter was again referred to the people, who made him their choice by a decisive majority.

On October 16, 1888, Mr. Ritter was married to Miss Abbie A. Hottenstein, daughter of I. R. and Abigail (Thompson) Hottenstein, in whose family were six children besides Mrs.

Ritter, as follows: H. P., William J., Isaac L., Elija R., Mary E. (twin sister of Mrs. Ritter) and Carrie T. The father of this family was a son of Dr. Isaac Hottenstein, one of the most prominent physicians in central Pennsylvania; he died February 7, 1895. The mother passed away on December 6, 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. Ritter have been born four children: Anna P., Harry R., Rachel M. and one that died in infancy.

Socially Mr. Ritter is identified with the P. O. S. A., in which organization he held the office of District President, and he is a member of the Lutheran Church, with which his family has been connected for generations.

JAMES KEEMER DAVIS, JR. (deceased), who in his lifetime was a prominent member of the Sunbury Bar, and one of the leading citizens of the city, descended from one of the old families of this Commonwealth and a pioneer of this locality.

Major Anthony Selin, his great-grandfather, was a patriot of the war of the Revolution, coming to this country from Switzerland. He was the founder of Selins Grove, Snyder county. His wife, Agnes Snyder, was a sister of ex-Gov. Snyder, of Pennsylvania.

Born October 14, 1843, at Selins Grove, James K. Davis, the third bearing that name, was the son of the late James K. Davis, a leading citizen and business man of Selins Grove, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. At the age of eighteen, young Davis entered Allegheny College at Meadville, Penn., from which institution he was graduated in 1865. He then came to Sunbury and read law under the instruction of Hon. John B. Packer, and was admitted to the Bar in August, 1867. In January, following, he was also admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth, in Philadelphia. In 1869 he was honored by his *Alma Mater* with the degree of Master of Arts. From 1867 to 1873, Mr. Davis was entrusted with the management of the legal business of his preceptor, the Hon. John B. Packer, while the latter was a representative in Congress. In this Mr. Davis acquitted himself with creditable efficiency. In 1873 he visited South and Central America with the expedition to make examinations and surveys for the proposed route for the Inter-Oceanic canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; he was chief clerk for Capt. Edward Barrett, of the United States ship "Candaigua," during this survey, and his letters home from the various foreign ports are of great

interest to the student, because of their literary excellence and historical value. In 1874 he returned home, making a tour of various Southern States, and in August, 1875, became managing clerk in the law office of S. P. Wolverton, Esq., which position he occupied up to his death June 20, 1881. Mr. Davis possessed legal abilities of a high order, coupled with great energy and business tact. He was a man of positive views, plain and outspoken, but combined all the elements of a thorough gentleman.

On February 13, 1878, our subject was married to Miss Emily A. Haas, daughter of Henry and Catherine C. (Weaver) Haas, both of whom were born in Sunbury. For many years the father was the genial landlord of the "Central Hotel" there, a most hospitable home for the traveling public. Mrs. Davis was one of four daughters born to their parents, namely: Mary E. (Mrs. William R. Dunham), of Philadelphia; Emily A. (Mrs. James K. Davis); Catherine C. (Mrs. Henry E. Davis), of Sunbury; and Jane W. (Mrs. Norman S. Engle), of Sunbury. To the marriage of James K. Davis and wife was born a son, James K., who is now attending The Pennsylvania State College, Centre county.

AM. SMITH, M. D., of Beaver Springs, Snyder county, who has been in successful practice for more than a quarter of a century, might well be content with the professional honors which he has won, yet he has an equally prominent place in other lines of effort, being a leading capitalist, business man and politician of his locality. He has an enviable record as a soldier also, having entered the Union army as a boy of seventeen and served until the close of the war.

Dr. Smith was born February 25, 1846, the eldest son of John S. Smith and his wife Martha Middleworth, daughter of Hon. Ner Middleworth, one of Snyder county's most distinguished citizens. The Doctor was reared upon a farm, and began his education at Riegel's school house, John Doon being his first teacher. Although his father's educational privileges had been limited, or perhaps for that very reason, he had determined to give his children the best advantages possible, and in order to encourage the teachers in this locality he boarded them at his home without charge. When but twelve years old the Doctor entered Union Seminary at New Berlin, Penn., and before he was seventeen he took charge of a school at Port Ann, Penn. In February, 1864, he interrupted his studies to enlist in Company I, 49th P. V. I., and he saw some



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severe fighting during his term of service. His first battle was the engagement in the Wilderness, and July of 1864 was spent in the Shenandoah Valley. The regiment then went to Petersburg, and, after taking part in the operations there, went on to Richmond and was present at Lee's surrender. The Doctor was wounded on April 2, 1865, in a charge, and in a number of battles he showed unusual bravery, for which he was promoted in the spring of 1865 to the rank of corporal. At the close of the war he returned home and resumed his studies in a school at Selins Grove, known as the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna College, where he spent two years and graduated in 1868. That year he began the study of medicine with Dr. I. B. Conrad, of Beavertown, and in the fall of the same year he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1870. Since that time he has been in active practice in Beaver Springs, meeting with marked success from the start. During eighteen years of this time he has been a physician for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and he takes a high place in the various professional organizations, being a member of the American Medical Association, a permanent member of the State Medical Society, and a member of the Snyder County Medical Society, of which he was president for five years. His sound judgment in business affairs is widely recognized, and he is a director in the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and owns a one-half interest in a hotel and business block in Adamsburg. He also operates some iron ore deposits near Adamsburg, furnishing employment to a number of men. A few years ago he built the finest brick residence in Adamsburg, and his real-estate holdings include some excellent farming lands, besides an interest in a tract of pine land in Florida.

The Doctor was married to Miss Alwilda Stetler, of Beavertown, a daughter of George Stetler, and they had one son, Charles G., who, in 1897, graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

On March 14, 1882, Mrs. Smith passed to the unseen life, and the Doctor has since married Miss Carrie Specht, of Beaver Springs, the daughter of J. W. Specht, a wealthy merchant. Dr. Smith and his wife are prominent in social life, and she is an active member of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is a charter member, and for seven years served as commander,

and the Masonic Order—the Blue Lodge at Selins Grove, the Commandery at Lewistown, and the Scottish Rite at Harrisburg. Jovial, liberal and public-spirited, Dr. Smith has a host of friends, including the leading citizens of his locality. His influence is solicited in aid of every movement in his community, and he is especially active in politics. In January, 1898, he was nominated in his county for the State Legislature, defeating W. W. Witmyer, having a majority of 447, and out of 235 votes cast in his township he received 223 of same. Dr. Smith is also pension examiner for Snyder county. It was mostly through his efforts that in October, 1897, the board was appointed, for which he has the thanks of the old veterans of the county. He was a guest at a very elaborate banquet given to Hon. Boies Penrose at Philadelphia, in honor of the latter's election to the United States Senate, and for some time he served as chairman of the Snyder County Republican Committee.

PROF. GEORGE E. FISHER, Ph. B., who now fills the chair of Natural Sciences in Susquehanna University at Selins Grove, is one of the ablest of the young educators of the State. A close student, he is a thorough master of the subjects which he teaches, and his own enthusiasm is an inspiration to even the dullest and idlest student. The value of his work is not to be tested merely by the actual instruction given, though that is of the best, but in the quickening and stimulating influence of his keen and active mentality which produces results that must operate long after his students have left the institution.

Prof. Fisher was born January 17, 1869, in Middlecreek township, Snyder county, near the town of Kreamer, and inherits the name George from his grandfather and great-grandfather. His father, the late Calvin Fisher, was born in 1844 in Penn township, Snyder county, at the old Fisher homestead. The Professor's mother, whose maiden name was Matilda Miller, was born in 1844, and is still living, but the father passed away in 1872. They had six children: Gertrude, who died in 1872, three months after her father's death; Annie, who married Milton Orwig, of Middleburgh, Penn.; George E., our subject; Charles K., a teacher in the public schools of the county; and Foster C., now principal of the academy attached to Susquehanna University, who graduated from the University in 1893, and from Bucknell College in 1896, becoming the principal of the academy in the same year. He is noted for ability as an educator, his

power as a disciplinarian being excellent, and his class work most efficient.

During boyhood the Professor enjoyed the advantages of farm life, strengthening his physique by outdoor exercise; but after the death of his father his mother removed to Salem, Penn., where she has since resided. The public schools near his home furnished the youth with the beginnings of knowledge, but it was not long before his keen and thoughtful mind demanded better and wider opportunities. In the fall of 1884 he entered the Susquehanna University, then Missionary Institute, and during his course there he won the respect of his classmates and teachers for his sterling qualities as a student and a man. After graduation at the end of the Sophomore year at Missionary Institute, he spent one year teaching in the public schools of Penn township, with ability and success, but feeling, however, the need of a complete college course, he entered the Junior class at Bucknell University in the fall of 1889. His work there was marked by the same studiousness that had characterized his work in the former institution, and in 1891 he was graduated from the university with honors.

In the fall of the same year he accepted the principalship of the Friends' Normal Institute, at Rising Sun, Md. After holding this position for one year, he resigned to accept the professorship of Science in Bucknell Academy. In this institution he labored faithfully for four years, endearing himself, by his devotion to his work, to all entrusted to his care and instruction. At the close of the spring term of 1896 the professorship of the Natural Sciences in Susquehanna University became vacant. After careful deliberation, the Board of Directors concluded that Professor Fisher was the proper man for the vacancy, and he was unanimously elected. To him it was a matter of great regret to leave his former position, but his love for his first Alma Mater, and a conviction that a larger field of usefulness was awaiting him, caused him to accept the position he now holds.

To crown all Professor Fisher is an earnest Christian, science and revelation speaking alike of the great First Cause. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and his character is an exemplification of his faith.

C MORRIS SHOWERS, a leading merchant of Centerville, Snyder county, is a man of excellent business ability, and is now the owner of the store in which he clerked when a boy, at

the magnificent salary of seventy-five dollars per year. Pleasant and courteous in manner and honorable in his dealings, he has won the confidence of a large circle of acquaintances and his friends are legion.

Mr. Showers is a member of an old and highly respected family of Juniata county, his great-grandparents, John Adam and Elizabeth (Womer) Showers, having been pioneer residents there. The former attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and for twenty years resided with his son Daniel, his death occurring at Centerville about 1861. Daniel Showers, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Juniata county, in 1803, and as one of a family of fourteen children was obliged to begin work at a very early age. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed cabinet making, and for some time he was engaged in farming in Washington township, Snyder county, where he also conducted the "Summit hotel." After removing to Centerville, in 1848, he bought the "Centerville Hotel," which he managed.

He was a short, heavy-set man, but was not robust, and he died in May, 1858, at the age of fifty-five, his remains being interred at Centerville. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a devout member of the Lutheran Church, as was also his wife, Mary B. Haines, who was born in 1800, in Washington township, Snyder county, and died in March 1854. They had seven children: George W., our subject's father; Elizabeth, who married Frederick Mertz, and died in April, 1879; Margaret J., who married Charles Dieffenderfer, and died at New Columbia, Penn.; Daniel H., who died December 9, 1896, at Philadelphia; Barbara Ellen, now Mrs. Peter Hartman, of Centerville; and Mary and John (twins), of whom the former is now Mrs. J. E. Shenkel, of Centerville, and the latter is a restaurant keeper at Lewisburg.

George W. Showers, the father of our subject, was born July 16, 1831, in Juniata county, and was educated in the subscription schools of that time. During his boyhood his parents located in Centerville, where he became acquainted with the details of carpentering and cabinet making under his father's instructions, while assisting also in hotel work. He was an excellent mechanic, and for many years followed his trade in Centerville. In his later years he carried on a mercantile business there, as a member of the firm of Walter & Showers, and he owned and cultivated a small tract of land in the same vicinity. He gained a comfortable competence, and was held in high esteem as a citizen. Notwithstanding the temptations of hotel

life he was a total abstainer, never under any circumstances indulging in intoxicants or tobacco. In politics he was a Democrat, but beyond being a regular voter he paid little attention to public affairs, although he served creditably as school director. In religious work he took an active part as a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he held the office of deacon. He was of less than medium height, stout, and apparently healthy, but he died very suddenly of apoplexy on May 26, 1878, at the comparative early age of forty-seven years.

On September 14, 1852, George W. Showers was married, in Center township, to Miss Mary Yerger, who was born in that township on June 8, 1830, the daughter of Charles Yerger. The first six years of their married life was spent in a rented house, but later Mr. Showers built a residence. His wife died March 18, 1868, and both were buried at Centerville. He had six children: Elmira J., born April 4, 1853, married Dr. J. F. Kanawell, and died in 1894; C. Morris is the subject of this sketch; William Franklin, born March 31, 1858, died June 15, 1860; Henry A., born August 15, 1860, died April 5, 1865; Lizzie A., born December 17, 1863, is the widow of James M. Miller, of Centerville, and Laura A., twin to Lizzie, married Dr. George C. Mohn, of Laurelton, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born September 25, 1854, at Centerville (Penn's Creek P. O.). He began his education in a building that stood near the present site of the United Evangelical Church, his first teacher being Austin S. Houtz. After availing himself of the somewhat limited privileges of the local schools, he entered Freeburg Academy in 1871, and pursued his studies there for three months. When but thirteen years old he began clerking for Walter & Hartman, general merchants of Centerville, his salary being, as has been said, only seventy-five dollars per year, without board. His school days ended in 1871, and he resumed clerking, which he had followed irregularly during boyhood. For some years he was employed by Walter & Hartman, by Walter & Showers, the firm of which his father was a member, and by Simonton & Showers, and in 1880 he became a partner of Valentine Walter, in the same establishment. In 1882 he became the sole owner of the store, but in 1890 was joined by his brother-in-law, James M. Miller, as a partner. The death of the latter in 1892 caused Mr. Showers to become the sole proprietor again, and he has ever since continued the business alone. He buys and sells produce, and carries a large stock of

merchandise, being the leader in his line in that locality.

On February 24, 1881, Mr. Showers was married to Miss Savilla Walter, who was born July 11, 1860, in Limestone township, Union county, the eldest daughter of Valentine and Susanna (Shaffer) Walter. She is a very intelligent lady and has received more than ordinary educational opportunities. Two sons were born to this union: John C., now a student in Susquehanna University, of Selins Grove, and Ralph W., who is at home. Mr. Showers and his wife are both active members of the Lutheran Church, in which he holds the office of deacon. In politics he adheres in general to the principles of the Democratic party, but on occasions he votes for the best man according to his judgment. He is not an office-seeker, but at present he is serving as a member of the school board. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic order at Selins Grove.

REBUBEN KROUSE, one of the most intelligent and well-informed men of Middle Creek township, is a worthy representative of a pioneer family of this section of Snyder county. He was born February 28, 1839, on the farm where he still continues to live. His grandfather, Christian Krouse, came to this region from Montgomery county, Penn., upwards of one hundred and ten years ago, and died of paralysis while assisting in the erection of the second church at Salem, Penn. In his family were five sons: John, Philip, Daniel, Henry and George; and three daughters: Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary.

John Krouse, our subject's father, was born in Middle Creek township, in 1789, and when a young man married Miss Barbara Boyer, also a native of Snyder county, and a daughter of Leonard Boyer, a farmer by occupation. Their children were as follows: Mary, who owns the old homestead and lives with our subject; George, a resident of Cass county, Mich.; Isaiah, who died in Michigan after reaching manhood; Annie, who married Benjamin Hotenstine, and died in Snyder county; Valentine, who died in Middle Creek township; Reuben, of this sketch; and Lena, wife of Aaron Dennis, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

After his marriage, John Krouse located on the farm now occupied by his son and daughter, and there successfully carried on agricultural pursuits throughout life. He was an ardent Democrat in politics, and in his township held the office of overseer of the poor, while in re-

ligious belief he was a Lutheran. His death, which occurred in 1855, resulted from an attack of typhoid fever, and his wife, who died at the age of seventy-six years, now sleeps by his side in the Salem Church cemetery.

During his boyhood and youth Reuben Krouse attended what is known as the Krouse school, his first teacher being John M. Douberman. Although the schools were much inferior to those of the present day, he made the most of his opportunities, and by subsequent reading and observation he has become a well-informed man, thoroughly posted on the leading questions and topics of the day. Upon the home farm he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until twenty years of age, when he began learning watch-making. Being a natural mechanic, he could make wagons, sleighs and do all kinds of carpenter work, and he familiarized himself with watch-making by studying books on the subject and taking watches apart and putting them together again. His entire life has been passed on the old homestead with the exception of the summer of 1865, which he spent at carpenter work in Elkhart, Ind. He is now successfully operating the farm for his sister, and also cultivates a tract of eighty acres which he owns in Middle Creek township. Since 1890 he has also engaged in the threshing business, and while thus employed has become widely acquainted, and wherever he is known is held in high esteem. The Democratic party finds in him an earnest supporter. He is not only a great reader, but possesses a retentive memory, and is an excellent conversationalist, which makes him quite a popular and prominent citizen of the community where he has so long made his home.

CALVIN BLYTHE NORTH. To as early as the fifteenth century the North family can be traced in English history. In the time of Oliver Cromwell one of the family crossed to Ireland, and there settled on lands in County Westmeath, and from this one of the name has descended the subject of this brief biography.

The first of the family to settle in this country was Caleb North, who left Ireland with his four sons and four daughters, and landed at Philadelphia in July, 1729. His son Roger had a son Joshua, whose son John was the father of the man whose name introduces this sketch. John North was born May 2, 1799, and married Jane Houston McAlister, a daughter of Hugh McAlister, and a granddaughter of Major Hugh McAlister, the founder of McAlisterville, Juniata Co., Penn., and whose military title was

won by service in the American Revolution under Gen. Washington.

John and Jane H. (McAlister) North reared a large and intelligent family: Calvin Blythe; Hugh M., of Columbia, Penn., one of the best known lawyers and politicians of central Pennsylvania; Thomas Elliot, a merchant of Carbondale, Ill.; Adolphus, a retired farmer of Lebanon, Ill.; Samuel E., of Carbondale, Ill.; Edmund D., attorney, of Lancaster, Penn.; and Jennie E., married to Dr. Washington Righter, of Philadelphia.

Calvin B. North, now one of the foremost and leading citizens of Selins Grove, is a native of Juniata county, and was born at McAlisterville March 28, 1824. His early years were spent under the home roof, and in attending the public and private schools of that day. At the age of sixteen he entered a store at Thompsonstown, in that county, as clerk, where he remained for more than five years. In 1845 he entered a wholesale dry-goods house in Philadelphia, as salesman, remaining there until 1846 when he returned to McAlisterville, where he embarked in general merchandising with his father, and continued this partnership for more than eight years, after which he traveled extensively for a year or more through the Western and Southern States. In the year 1857 Mr. North received an appointment to a clerkship in the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., under the administration of President Buchanan, and remained there until November, 1861. In February, 1862, he entered the Mifflin County Bank at Lewistown, Penn., as teller, and so continued till March, 1864, when the First National Bank of Selins Grove, Penn., was organized, and he was elected cashier, which position he has continuously occupied to the present time, placing him in rank of length of service and age well in the van-guard of the bank officers of the country. His faithful and conscientious service and conservative management have won for him the highest regard of the community where he lives, and the high esteem of all who know him.

On January 5, 1865, Mr. North was married to Miss Annie Richter, a daughter of the late Peter Richter, a prominent and leading citizen of Selins Grove, whose wife, Elizabeth Holstein Richter, was a lineal descendant of Conrad Weiser, who was most prominent in Provincial times as the official interpreter between the Government and the Indians. The son and only child born to this union, Roscoe Calvin North, has been for some years connected with the First National Bank of Selins Grove as assistant cashier.



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In politics Mr. North has always been a Democrat, but on the currency question has sided with the more conservative members of his party, repudiating the doctrine of free silver. He has ever been a prominent worker in the party ranks, and in his younger years was active in County and State Conventions, but became less so in later years when other duties claimed the major portion of his time. Though reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, he, finding no Church of that denomination in Selins Grove, joined the Lutheran Church, in which, to-day, he and his family are faithful and earnest workers.

Though now past the allotted span of three-score years and ten, Mr. North is still active in the care of his business affairs. His interest in the welfare of his community and the country is undiminished, and he is yet at the front in progressive movements. Strong and true, he stands like the sentinel for the past generation, keeping watch over the present.

CHARLES BOYER. There are in every community men who are leaders in thought and action, who take a prominent part in public affairs, and are potent factors in advancing the welfare and prosperity of the localities with which they are connected. Such a man is Mr. Boyer, who is now a general merchant, and the postmaster of Paxtonville. He was born in Middleburg, Snyder county, July 31, 1835, and is a representative of one of the old families of the State. His grandfather, John Boyer, was a native of Montgomery county, and removed to what is now Center township, Snyder county, where he owned and cultivated a farm of 200 acres. In political belief he was a Whig, and, in religious faith, was a Lutheran.

George Boyer, father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Center township, and was educated in the German schools. He was reared to manhood upon a farm, and learned the tanner's trade under the direction of his brother Samuel, of Middleburg, following that business until 1850, when he turned his attention to farming. He laid out the town of Fremont, which he named in honor of Gen. Fremont, and for some years conducted a hotel there. He was engaged in general merchandising in connection with our subject for three years. In business he was strictly honorable, enterprising and industrious, and commanded the respect of all with whom he was brought in contact. His political support was given the Republican party, and he served as county commissioner of Snyder county.

He took a very active interest in educational affairs, was an earnest worker in the Lutheran Church, and did all in his power to promote the movements that tended to uplift humanity. He was married, in Center township, Snyder county, to Sarah Spaid, who was born in Franklin township, a daughter of George Spaid, a farmer of Center township, of German descent. Mr. Boyer died in Fremont, October 31, 1893, and his wife also passed away in that town. They were the parents of seven children: Samuel, of Fremont; Charles, Henry, William and Edwin, all of Fremont; Sarah, wife of Percival Garman, of Fremont; and Mrs. Barbara Becker, of Kansas, now deceased.

Charles Boyer, of this review, acquired his education in the public schools of Middleburg, and worked in the tannery with his father until eighteen years of age, after which he learned the carpenter's trade in Middleburg, following that pursuit for a period of four years in Middleburg and Fremont. Through the succeeding four years he served as constable of Perry township, Snyder county, and then exchanged civic for military service, enlisting in October, 1862, as a member of Company I, 172nd P. V. I. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, was elected first lieutenant of the company, and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He did guard duty at Fort Yorktown, and served for nine months, suffering greatly from the hardship and exposure incident to army life.

After his return home Mr. Boyer embarked in merchandise in Fremont in connection with his father, whose interest he purchased after three years, continuing alone in business for a similar period. In 1872 he came to Paxtonville, built a fine residence and business block at a cost of more \$7,000, and opened the first store at this place. He carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and his uniform courtesy and straightforward dealing have secured to him a trade which is large and profitable.

In 1858, Mr. Boyer was married at Fremont, to Mollie Rathfon, a native of Perry township, and a daughter of Jacob Rathfon, a farmer. They became the parents of nine children, of whom two are now deceased. Those still living are: Nelson, a fruit grower and school teacher of Lima, Ohio; Stephen, who is employed as an engineer in Kansas; Elmer, a railroad foreman of Chicago; Morant, also a railroad man of that city; Clark S., who is engaged in clerking for his father, and Alda and Ida at home.

Mr. Boyer exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the

Republican party, and does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He was assessor for one term, and tax collector for two terms, and discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. His business interests are well managed, and have brought to him excellent returns for his labor. His life has been well spent, and he has therefore gained the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

ALFRID SPECHT, ex-sheriff of Snyder county, is a citizen of Beavertown, and his popularity, which is founded upon his character as a man, extends through all classes in the community irrespective of political affiliations. His position has been won by hard work and good management, as he began life a poor boy, but his perseverance and courage under difficulties have but increased the respect and esteem of the people among whom his life has been spent.

He comes of a patriotic family, and his grandfather, Adam Specht, was a corporal in Captain Henry Miller's company at Marcus Hook, on November 10, 1814, Lieut.-Col. George Weirick being the commander of the regiment. Adam Specht came to New Berlin, Lancaster county, in 1791, when he was but seven years old, and growing to manhood there he was married to Catherine Smith, a daughter of Peter Smith. For many years he carried on a pottery business at Beavertown, which contained but a few houses at the time that he settled there. He died on November 6, 1872, aged eighty-eight years, and his wife on April 20, 1870, at the age of eighty-two, both being buried in the cemetery at Beavertown. Among their children was a son Elias, our subject's father, who was born March 25, 1820, at Beavertown. At an early age he left home and learned the gunsmith's trade with his brother Adam, in McAlisterville, Juniata Co., Penn. He was married in Beavertown to Miss Julia Hofnagle, a native of Beaver township, born in 1818. Her parents, Christian and Hannah (Bingaman) Hofnagle, were prominent residents of that locality. After his marriage our subject's father continued to reside at Beavertown, following his trade. He had had but limited educational opportunities in his youth, but possessed much mental ability, and was highly respected in the community. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and at one time he was an elder in the Church. Although never a politician, he was at times active in local affairs, and during one year held the office of con-

stable. In early life he was a Democrat, but when the war issues arose he became a staunch supporter of the Republican party. In October, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 172d P. V. I., and, after remaining at Fort Yorktown for some time, took part in the battle of Gettysburg, and later his regiment pursued Lee into Virginia. He was a drummer in his company and remained in service about ten months, taking part in all the engagements of his regiment. His death occurred in February, 1890, but his widow still resides at the old home in Beavertown. They had five children, of whom our subject was the eldest: Mary married Samuel Bickel, of Beaver township; Adam, who resides in Sunbury, Penn., is a mason by trade; Elizabeth married Thomas Keller, of Adamsburg; and F. E. is the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Beavertown.

Alfred Specht was born May 15, 1843, and was reared in Beavertown. He attended school in a building near the site of his present home, a Mr. Frumbarger being his first teacher. After he was ten years old he attended school only in the winter season, and at fifteen he left school to enter the employ of his uncle, Moses Specht, for whom he drove the team and delivered plows, farm machinery and merchandise. On May 24, 1863, he was married in Beavertown to Miss Sarah E. Kern, who was born in the same township, July 11, 1843, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Weirick) Kern. For one year after his marriage, Mr. Specht made his home at Bellevue, Ohio, where for five months he was employed as a night watchman and baggage master for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company. In 1865 he returned to Beavertown and learned the molder's trade in his uncle's foundry, and for twenty-four years he continued to follow that business, with the exception of short periods when he was employed by his uncle in a store. In 1869 he purchased a house and lot in Beavertown, upon which he has made many improvements, and in 1872 he bought a small tract of land near the town, where he carries on farming in addition to his other pursuits.

Mr. Specht has always been a Republican in politics, his first Presidential vote being cast in 1864, in York Center, Ohio, for Abraham Lincoln. His popularity has made him a favorite candidate of his party for various offices, and in the fall of 1893 he was elected sheriff of Snyder county. He took charge of the office in January, 1894, and served until January, 1897, his residence being at Middleburg during that time. In 1882 he was elected justice of the peace, and this office he held for eleven years, resigning during

his third term in order to take the office of sheriff. Educational affairs have always received his sympathetic attention, and for three years he served as school director.

Socially, the family is prominent, and he and his wife are both members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Specht and his father at one time belonged to an Odd Fellows' lodge at Beavertown, which has since been suspended, and our subject has also been a member of the Grange and of the Improved Order of Red Men. He has two sons, both residents of Beavertown: Charles F., who married Clara Hartman, has one child, Lura E.; and Thomas J., who married Ella Custer, has one son, Benjamin C.

J F. STETLER, one of Middleburg's most enterprising and successful citizens, who for six years has served as the borough's chief burgess, has won an enviable reputation as an architect and builder, his artistic taste being shown in many of the later structures erected in this section. Space will not permit of a full list of the handsome residences which have been designed and built by him, but among the public buildings we may mention the Snyder county prison, the Lutheran Church edifice at Middleburg, the Mifflin County National Bank, the Russell Bank, at Lewistown, Penn., and the new school houses at Reedsville, Milroy and Freeburg.

Mr. Stetler was born March 21, 1848, in what is now Franklin township, Snyder county. On the paternal side he is of German descent, his great-grandfather Stetler having come to Pennsylvania from the Fatherland at an early day. His son, John Stetler, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in one of the lower counties, and as a young man settled in Snyder county, where he engaged in brick laying for a time, and later in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring on a farm in Franklin township. He married Elizabeth Bollender, and had seven children: Kate, who married Fred Bollender, and died in Illinois; Mary, wife of Joseph Shuman, of Adamsburg, Penn.; Sarah, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Rathgeber; Lavina, wife of Jacob Kizer, of Liverpool, Penn.; Franklin J., who removed to Michigan, and died there; and Aaron, our subject's father.

The late Aaron Stetler, who was for many years an honored resident of Snyder county, was born in Franklin township, August 3, 1823, and died March 27, 1890, at his home in the borough of Middleburg. He was a carpenter by

trade, and in early life was engaged in contracting and building, but in 1859 he purchased a farm and devoted his attention to agriculture. As an intelligent and patriotic citizen he took keen interest in the questions of his time, and on August 22, 1862, he was drafted in the service of his country, becoming a member of Company C, 172d Pennsylvania Infantry, with the rank of corporal, and served until discharged on August 1, 1863, the greater portion of the time being spent at Yorktown, Va. In politics he was a steadfast Republican, and he was for many years an active member of the Lutheran Church. He was married to Miss Mary Walter, who was born in Centre township, Snyder county, and died April 1, 1885. Our subject was the eldest of four children who lived to adult age. (2) Calvin, a resident of Middleburg, is engaged in the insurance business, and also follows the barber's trade. (3) George F. operates a planing-mill at Middleburg. (4) Henry S. resides at Akron, Ohio.

J. F. Stetler's early life was spent upon his father's farm; his course of study in the local schools was supplemented by two terms in the seminary at New Berlin. In 1865 he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and after completing his apprenticeship he worked for two years as a journeyman. He then established himself in an independent business as a contractor, and shortly afterward he and his brother Calvin, and David Stahlnecker, opened a planing-mill at Middleburg. This was purchased by their father some time later and conducted by him until his death. From the first Mr. Stetler endeavored to bring to his work a higher order of skill and taste than had before been prevalent among the builders of this section, and his success led to a constant demand for his services as an architect. Since 1885 his time has been almost entirely given to this branch of his business, and pleasing examples of his work abound, adding to the natural beauty of the landscape, and lending silent but effective influence toward the cultivation of higher standards of taste.

In 1871 Mr. Stetler was married to Miss Hettie E. Ulrich, and their home is brightened by five children: Lillian, Herbert, Clarence, Aaron Leroy and Pauline R., two of them living, namely, Lillian and A. Leroy. Mrs. Stetler was born October 4, 1858, in Jackson township, Snyder county, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Moyer) Ulrich. Her father, who was born in Jackson township, Snyder county, in 1815, died in 1893, and her mother, who was born in Union county, in 1820, passed to the unseen life in 1887. Mrs. Stetler was the youngest

of four children, the others being: Mary, who married William H. Beaver, of Middleburg; Lavina, wife of Aaron Stahlnecker, and Susan, wife of B. F. Hermon.

A W. POTTER, of Selins Grove, is one of the leading members of the Bar of Snyder county, having been actively engaged in practice since 1872, and all who are familiar with the personnel of the legal profession in this section will find in that fact a sufficient evidence of ability and worth.

Mr. Potter comes of a good old Pennsylvania family, and his paternal grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Allbright) Potter, lived and died in the vicinity of Liverpool, Perry county. They had six children: Ezra, Isaiah, Isaphene, Mary A. (Hoover), Rebecca (Van Camp) and William; of these, Mrs. Mary Ann Hoover and Mrs. Rebecca Van Camp are yet living.

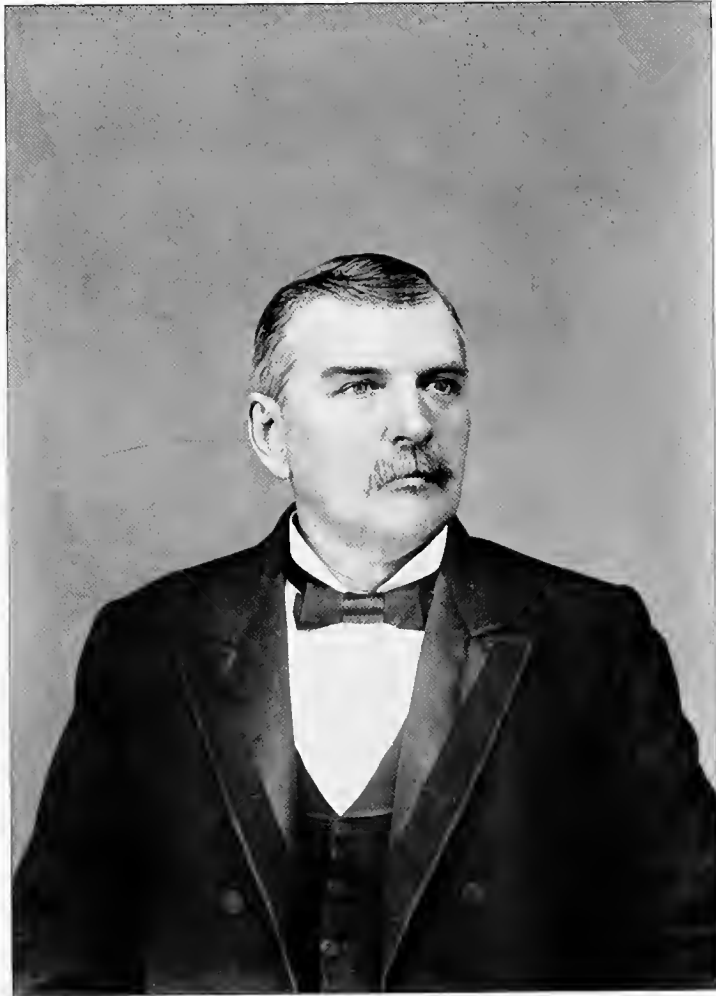
Rev. Isaiah Potter, the father of our subject, was born in Perry county January 7, 1819, and although his instruction was limited to the common schools of that day he managed to secure a good education through private study, and became a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church. For many years he preached on a regular circuit, and for a time was a presiding elder in his Conference. He also served as a delegate to the General Conference. He died October 8, 1888; his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann (Wasson) Potter, who was born in Millheim, Penn., February 13, 1822, is still living. Of their eight children, the eldest, Cyrus M., is in the United States postal service at Washington, D. C.; Albert W., our subject, is mentioned again below; Seneca died in 1851; Lizzie C. married I. M. McCloskey; Milton G. is in the postal service in Pittsburg, Penn.; Newton I. died in 1884; Miles I. is an attorney of Middleburg, Penn.; Emily I. died when about twenty years of age. Mrs. Mary Ann (Wasson) Potter was a granddaughter of Robert and Ruth (Elliot) Wasson, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, and came from Liverpool, England, in the latter part of the last century. They married and settled in the neighborhood of Ephrata, Lancaster county, Penn., later moving to near "Potter's Bank" and Boalsburg, in Centre county. They reared a family of eight children, among whom was a son, George M. George M. Wasson married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Kryder, who was one of the judges of Centre county. George M. Wasson engaged in mercantile business in Millheim, Centre county, later removing to Nittany Valley, Clinton county.

He became the father of five sons and four daughters, two sons and three daughters yet living. The eldest daughter, Mary Ann, wife of the Rev. Isaiah Potter, is mentioned above.

Mr. Potter, whose name introduces this sketch, was born January 7, 1847, in Huntingdon county, Penn., but was reared in Mifflin county, completing his literary education in a seminary there. He studied law with George W. Elder, of Lewistown, and in 1872 was admitted to the Bar. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in practice at Selins Grove, his ability gaining for him a high rank in the profession. He has always taken keen interest in public questions, and is influential in local affairs and in the councils of the Republican party. Three different times he was the choice of his county for the Congressional nomination. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has the rank of past master, and to the G. A. R., having won the right to membership in the latter by ninety-days' service in Company F, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, in 1863.

In 1869 Mr. Potter married Miss Mollie E. Kearns, who was born June 3, 1849, in Mifflin county, and died in October, 1876. In March, 1878, Mr. Potter formed a second matrimonial union with Miss Marie L. Davis, a native of Selins Grove. By the first marriage there were three children: Grace B. (who died in 1871), Annie M. and John K.; and by the second there were also three, viz.: Edith M., Robert D. and M. Marguerite.

On January 25, 1898, there occurred a sad accident, the result of which Mr. Potter will suffer a lifelong inconvenience. A freight train on the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad ran into a Selins Grove sleighing party at Kreamer Station at four o'clock that morning. Two persons were instantly killed and a dozen others injured, four of them seriously. Eighteen persons were in a large sled returning home from Middleburg, where they had been attending a social party. Before the driver was cognizant of an approaching train, the big engine crashed into the side of the sled just back of his seat. Mr. Potter had both arms crushed, and his left leg broken in the hip joint. The right arm had to be amputated at the elbow. No one of the party escaped without a bruise of some kind. The injured were all taken to the hotel at Kreamer, where medical aid was summoned from Selins Grove and Middleburg. The fortitude with which Mr. Potter has borne this affliction proves him to be a man of great courage and indomitable will, unconquered by adversities, strong throughout all fortunes.



A. M. Potter.

IRA C. SCHOCH, one of the leading citizens of Selins Grove, Snyder county, where for twenty years he has been prominent in the business of that locality, is a representative of one of the old families of the State.

Matheus Schoch, the founder of the families in Union and Snyder counties, Penn., was born December 16, 1738, in the province of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. At the age of eleven years he and a brother were sold as redemptioners to pay their passage to America, entering into a contract to pay for same by working for a term of years after their arrival. They landed at Philadelphia September 2, 1749, having come in the ship "Albany," of which Robert Brown was master. They remained in that city until they had carried out their contract and were again free. Here in the New World, realizing the advantages, and having well ingrafted the Swiss thrift and economy of their native home and blood, these two brothers very soon accumulated sufficient means to send across the ocean for a brother and sister still there. Matheus Schoch first settled at Tulpehocken, Berks county, and in 1775 came to Penn township, then Northumberland county, now Snyder, settling near where is now the town of Smith Grove, where at the time of his death he was the possessor of large landed interests. He died May 10, 1812, aged seventy-four years. He was twice married, his first wife being Maria Margetta, by whom he had eight children, namely: John, Henry, Michael, Peter, Jacob, and two that died in infancy, whose names are not known. The mother of these died in 1785, and the father was again married, this wife becoming the mother of three children: George, Daniel and Margaret. The mother of these survived her husband a number of years, dying March 5, 1832.

Of the children by the first marriage, Jacob was next in line of descent—the grandfather of our subject. He was reared on his father's farm in Middle Creek township, and became a blacksmith by trade. After the death of his father, in the division of his estate the lands on which the town of Smith Grove is now built, and considerable of it adjacent thereto, fell to Jacob. The latter was married to Elizabeth Hendricks, a Quaker lady, of English origin, of Chester county, Penn. Jacob Schoch was a thrifty and frugal man, and by close attention to business throughout life prospered greatly, becoming well-to-do. He built the first house erected in the town of Smith Grove, which event occurred in 1822, this building being the "stone hotel," there, which is yet used for that purpose. He here resided, farming and keeping

hotel, until his death. Two of the thirteen children born to this marriage died in infancy; the others were: George, Michael, Jacob, Samuel, David, John A., Benjamin, Catherine, Elizabeth (Mrs. Philip Goss, of New Berlin, Penn.), Margaret, and Angeline (Mrs. Rev. William Ansbach).

John A. Schoch, our subject's father, was born January 5, 1808, at the old homestead, near what afterward became Kreamer, where he passed his early years. On December 2, 1830, he was married to Miss Lydia Houtz, and, having purchased the old "stone hotel," settled in it, but, in 1836, not liking the hotel business, he sold the property to Jacob More, and moved to a farm three miles west of Middleburg, which he became the owner of. There he remained, following agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred December 15, 1863. He was the pioneer advocate of public schools in this locality, and early in the forties donated the ground upon which the first public school building in Snyder county was erected. He was also instrumental in securing the best teachers and maintaining a high standard of education, even making personal sacrifices to accomplish these ends. His wife was born October 17, 1812, at Selins Grove, and is now living in that city, to which she moved in 1866. She is a most estimable woman, possessing marked excellence of character and nobleness of heart, and has always been interested in educational advancement. She has the honor of having organized, in 1846, the first country Sunday-school in the county in which she lived, and although now enwreathed with the silver crown of a peaceful old age, she is still profoundly interested in the higher Christian education.

Of the thirteen children born to her union with John A. Schoch, the eldest, Franklin J., is a retired merchant at Selins Grove; he was born October 3, 1831, married to Kate S. Leisenring in 1854, and has five children—Lydia Louise is married to George C. Wagenseller; Anna Maude is married to Rev. Harold Folmer; Eva Kate; and two sons who died in childhood. (2) Anna Elizabeth, born May 19, 1833, married to John M. Smith in 1852, is now deceased. They had seven children—Lillie is married to A. H. Amich, of Cumberland, Md.; Mary is married to Robert Parris, of the State of Nebraska; Effie is married to F. Foresman, of Nebraska; Myra is married to H. Were; Carson is married and resides in Illinois, where he is practicing medicine; Frank is now in college; and Sidney died in childhood. (3) David A., born February 18, 1835, was married, in 1859, to Harriet Wagner, of Or-

angeville, Ill., and had four children, of whom one only, a daughter, Anna Maude, survives, the sons dying in infancy. (4) Kate M., born December 7, 1836, married November 24, 1887, Judge Jerry Crouse, and resides at Selins Grove. (5) Ada, born in 1838, married S. O. Kempfer, M. D., who died in Illinois. His widow is a resident of Selins Grove. (6) John, born in 1840, died when a boy. (7) John Calvin, born October 11, 1842, married December 2, 1864, Maggie Hassinger, and they have three children—Clydia married Harry Kloss; Lyle married Charles Swingle; and Naomi. John Calvin is now the prothonotary of Snyder county. (8) Amon Z., born September 29, 1844, married February 6, 1868, Maggie Appleman, and they have one child—Mary. They reside at Bloomsburg, Penn. (9) Silas H., born in 1849, died at the age of twenty-two years. (10) Ira C., our subject, is treated farther on. (11) Cecelia, born in 1855, died in infancy. (12) Henry Harvey, born August 20, 1857, is a resident of Selins Grove. He married Emma C. Schnore, and they have three children—Silas H., Marion S. and Agnes Helen. (13) George H., born August 20, 1859, died in infancy.

The Houtz family, into which John A. Schoch married, were early residents of Pennsylvania. Philip Houtz, the great-grandfather of Mrs. John A. Schoch, came to America from Switzerland in the ship "Thistle", of Glasgow, which was commanded by Master Colin Dunlap [See Col. Rec. III, page 385.] The line of descent of Mrs. Schoch was Philip, Henry, and Christian. Christian Houtz married Elizabeth Zoeller, who was a daughter of Frantz Zoeller, a patriot through the war of the Revolution, having served in Capt. John Leshner's company, Pennsylvania Militia, from Berks county, under Col. John Patten. He enlisted August 27, 1776 [See Penn. Archv. Second Series Vol XIV, page 256.] Frantz Zoeller was the son of John Zoeller, who was the son of Johan Heinrich Zoeller, who came to America in 1708. The Zoellers were of German and French extraction, the place of their nativity being Hesse Darmstadt. On account of religious persecution they left their native land, determined to seek a home where they might worship God according to their own manner and belief. They accordingly went to England, where, as they were men of some means, they purchased from Good Queen Anne patents for land in what is now the State of New York. They located in Livingston Manor, but under the persecutions of the Palatinates, freeholders in 1723 received no more consideration than others, so they left New York and came to Tul-

pehocken, Penn. The land upon which they settled has always been owned and lived upon by some male member in the direct line. It is now in the possession of Mr. Monroe Zoeller, a gentleman of rare ability, highly educated, a fine musician, and a man whose extensive travel has taken him over a very large part of both hemispheres. The deeds to the tract of land mentioned in the foregoing date back to 1696.

Ira C. Schoch, the subject of this biography, was born August 14, 1853, near Middleburg, Penn., and at an early age showed decided tendencies toward study. When he was twelve years old his father died, and his mother moved to Selins Grove to give her growing family the benefit of better schools, and in due time young Schoch entered Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, where he was graduated in 1871. He then taught for several years, and in February, 1876, he became a partner in the mercantile firm of Schoch Bros. at Selins Grove. This business was most congenial, as it brought him into acquaintance with all classes of people. He continued in it until 1892, when the firm was dissolved and the store sold. Since that time he has given attention only to his private investment. In 1878 he married Miss Mary Schnure (eldest daughter of George Schnure, president and founder of the First National Bank of Selins Grove), who died in 1883, leaving three children—John A. and George S. (twins), and a daughter, Ethel D., all of whom are now students in the Susquehanna University.

On December 7, 1887, Mr. Schoch was married to Miss Laura E. Richter, a native of Selins Grove, born in May, 1857, and now prominent in the best social circles of that place. By this marriage there are six children: Pauline, Catherine, Andrew, Brewster, Christin, and Dorothy Richter. The chief care of Mr. and Mrs. Schoch is the education of the children, to whom the best opportunities obtainable are given. The home life is in itself a liberal education, refinement and culture marking every phase. Mr. Schoch's manners are a model of courtesy and geniality, and his career shows that brusque and rude methods are by no means essential to success even in business life. He is treasurer of Susquehanna University, which position he has held for four years; he is also a director in the Board of the University, as well as in the Public School Board of Selins Grove.

MON. CHARLES MILLER. One of the most attractive estates in this picturesque region is the old Miller farm in Penn township,

Snyder county, near the village of Salem. It is now owned and occupied by the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, and it has been in the possession of the family since the days of his great-grandfather, Frederick Miller.

In 1766, a warrant for this property was issued by the Penns to Martin Troster, of Buffalo township, then a portion of Northumberland county, and, on April 3, 1778, a deed was acknowledged before Benjamin Weiser, a justice of the peace, conveying the land to Peter Hosterman. On October 25, 1778, the latter conveyed it to Frederick Miller, who, in order to perfect his title, obtained, on August 12, 1793, a warrant from the Commonwealth, signed by Gov. Thomas Mifflin. The title next passed to George Miller, a son of Frederick, and next to his grandson, George D. Miller, from whom it came to its present owner.

Frederick Miller, our subject's great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, the son of Johan Daniel Miller, citizen of Freymerdheim, and his wife Attilia Catharina, a born Rumelin. They had a family of six children—four sons and two daughters; Frederick, the second child and first son of this family, being born November 22, 1738, and married Eva Maria Albright; coming to America in early manhood, he settled, between 1770 and 1780, in what is now Snyder county. On taking possession of the present homestead in 1788 he found there a dense forest of sturdy oaks and lofty pines; but with the energy which characterizes his race he soon transformed it into a productive farm. He died July 14, 1821, and his wife, Eva Maria, who was born July 25, 1740, died September 14, 1822, both being buried at Salem church. Their son George, our subject's grandfather, was born in Penn township, April 19, 1773, and died there May 1, 1836. Like all of the members of this family, he took an active interest in local movements, and he was especially prominent in religious work as a member of the Lutheran Church. He married (first) Susanna Good, of Penn township, and (second) Mary Magdalena Deshler, a lady of English descent, who was born June 20, 1779, and died July 18, 1826. Miss Deshler was a woman of gentle character and of culture, hailing from southeastern Pennsylvania; a singular romance of their marriage being, that, having won this fair maiden's heart, her husband brought her to his home in central Pennsylvania from the Banks of the Delaware on horseback, the method of travel then in vogue. She brought, among her household effects, the first piano known to have been in this community. This early instrument, during the lifetime of its owner, stood in

the old Miller homestead. It is now the property of Mr. Deshler, a banker of Columbus, Ohio, a distant collateral relative of this family, it having gone into that branch as an heirloom at Mrs. Miller's decease. By his first marriage he had four children: John, a farmer and miller by occupation, born 27th of August, 1799, died in Washington township, Snyder county; Mary Magdalena, born the 21st of February, 1801, and married John Kline, died at Globe Mills, Snyder county; Elizabeth, born the 3d of February, 1803, was deaf and dumb, never married (her death occurred in Penn township); Catherine, born the 31st of December, 1805, and married Jacob Schoch, died in Selins Grove. By the second marriage there were six children, of whom our subject's father, George Deshler Miller, was the eldest. (2) Jacob, born September 27, 1811, a farmer, died at Selins Grove. (3) Daniel, born April 24, 1813, lived and died in Buffalo Valley, Union county; two of his sons, Samuel F. and Frank W., now reside in East Buffalo township, in that county. (4) Sarah, born 21st November, 1814, married John Swengle, of Franklin township, Snyder county, and both are now deceased. (5) Hannah, born May 19, 1816, is now Mrs. Michael Swengle, of Princeton, Ill. (6) Frederick, born November 21, 1817, died in youth, unmarried.

GEORGE D. MILLER, born December 8, 1808, at the homestead, died March 2, 1884. He was a tall man, six feet in height, and weighed two hundred pounds. Like others of this family he was an earnest supporter of the Lutheran Church, and for many years he held the office of trustee. His wife, Mary Kessler, was born August 1, 1813, and died September 10, 1861, the remains of both being interred in the family burial plot at Salem Church. They had five children: Sarah, now Mrs. David Witmer, of Salem, Penn.; William K., who married Sarah A. Boyer, and died November 1, 1864; Charles, our subject; Matilda, Mrs. Calvin L. Fisher, of Salem, Penn., whose husband died in 1872; and Mary E., now Mrs. Theodore Row, of Middlecreek township, Snyder county.

Charles Miller was born March 2, 1843, at the old home, and has always resided there. He attended the public schools of the locality for some years and then entered the classical department of Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna University) at Selins Grove. Much of his time in youth was spent in assisting his father in farm work. On June 1, 1862, he was married to Miss Lydia Kantz, of Penn township, a daughter of Philip and Catherine (Erdly) Kantz. Her father was born December 10, 1793, in Lebanon county, and died September 23, 1856,

and her mother who was born February 8, 1802, in Penn township, then a part of Northumberland county, died July 22, 1866. Mr. Miller's home life is an ideal one, his family enjoying every comfort and privilege that can be secured for them. He has had six children, of whom four are living: (1) Ida died September 23, 1872. (2) William K. was educated at Selins Grove Institute, and in Williamsport, Penn., taught school; during Gov. Beaver's administration held the position of Assistant State Librarian, at Harrisburg, Penn., where he still resides. He is a member of the Bar, having studied law with Congressman Simon P. Wolverson, of Sunbury, and being admitted to the Philadelphia Bar from the law office of United States Senator Penrose. He was the representative delegate from his county to the Republican State Conventions of Pennsylvania, in 1890 and 1891, and has been actively identified with the Republican State Committee in Philadelphia for ten years. (3) George Philip, a physician, graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, died September 19, 1895, at Kane, Penn. He was a successful physician at Middleburg. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Moyer, survives him with one daughter, Ida. (4) Franklin resides at the homestead in Penn township. (5) Charles A. was graduated from the Susquehanna University in 1895, and is now a teacher. (6) Scott Edgar is a student at Susquehanna University. The father estimates highly the advantage of thorough knowledge, and no expense has been spared in the education of his children.

The public career of our subject has been a notable one, as he has filled acceptably numerous positions of honor and trust. His honesty and the unvarying sense of justice which has governed his conduct, together with his ability, have firmly established him in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. During the Civil war, when Pennsylvania was invaded by the Confederate army, he offered his services, enlisting in the fall of 1862 in Company D, 18th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia. This regiment pursued the enemy beyond Hagerstown, Md., and at the battle of Antietam many Rebel prisoners and wounded men from both sides were brought within their lines. Soon after his return from this service Mr. Miller took charge of the public schools at Salem, continuing until the spring of 1863. In 1876 he was elected on the Republican ticket as a member of the State Legislature, and in 1878, having served his constituents satisfactorily, he was honored with a reelection to the same seat. During his second term the Pittsburg Riot Bill was introduced,

providing for the appropriation of four million dollars from the State treasury to be distributed among those who had sustained damage during the riot. This iniquitous measure was pushed forward by most unscrupulous means, Mr. Miller and others being approached with large and tempting inducements, but Mr. Miller resented the insult and threw his influence toward the defeat of the bill. This act of integrity was rewarded by the people in 1882 with a third term as representative, an unprecedented distinction, Mr. Miller being the only representative from Snyder county who has been accorded three terms. In 1876 he was the Senatorial delegate for the district composed of the counties of Northumberland, Snyder and Union to the Republican State Convention, and in 1884 he was again complimented with the same appointment. In addition to these honors he has served several terms as school director in his district, as township auditor, and as postmaster at Salem, where he served from the establishment of the office until his resignation several years later, when he was succeeded by his brother-in-law, David Witmer.

In religious and philanthropic work Mr. Miller has been equally active. His kind and generous heart has led him to relieve the needy whenever he could do so, and many sincere benedictions have followed his unobtrusive charities. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, having been confirmed on May 25, 1861, at Salem, by the Rev. C. G. Erlenmyer. His contributions have been liberal, and he was a member of the building committee when the new church edifice was erected in 1897. His grandfather was a trustee of this Church in 1811, being one of the patentees who secured the title to the church property from the State, and he also was a member of the building committee when the ancient church was built, eighty-three years ago. He has also done much to promote the work of the Sabbath-school, in which his family have always taken an active part, and for years he has been a leading member of the Church council.

J W. SAMPSEL, M. D., a successful physician of Centerville, Snyder county, belongs to a family which has become famous in the medical world, many of its members having obtained prominence in the profession.

The first ancestor of whom we have any account was the Doctor's great-great-grandfather, Nicholas Sampsel, a man of more than ordinary education, who came from England at an early

day. His son, Henry Sampsel, the great-grandfather of our subject, resided for a time at Mifflinburg, Union county, Penn., but moved to Ohio the year after that State was admitted. He settled near New Lisbon, then a pioneer section, where Indians and wild beasts were plenty. His descendants are now scattered over the State. He was twice married, and by his first wife had seven children—four sons, Paul, Henry, Joseph and George, and three daughters, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Bricker and Mrs. Frederick, all of whom raised families. His second wife had several children, among whom were some successful physicians of their time. George Sampsel, our subject's grandfather, was born November 30, 1790, in Mifflinburg, and accompanied his parents to Ohio where he remained until he was about twenty-one years old. He then returned to Pennsylvania, making the journey on horseback, and early in 1812 was married in Union county to his first wife, Miss Sarah Kuhns. She was born September 21, 1791, near Philadelphia, but her parents, Peter and Rebecca (Neese) Kuhns, removed to Lewisburg when she was but a child, and later settled near Centerville, where her father conducted a mill. He died at the age of ninety-four, and his wife attained the advanced age of one hundred and three years. Their son, John, lived to the age of ninety-four, and the family has always been noted for longevity, as Nicholas Kuhns, the father of Peter, lived to his ninety-sixth year. After his marriage, George Sampsel located near Centerville on a tract of land owned by his father-in-law, where he followed milling until 1818, when he returned to Columbiana county, Ohio. Later he came back to this section on account of the failing health of his father-in-law, who, at his death, left a large estate to be divided between three children—John, Sally (Mrs. Sampsel) and Polly. There were two sawmills and a gristmill on Penn's creek, and a gristmill west of Centerville included this property. Mr. Sampsel continued to reside in Snyder county until his death at the age of seventy-six years. When John Kuhns removed to Venango county, Penn., he bought his mill property, and consolidated it with the mill that he had previously been operating. He accumulated a large fortune for that day, and at one time owned about a thousand acres of land. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and while not a politician he held various township offices. His information on general subjects was extensive, as, although his early educational opportunities were limited, he was always fond of reading. His first wife passed away September 6, 1855, and his second wife was a Miss Barbara Yerger. By the

first marriage there were eight children—Joseph, born October 20, 1812, was a cabinet maker by occupation, and died at Hartleton, Penn.; George, born March 10, 1815, died in 1896 near Centerville; Polly, born March 15, 1817, married John Snyder, and died in Middleburg, Penn.; Hopnia, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Sarah, born May 8, 1822, married John Lenhart, and died at Shamokin Dam, Penn.; Susanna, born October 26, 1824, married Daniel Bogar, now deceased, and resides in Shamokin, Penn.; Ner Jackson, born August 26, 1829, died at Bellevue, Ohio, and was buried at Centerville, Penn.; Napoleon, born July 9, 1834, resides in Union county, Penn. By the second union there were four children—Oliver, born July 7, 1858, died in Snyder county, between 1820 and 1830; Caroline, born June 1, 1861, married a Mr. Diehl, and died in Dakota; John E., born November 8, 1863, resides in Hartley township, Union county; and Catherine E., born January 8, 1867, is now Mrs. Amos Musser, of Center township, Snyder county.

Hopnia Sampsel, the father of our subject, was born near New Lisbon, Ohio, October 8, 1819. He was but an infant when his parents located near Centerville, and he was reared there, his youth being mainly spent in assisting his father, leaving but little time for school. At twenty-one he went to Ohio and spent two years, being employed during most of the time in a gristmill at Bellevue. On returning to Pennsylvania he worked at the miller's trade in Lancaster county for a time, but later rented his father's mill, which he afterward bought, and has now operated for more than fifty-two years. Since 1885 he has rented the property to others, and he now resides at Centerville. He is exceedingly well-preserved, his memory being excellent, and he is highly respected by his associates. He is a Republican in politics and a regular voter, but has never sought office. In early life he was a Whig, and his first Presidential vote was cast for William H. Harrison. When about twenty-nine years old he married Miss Anna Shinkel, who was born February 14, 1829, in Coventry township, Chester Co., Penn., the daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Shinkel, who afterward moved to Centerville. She is a member of the Evangelical Church, and is a lady of most estimable character. Our subject was the eldest of three children. (2) Charles E., a miller at Centerville, married Sallie C. Middleswarth, a great-granddaughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth, and they have two children—Irene D. and Stanley Quay. (3) Effie married Foster Chambers, of White Springs, Union county. Their parents estimated

at their right worth the advantages of an education, and all the children received excellent opportunities.

Doctor Sampsel first saw the light March 22, 1852, near Centerville, Snyder county, and for some time he attended the schools of that neighborhood, his first teacher being John Mench. At seventeen he entered the Freeburg Academy, where he spent three terms, and then began teaching at what was known as Herman's school house. He taught school four terms in all, and then engaged in milling with his father, having learned the business during boyhood. The work did not agree with him, and in 1875 he began to study medicine. By private study he prepared to enter the University of Pennsylvania, where he spent the winter of 1876 and 1877. His second year was spent in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the spring of 1878. Since that time he has been in active practice at Centerville, and has built up a large and lucrative business. In 1887 he established a drug business in connection with his practice, and he now has one of the best stores in the county. He has a farm in Center township and more than 500 acres of timber land, and conducts a sawmill in connection with the latter. His business property was built up by himself, and in 1882 he also built a fine residence in Centerville. His success has been due to his own efforts, his frugality enabling him to complete his studies almost without assistance. His judgment is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, and he is one of the leading advisers of the Republican party in his section. He cares nothing for political honors himself, however, and the only local office that he has ever held is that of school director. Under Harrison's administration he served as a member of the Sunbury Board of Pension Examiners.

For his first wife the Doctor married Miss Kate Hartley, who died at Centerville, leaving one daughter, Virginia B., now Mrs. G. C. Smith, of Johnsonburg, Penn. After her death he married Miss Henrietta R. Spangler, a daughter of George C. and Mary (Ocker) Spangler, and by this union he has one son, George Hopnia. Socially, the Doctor and his family are prominent, and he was at one time identified with the Patriot Order Sons of America at Centerville. At present he is an active member of the Masonic order at Selins Grove.

E S. STAHL, a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of Union township, Snyder county, belongs to an old and honored

family of Swiss extraction which was founded here previous to the nineteenth century.

His great-grandfather, Frederick Stahl, was a native of Switzerland, and previous to coming to Snyder county lived for a time near Hummels-town, Penn. Here he located near Freeburg, in Washington township, where his death occurred. He was married in this country, and became the father of three sons: Adam, the grandfather of our subject; Peter, who went to Wayne county, Ohio, during pioneer days; and Frederick, of whom nothing is known.

Adam Stahl was born June 30, 1778, and was but a boy when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Snyder county, where he subsequently married Eve Susanna Albright, who was born May 10, 1782. Her father, Frederick Albright, was one of the very earliest settlers of Flintstone Valley, where he located several years previous to 1788, as a warrant for land was issued to him November 27 of that year. His farm, comprising 159 acres in Washington township, Snyder county, was called "Garter Snake." On September 22, 1800, Adam Stahl purchased of his father-in-law sixty-two acres of the "Garter Snake" tract, where he continued to live until 1822, and upon the place conducted a distillery, being one of twelve in Washington township at that time engaged in that business. On leaving that farm he removed to Union township, Snyder county, where he passed his remaining days, dying October 16, 1863. His wife had died on the 3d of April, of the same year, and both were laid to rest in Keiser cemetery, Union township. He was a powerful man, weighing about 220 pounds, was a shoemaker by trade, a Whig in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief.

The children of Adam Stahl and wife were as follows: Lydia, who married Jacob Sholly, and died in Union township; Frederick, a farmer, who died in Monroe township, Snyder county; Jacob, who died in Wayne county, Ohio; Peter, who died at the age of five years; Mary, who (first) wedded Henry Whitmer and (later) Simon Sholly, and survived both husbands, dying in Union township; Susanna married Jacob Leaven-good, and spent her last days in Ohio; John, the father of our subject; Daniel, the only survivor, who is still living on his farm in Union township, where he has now made his home for seventy-five years; Samuel, who died in Chapman township, leaving two sons, Adam and George, the former a merchant and banker of Kansas, and the latter a teacher in the Pittsburg schools; Elizabeth, who married D. J. Heintzelman, and died at Port Trevorton, Snyder county, and

Benjamin, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and died in Iowa.

Near Freeburg, in Washington township, John Stahl, our subject's father, was born October 20, 1813, and was about nine years old when he was taken by his parents to the new home in Union township, where he was reared and continued to remain for several years after attaining his majority. At Freeburg, in 1840, 'Squire Mohr performed a marriage ceremony which united the destinies of John Stahl and Miss Mary Shotzberger, who was born in Chapman township, October 28, 1818, and never attended school but about a month during her entire life, while her husband had no educational advantages. She, however, became able to read the German Bible, but was entirely unfamiliar with the English language. Her parents were Jonathan and Catharine (Matter) Shotzberger. Her father was born September 26, 1783, and died February 4, 1859, while the mother was born April 3, 1794, and died August 29, 1874, the remains of both being interred in Keiser cemetery, Union township. After his marriage John Stahl located on the old Stahl farm in Union township, which he and his brother Daniel operated for a short time, and then he rented the old Sechrist farm for three years. At the end of that period he purchased a farm in Union township, where he continued to make his home for many years, and where our subject was born May 19, 1841. The other children were as follows:

(1) Levi Stahl, born October 16, 1842, intermarried on July 1, 1866, with Catharine Benner, whose parents were Christian and Sarah Benner, and to them were born the following children—Hiram B., born January 30, 1867, died December 5, 1870; Henry, born September 20, 1868, died December 29, 1870; Harvey, born December 16, 1869, who in 1889 went to Nebraska, was married May 6, 1894; and is now in partnership with his brother Christian, owns and operates a farm in Nebraska; Mary, born March 3, 1871, was but fourteen years old when her mother died, took charge of the family and helped her father raise the children, and, when all have left but one, she still remains to keep house for her father, who is a blacksmith and farmer; Christian, born July 1, 1873, went to Nebraska in 1892, and later became a partner in a farm with his brother Harvey, and now assists him in farming; Sarah, born August 27, 1874, married to Benjamin Benner, and now lives at Shamokin, Penn.; Meta, born October 1, 1875, married to John Stauffer, and lives in Iowa; Allen, born March 1, 1877, went to Iowa in 1896, where he now resides. James, born September 11, 1878, died

November 8, 1878; Ammon, born December 20, 1880, now lives with his father in Union township.

(2) William S. Stahl, born June 23, 1844, intermarried on September 11, 1870, with Lydia Row, whose parents were Peter and Lydia (Fetter) Row, and to them were born the following children: John Keamer, born April 7, 1871; Annie Matilda, born April 17, 1873; James Franklin, born May 22, 1877; Jacob Peter, born February 3, 1879; Jonas Aaron, born March 27, 1881; Jeremiah Melancton, born March 31, 1883; and Lewis Edward, born February 15, 1886, died August 7, 1888; the others are all living in Penn township. The above mentioned Annie Matilda Stahl was married on September 10, 1893, to Oscar Herman, and they have a child, Mary Jane Herman, born March 7, 1894.

(3) Hannah Stahl, born December 19, 1845, intermarried on July 23, 1863, with William Krebs, and to them were born the following children: Jennie and George, who live in Delaware, and Franklin, a merchant in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(4) Aaron S. Stahl, born October 4, 1849, intermarried with Salome Martin, and to them six children were born: Charles W. intermarried with Gertie Coryell; William is a news agent at the Pennsylvania depot, Sunbury, Penn.; Jennie, who died in infancy; Howard, Omar and Della, all living at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

(5) Leah J. Stahl, born May 5, 1854, intermarried on December 24, 1871, with John S. Aucker, and to them were born eight children: Nora L., born July 10, 1873, intermarried on December 24, 1896, with Joseph M. Walborn; Charles E., born March 31, 1875, on August 25, 1894, intermarried with Kate Witmer, and to them was born a daughter, Esther Marie, on April 15, 1895; Rosa E., born May 17, 1877, intermarried on April 4, 1897, with George A. Foltz; Arthur E., born February 15, 1879; Francis E., born March 27, 1882; Harry M., born March 1, 1884; Robert F., born June 16, 1886; and Earnest Guy, born December 20, 1893; all are living in Union township.

(6) Hiram S. Stahl, born September 3, 1857, intermarried on January 8, 1882, with Annie Laura Miller, and to them five children were born, three of whom died in infancy, and the other two are living in Washington township with their parents—Olive Annette, born April 7, 1885; and Mary Cathrine, born May 3, 1887.

The mother of our subject and of the foregoing family, who was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, died July 12, 1868, and was buried in Keiser cemetery.

After the death of his first wife, John Stahl sold his farm to his son Levi, with whom he made his home for a short time and afterward lived with our subject. On November 19, 1871, he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Readig, *née* Bickle, who was the widow of Thomas Readig. Mr. Stahl departed this life January 12, 1879, and was also laid to rest in Keiser cemetery. While not a member of any Church, he gave liberally to religious work, was a peaceful, law-abiding citizen, and a Democrat in politics. He possessed much mechanical skill, was a man of sound judgment and good business ability, and, as a farmer, accumulated a comfortable competence through his own unaided effort.

As E. S. Stahl was the eldest son, and work was plentiful upon the home farm, he was unable to attend school as much as he would have liked during his early boyhood, and at the age of eighteen could scarcely speak a word of English, his school training having been all in German. His first teacher was John Ziegler. He was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and by work in the harvest and hay fields managed to save enough money to purchase his books and pay his tuition at Freeburg Academy, which he entered April 2, 1860. Here he prepared himself for teaching, and for five terms successfully followed that profession in Monroe, Penn and Union townships, Snyder county.

On September 27, 1863, Mr. Stahl was united in marriage with Miss Julia Crissinger, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., January 1, 1842, a daughter of John and Christina A. (Wolfe) Crissinger. They began housekeeping near Fisher's school house in Penn township, where Mr. Stahl was engaged in teaching, and later lived on the Noll farm in Union township. Subsequently he operated the Hoover Mill farm in Penn township, and in 1868 purchased the farm of 100 acres of rich land, where he still lives, buying the same of Samuel Pottiger. The log house standing upon the place continued to be his home for nearly twenty years, but in 1887 he replaced it by a substantial brick residence. A good barn was built in 1883, and the other buildings are all in keeping with the neat and thrifty appearance of the place, which is regarded as one of the model farms of Union township.

Four children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stahl, namely: Ida G., born July 10, 1864, is successfully engaged in teaching school; Sarah P., born October 12, 1865, is the wife of Frank Brown and has two children, Ida E. and Oliver R.; J. Ammon, born January 1, 1867, is professor of the schools at Bancroft, Neb.; and William O., born July 28, 1868, died

July 25, 1887. Of these, Ida G. and J. Ammon entered the Freeburg Academy, while Major W. H. Dill, the best and most efficient teacher the county ever had, was principal, to whom they give the honor of having gained an education. Both hold diplomas from that institution, and permanent certificates issued by the State Department of Education of Pennsylvania. Both commenced teaching at the age of seventeen. Ida G. has successfully taught thirteen terms, which vocation she is engaged in now. J. Ammon taught five terms in Pennsylvania, and in 1889 went to Schuyler, Neb., where he taught three terms, then entered the University at Lincoln, Neb., continued his studies two years, was then elected principal of the schools at Bancroft, Neb., where he successfully taught four terms of nine months each, and is employed for another term.

Our subject is a Democrat in politics, but is not strictly partisan, and often supports men outside of his party when he considers them best fitted for the office. He has capably served as school director, and in 1892 was appointed to fill the unexpired term of D. S. Sholly as justice of the peace, to which position he has since been elected, and which he is now filling in a most creditable manner. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years. He at one time held membership in the Grange, and also in the Odd Fellows Society, but at present he is connected with no fraternal order. An influential and public-spirited citizen, he stands deservedly high in the esteem of the entire community, and is a pleasant, agreeable and hospitable man, who keeps well informed on the leading questions of the day.

BENJAMIN F. WAGENSELLER, M. D., a leading physician of Selins Grove, Snyder county, is a man of ability, one who, through his force of character, has become prominent, and has come to the front in the different walks of life.

Born February 17, 1838, at Selins Grove, Snyder county, Dr. Wagenseiler has descended from ancestors who for upward of 150 years through their respective generations have been identified with the interests of the Commonwealth, among whom, too, have been men of capacity and position. The founder of the family here in America was (Stoffel) Christopher Wagenseil, a German, and the great-great-grandfather of our subject, resided in Hanover town-



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ship, Philadelphia Co., Penn., and prior to 1734, as it is of record that he paid "quit rent" on 150 acres of land there. His wife was Anna Christina, and their children, whose names as they appeared in the father's will dated June 13, 1760, were: John, Ann Mary and Elizabeth Catherine. Of these, it is known that Ann Mary married John Dirr (now spelled Derr), and Elizabeth Catherine married David Haag. The latter, so says the history of Montgomery county, arrived from Germany September 7, 1748, at the age of twenty-two years. It appears from Christopher's will that he owned 101 acres along the Perkiomen creek in Upper Hanover township, Philadelphia county (Hanover township was divided in 1841); that he sold one-half of it to his son-in-law, David Haag; and that he bequeathed the other half to his only son, John. The Perkiomen creek divided the land equally with David Haag's land on one side and John's legacy on the other. John Derr at one time owned the land upon which the town of Pennsburg now stands. Johannes, or John Wagenseil was born in Montgomery (then Philadelphia) county, June 24, 1739, and died September 29, 1799. His wife, who was Margaret Honnetter, was born April 12, 1740, and died November 9, 1811. She was the daughter of Andrew Honnetter, a farmer of Douglass township. Both she and her husband lie buried in the cemetery at the old Trappe Lutheran Church. Their eight children were:

(1) John Wagenseiler, born December 14, 1763, baptized January 23, 1764, married Elizabeth Weidner, and died August 5, 1811. He was proprietor of the "Red Lion Hotel" near Chester Springs, Penn. They had seven children—Margaret, born May 15, 1789, married Benjamin Ramsey, and died September 12, 1849; Thamzen married John Marshall, son of Joseph Marshall, of near Wilmington, Del., and died January 18, 1873; Fanny married an Evans, and then Joseph Beidler, and died August 28, 1870; Abigail married Joseph John, and died February 17, 1855; Abraham, born August 26, 1791, at Lionville, Penn., married Catherine Meyers, daughter of Capt. Henry Meyers, of Philadelphia, and died January 31, 1868 (his wife died June 28, 1847, at Glen Moore, Penn.; Abram and Catherine had five children); Julia Matilda, born December 13, 1826, at Lionville, married John Irely, December 25, 1845, and she now resides at Phoenixville, Penn.; Mary Elizabeth, born May 3, 1830, married Dr. B. G. Miller, and now resides at No. 1509 Second avenue, Rock Island, Ill.; Thomas Meyers, born August 14, 1833, married Mary Malinda Rice,

of Perryville, April 24, 1862, and died February 7, 1871 (Mary has since married Richard Stratton, of Fairbury, Ill., and resides there now); John Andrew, born December 11, 1836, married Emily Johnston, May 18, 1864, and now lives a retired life at No. 142 Price street, Germantown, Penn.; and Emily Law, born December 3, 1839, was married on May 7, 1863, to Newton Smith, a merchant of Ulster county, N. Y., who died December 12, 1884; the widow resides at Peoria, Ill. The sixth child of John and Elizabeth (Weidner) Wagenseiler, was George, born at the "Red Lion Hotel," Chester county, January 18, 1788, and died April 18, 1857, in Crawford county, Ill. He was married to Leticia Cavender, who was born October 3, 1788, and died September 29, 1865. To them were born seven children: (a) John Cavender, born July 24, 1813, married Jane Rebel, and died in September, 1871; (b) Thomas Weidner, born November 19, 1815, married Jane Montgomery, September, 1849, and died March 5, 1865; (c) Abram, born September 2, 1818, married Barbara McGowen, and is still living at Indian Camp, Guernsey Co., Ohio, the oldest living Wagenseiler known in this country; (d) William, born in Beaver county, Penn., June 24, 1821, married Elizabeth Waldrop, at Palestine, Ill., February 4, 1844. His wife was born February 3, 1818, and died March 4, 1864; he then married Eliza A. Gomer, July 30, 1865, and now resides at Hamilton, Mo.; (e) Amos, born May 30, 1824, and on September 24, 1848, married Malinda Rich, who was born June 4, 1827, and died November 29, 1856. On September 6, 1857, he married Jemima Snapp, who was born December 12, 1830, and died September 23, 1872; September 26, 1874, he was married to Elizabeth Rogers, who was born June 14, 1843, and he now resides at Solomon, Kans.; he is the father of fourteen children, four with his first wife, six with his second wife, and four with his third wife. (f) Elizabeth married Hugh Mathus; and (g) Thamzen, born October 15, 1830, died March 21, 1839. The last of John and Elizabeth (Weidner) Wagenseiler's children is Elizabeth, born September 14, 1800, married Joseph Riter, and died May 29, 1855. The descendants are living about Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

(2) Catherine, the second of John's children, was born December 3, 1764, married Conrad King, and died in 1820. Catherine was the mother of nine children. (3) Susanna, born February 2, 1768, married Conrad Swinhart, of Montgomery county. (4) Anna Maria, born May 20, 1770, married Benjamin Royer, of Royersford, Penn. (5) Maria Margaretha, born June 2,

1772, married Mathias Walter, of Philadelphia county.

6) William, born May 25, 1778, married Rebecca Neilor, who died October 20, 1844; he was a hotel keeper in West Pikeland township, Chester county, and died July 22, 1868. William and Rebecca had five children: James, born November 28, 1808, married Harriet Hartman, and died without children in Chester county, July 15, 1868; George, born August 17, 1812, was never married, was superintendent of a division of the Sunbury & Erie railroad, a member of the House of Representatives from Schuylkill county, and died December 15, 1873; Ann, born April 14, 1815, married Frederick Holman, and died June 23, 1885, at Chester Springs, Penn.; John Neilor, born April 11, 1817, married Sarah McVeagh (she died September 20, 1863), and resided at Sing Sing, N. Y., was in the hotel business the last fifteen years of his life, and died February 27, 1871; and Margaret, born October 28, 1818, married John Young, and is still living at Anselma, Chester county.

7) The next child of John and Margaret Wagenseil is Peter Wagenseller (here is where the change in spelling occurred), the grandfather of our subject, born in Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county, September 24, 1774, married Susanna Longaker (Longenecker), January 7, 1800, and resided in Providence township, Chester county, until the spring of 1834, when they moved to Columbus, Ohio. He died June 14, 1835. Susanna's ancestry is traced back to Ulrich Longenecker, Sr., born in Switzerland, in 1664. A copy of the family coat of arms is in the possession of Hon. A. B. Longaker, of Norristown. Peter and Susanna had ten children, all born in Montgomery county. Jacob, the father of our subject, born January 22, 1801, will be referred to more fully later on. John, born December 17, 1802, married Mary Ann Norton, December 25, 1823. She was born September 2, 1805, and died May 19, 1834, from illness contracted on the journey west to Ohio with her husband's father. John next married Catherine Briggs, who was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., December 8, 1810. John died in Columbus, January 2, 1845, and in 1847 his widow married Stacy Taylor. Mrs. Taylor died March 28, 1853. The children of John with his first wife were Araminta, born April 17, 1829, married Reuben Bergstresser, March 14, 1850, and died at Pekin, Ill., of typhoid pneumonia, January 25, 1861 (her husband was born January 9, 1824, in Selins Grove, and died May 10, 1888, in Denver, Colo., of apoplexy); Samuel Norton, born February 21, 1827, and is now

residing at Ukiah, Cal.; Mary, born April 14, 1832, was first married to John Perkins, then to William Rankin, and third to Lewis Lutz, now resides at East Las Vegas, N. M.; Matilda married a Stephenson, and resided in Stephenson county, Ill.; and Sarah Ann died in youth. John's marriage with his second wife resulted in the birth of three children: Emily, born January 10, 1840, near Columbus, Ohio, married William Wirt Clemens, of Massachusetts, May 9, 1865, and died July 31, 1897, at Columbus; John, born March 29, 1845, died of consumption; Jacob, born January 8, 1838, went to California years ago, and as he has not been heard of is supposed to have been killed on the plains. The third of Peter and Susanna's children is Benjamin, born November 4, 1809, married Elizabeth Doyle, July 20, 1842, and died at Pekin, March 15, 1844. His wife was born August 9, 1826; they had only one child: Theodore L., born April 18, 1843, married Emily Lander, September 6, 1866, at Chlicothe, Ill., and now resides at No. 645 Everett avenue, Kansas City, Kans. Peter's fourth son was Joshua, born July 5, 1813, married Harriet Rupert, May 1, 1840, a descendant of Prince Rupert, who was a prominent man in the Royal family during Cromwell's time. Joshua died at Pekin, July 21, 1882; his wife was born July 26, 1823, and died March 17, 1873. They were the parents of five children: Albert Elon, born February 1, 1841, married Mary Hammer, March 27, 1871, who was afterward divorced, and February 24, 1897, married Hubbard Sylvester Latham, and resides at Manito, Ill. William Henry, born February 1, 1845, married Ophelia J. Leighton, October 17, 1866, and now resides in Omaha, Neb.; his wife was born February 17, 1848. Laura Catherine, born November 28, 1849, and in 1870 married Algeia Parker (the only brother of Mrs. Robert G. Ingersoll), from whom she was divorced, and now resides at No. 3608 Ellis avenue, Chicago. Frank Rupert, born December 30, 1851, married Agnes Reynolds, January 16, 1873, and now resides in Pekin with six children. Harriet, born December 16, 1861, died January 5, 1888. Peter's fifth son, who was also called Peter, was born July 16, 1815, and died in Selins Grove, September 10, 1830. Peter's sixth son was William Findley, born November 13, 1817. His first born was William Jeremiah, born March 23, 1839, married Rebecca Forry, November 5, 1861, and died August 3, 1895, at Selins Grove. [See sketch of George Washington Wagenseller.] He was married to Amelia Bergstresser, and died August 10, 1876. For two terms he was a

member of the House of Representatives. His children by Amelia Bergstresser are Martin Luther, born September 6, 1840, married Carrie L. Kistner, December 7, 1865, and now resides at Selins Grove; Ada E., born June 17, 1842, resides with her mother at Selins Grove; Benjamin Newton, born October 17, 1846, died in 1863; Alice Laura, born March 12, 1849, married Rev. Emanuel Benton Killinger, and now resides in Trenton, N. J. Of the daughters of Peter and Susanna was Catherine, born November 29, 1804, married Mathew Chain, who died in Franklin county, Ohio, March, 1835. She then married Elijah Timbrel, and died of cancer in 1872 at Pekin. She had four children by her first husband, viz.: William P., Joshua Wagenseller, Kate and Matilda, and two by the second, John and Benjamin, both of whom died in the army, the latter December 1, 1861, at Jefferson City, Mo. Hannah (Catherine's sister), born April 25, 1807, married William Hamilton Chain (brother of Mathew, and both sons of old Mathew Chain, of Montgomery county). Hannah died May 20, 1880, at Lewistown, Ill., and her husband died at Columbus, Ohio, October 8, 1855. They had five children: Jacob M. resides at Utica, Neb.; William H. died at Bushnell, Ill.; Albert resided in Denver; Mary, married to William F. Criss, resides at Carthage, Mo.; and Sarah, married to Dr. Fisher, formerly of Jacksonville, Ill., but now both are dead, and are buried at Los Angeles, Cal. Two other children are mentioned in Peter's family Bible—Susanna, born May 20, 1820, died May 27, 1820; and Henry, born April 18, 1826, died April 24, 1826.

(8) The eighth and last of John's and Margaret's children is Jacob, who married Martha Shrack, and died of heart and kidney trouble. They had six children—David, born 1812, married, September 11, 1834, Ann Meyers Wynn, who died November 20, 1865; he then married Hannah McCracken. By his first wife he had eight children: Martha, born January 14, 1836, married Seth Humphrey, and resides at Gladwyne, Penn.; Mary, born June 16, 1837, married George Mallison, and died June, 1885; Margaret Ann, born October 7, 1840, married Samuel Happersett, January 31, 1862, and now resides in West Chester, Penn.; Levi, born October 4, 1842, married Alice Raney, and died near Philadelphia (widow resides at No. 3911 Melon street, Philadelphia); Harriet, born April 2, 1845, married Harry Townsend, and they now reside at 26th and Poplar streets, Philadelphia; James Wagenseller, born December 29, 1850, married Esther A. Moore, March, 1883, and now resides at Glen Moore, Penn.; Fannie,

born December 7, 1851, married Harry G. Mason, and now resides in Chester, Penn.; Bertha, born September 14, 1856, married Edward Riley, of Chester, Penn. Jacob's other children are John Shrack Wagenseller, born November 16, 1808, married Margaret Wynn, who was born in 1810, and died May 17, 1889; Levi married Catherine Worthington; Sarah married Joseph Pearson; Margaret married James Montgomery; Martha married William McCarragher, formerly resided in West Chester, and died in 1894.

The great-grandmother of our subject, Susanna Longaker, traced her ancestry back to Ulrich Longenecker, Sr., of Switzerland. On the 28th day of August, 1733, Ulrich Longenecker, Sr., aged sixty-nine years, and Ulrich, Jr., aged twenty-two years, took the oath of allegiance at Philadelphia. They arrived in the ship "Hope," of London, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, and with them came Jacob, aged nineteen years. David came about 1725; John, 1727, and Christian, 1729. Ulrich, Sr., had five sons including Jacob, who, in 1845, married Susanna, the widow of John (John was the son of Daniel). They had five daughters, and two sons, Peter and Jacob. The latter changed the name from Longenecker to Longaker, and married Catherine, daughter of John Detweiler. Their children are: John, Jacob, Peter, Hannah (married James Miller), Susanna (married Peter Wagenseller), Abraham, Isaac, Henry, Joseph, Samuel, and Catherine (married Henry Swinehart). From Peter and Susanna (Longaker) Wagenseller sprang Jacob, the father of our subject.

Jacob Wagenseller, M. D., was a native of Pennsylvania, born January 22, 1801, in Montgomery county. He was liberally educated, having graduated at the University of Pennsylvania. He established himself in the practice of medicine in his native county, but in about 1827 located at Selins Grove, Snyder county. In addition to practicing medicine he carried on mercantile business, keeping a general store and dealing extensively in grain. He was thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred at Selins Grove, April 27, 1847. He had abandoned his profession some years previously. He was a man of fine business qualities, and made a success of life. He became prominent in business affairs. He was a Whig, and as such was elected to the State Senate, in which body his intelligence made him a useful member. He was active in party affairs, and a man of influence in the community, as well as a leading spirit in every movement calculated to develop the resources of the county and advance the interest of Selins Grove. He

served two terms in the Senate, being a member at the time of his death. He married Miss Mary Richter, who died in 1863. Her father, Peter Richter, was one of the leading citizens of Selins Grove. Of the eight children of Jacob and Mary Wagenseller, the eldest, Peter Richter, born December 8, 1829, died August 18, 1873, was a prominent physician at Selins Grove; he married Catherine Chritzman, and they had six children: Mary Amelia, born July 18, 1854, died in infancy; Franklin Jacob, born October 8, 1855, married Mary L. Keely; George C., born June 30, 1857, married Lulu Schoch, June 1, 1881; Albertha Lemisa, born December 20, 1859, married Dr. B. F. Emerick, June 16, 1881; Gertrude A., born September 29, 1861, died in infancy; Annie E., born September 2, 1865, married J. A. Strohm, of Carlisle, January 19, 1886. (2) Sarah married J. B. Evans, of Chester county. (3) Mary married Rev. Franklin Gerhart, of Williamsport. (4) Catherine died at an early age. (5) Benjamin F., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (6) Lydia Catherine, who died in 1858, was the wife of William Holman, of Chester Springs, Penn. (7) Martha Jane married Lloyd Sharpless, of Bloomsburg, Penn. (8) John J., who resides in Bloomsburg, married (first) Miss Mary Willier, now deceased, and (second) Miss Clara Hughes, now deceased, and (third) Miss Jennie Mears, February 15, 1898.

Dr. Benjamin F. Wagenseller, in 1851, became a student in the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, and still later he was a student at the University at Lewisburg. Coming from a family distinguished for its medical ability, he at an early age turned his attention to this profession, and in 1856 began reading with Dr. Samuel Wagenseller, at Pekin, Ill. During 1858 and 1859 he read with his brother, Dr. P. R. Wagenseller, at Selins Grove; and then he became a student in the medical department of Pennsylvania College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1860. In 1861 he opened an office in Beavertown, Snyder Co., Penn., and in August, 1862, he was commissioned, by Gov. Curtin, as assistant surgeon of the 139th P. V. I. This regiment was commanded by Col. Collier, a man who afterward became a brigadier-general, and later one of the judges of the courts of Pittsburg. Dr. Wagenseller served in this capacity until January 31, 1863, and was then commissioned surgeon with the rank of major and served under Brig.-Gen. D. B. McKibbin (of the regular army) in the 158th P. V. I. In September, 1863, he was mustered out with the regiment. When the 201st Pennsylvania Regiment was ordered out

Dr. Wagenseller was commissioned surgeon with the rank of major, and so served until the close of the war. He saw much of severe service in different portions of the South, and, at the close of the war, he participated in the Grand Review at Washington. Among the difficult duties performed was the burial early in September, 1862, by the 139th Regiment, of the Union soldiers who had fallen at the battle of Bull Run about a week before, and still lay on the field exposed to the hot summer sun. Most of the Confederate dead had already been interred, and the soldiers of the 139th, under a flag of truce, performed the last sad rites over the neglected bodies of our own fallen heroes, burying fifteen hundred in three days.

Since the close of the war Dr. Wagenseller has been in active practice at Selins Grove, his character and ability winning him a high rank among his professional brethren. He is a member of the Snyder County Medical Society, of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and of the American Medical Association. In the Snyder County Society he has served as president. He also belongs to the Northumberland County Medical Society, and is at the present time serving as president of that body. This organization now has seventy-eight members. For twenty-five years Dr. Wagenseller has been surgeon for the Pennsylvania railroad, and he is a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. At one time he filled the chair of physiology at Susquehanna University, Selins Grove. At all times a Republican, he has for many years been identified with the organization of his party, and has been to a number of State Conventions, and to three National Conventions. In 1868 he was an elector and cast his vote for Grant and Colfax. In 1869 he was commissioned, by President Grant, as revenue assessor of the Fourteenth District, comprising the counties of Dauphin, Juniata, Northumberland, Snyder and Union, and served in that capacity until 1872. In the following year he was a candidate for the State Senate, and during the same year was appointed examining surgeon of the United States board of pension examiners. In 1880 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago, and in 1884 and 1892 was again a delegate. During 1882 he received the Republican nomination for Congress. In local affairs Dr. Wagenseller has also been extremely active, and has officiated as a member of the borough council. Repeatedly he has been called upon to fill the position of chief burgess. At present he is serving as president of the board of health of the borough. He has also been iden-

tified with the business interests to some extent, and was formerly a director of the Snyder County Bank. In religious faith he is a Lutheran; since early manhood has been a member of the Church, and for many years past he has served as elder in the Church. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity as a member of Lafayette Lodge.

In 1861 the Doctor married Miss Maria A. Schoch, daughter of Jacob Schoch, and he has one child, Mattie J., who is now the wife of Martin L. Snyder. They have one child, Anna Marie. The family reside in a handsome residence on Market street.

JOHAN P. WETZEL, a farmer and fruit grower of Beaver township, Snyder county, was born September 24, 1846, in what is now Snyder county, then a part of Union county, and in the same neighborhood has spent his entire life.

Mr. Wetzel is a son of John and Lydia (Aigler) Wetzel, and a brother of Samuel A. Wetzel, ex-Judge of Beaver township. He attended the schools near his home, and as soon as old enough to handle the plow began work on the farm. At the age of fourteen he became his father's assistant at the carpenter's trade, which business he followed until 1867, when he learned the blacksmith's trade in Mifflinburg, Union county, following that pursuit for some time thereafter. Hoping to benefit his financial condition, he moved to St. Joseph county, Mich., where he followed his trade for several months. He also spent several months in Bellevue, Ohio, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, and operated the home farm for his father for a year. In 1871 he rented that farm, which he continued to cultivate for three years, when he removed to the farm of J. P. Smith, in Franklin township, renting that property for three years. In 1877 he purchased the old homestead, and has since devoted his time and energies to its improvement. He erected a fine barn and made other improvements at a cost of \$1,500, has placed his land under a high state of cultivation, and has successfully and extensively engaged in the raising of fruit. The place is neat and thrifty in its appearance and well indicates his careful supervision.

In 1871 Mr. Wetzell was married, in Beaver township, Snyder county, to Mary E. Bingman, a native of that township, and a daughter of Frederick Bingman, who is still living. They now have a family of seven children: Ida E., wife of William W. Dreese, a telegraph operator, of Mifflin county; F. Marion, a lumberman; Kate,

wife of Charles Coleman, of Virginia; Samuel, Mary C., John K. and Mabel R., at home.

Our subject is a stalwart Republican who does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He served for three terms as supervisor. He belongs to the Reformed Church, in which he has served as deacon, and for fifteen years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, his devotion to the cause of the Church being most marked and meritorious. He has been president of the Snyder County Agricultural Society since 1894. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Society, and in social, political and business circles he is highly esteemed for his many excellencies of character.

CHARLES L. WETZEL, who is serving as county surveyor of Snyder county, and justice of the peace of Beavertown, was born January 17, 1861, and is a brother of the gentleman whose sketch is given above. He was educated in the public schools of Beavertown and in Freeburg Academy under Profs. Dill and Boyer, after which he spent several terms as a student in the Normal University in Ada, Ohio. He afterward engaged in teaching in the district schools of Snyder county for fourteen years, was for twelve years a teacher in Beavertown, one term in Troxelville, and one term in Adamsburg. He has followed surveying for fifteen years, and was elected county surveyor of Snyder county in the fall of 1892 for a three-years' term. So acceptably did he discharge his duties that in 1895 he was re-elected, and since 1894 he has also filled the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with a fairness and impartiality most commendable. He has also been township auditor for nine years, and in his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican.

In 1887, in Beavertown, Charles Wetzel was married to Sarah Diehl, who was born near Mifflinburg, a daughter of Henry Diehl, of Union county. They have three children: Chauncy Blaine, Maggie Eve and William D. Mr. Wetzel belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in which he has filled all the offices, and is a member of the Reformed Church.

JOHAN LANDIS COOPER is a wealthy retired agriculturist now residing at Selins Grove, Snyder county, and his elegant home displays the influence of the refined and cultured tastes of its occupants. Mr. Cooper has always been a friend of education, and, in fact, is in sympathy with all advance movements. His patriotism was demonstrated by gallant service in the army during the Civil war, and he has for years been actively interested in the G. A. R.

The Cooper family originated in one of the British Isles. Our subject's grandfather Cooper, crossing the ocean at an early day, located in New Jersey, where he engaged in farming. He died there in 1818, leaving two sons, Israel and John. The latter, who became the father of our subject, was born in 1807, in New Jersey, and was left fatherless when nine years old. He began his business career under disadvantages, and, although he had no capital at the start, he acquired a handsome competence, and at his death, in 1879, was the owner of 300 acres of land. His wife, Catherine Snyder, a native of Northumberland county, was born in 1809, and died in 1893. They had nine sons and two daughters, all but one of whom lived to adult age. Hiram, who married a Miss Simpson, lives at Goshen, Ind.; Jeremiah died in Selins Grove; Isaac Newton is living in retirement at Sunbury, Penn.; Thomas died some years ago; Harriet is the wife of Jacob Muench, of Snyderstown, Penn.; John L. is mentioned more fully farther on; Simon P. died at the age of eight years; David W. lives on the homestead; Joseph Melancthon, a physician in Schuylkill county, Penn., weighs 285 pounds; Martin Luther is living in retirement in Snyderstown, Penn.; and Mary, who married Rev. A. K. Zimmerman, of Selins Grove. Of those who lived to maturity none weighed less than 184 pounds, and the heaviest was light and strong on his feet. All of them remained at home until they reached the age of twenty-one, with the exception of Thomas, who became a clerk, but gave his salary to his father while under age. They were a remarkably harmonious family, the boys agreeing among themselves, and never calling upon the father to settle a dispute of any kind.

John Landis Cooper was born December 19, 1840, at the old homestead in Northumberland county, where he grew to manhood, obtaining an education in the district schools while assisting in the farm work. He left home first when, on August 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 131st P. V. I., in response to Gov. Curtin's first call for nine-months' men. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He was taken ill with typhoid fever, and while in that condition, in September, 1862, he was taken prisoner in Chambersburg, and as soon as able he was paroled and sent home. He remained there some three weeks, and then reported at the hospital at Harrisburg, where he was held until a general exchange, March 4, 1863. He then rejoined his regiment at Stoneman's Station, and here remained until the regiment was discharged, in June, 1863. After returning home he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railroad

Company, remaining a part of two years, then began farming and lumbering, which he has since carried on with great success. In 1890 he built his present home, still owning his two farms, one of 87 acres and one of 204. In politics Mr. Cooper is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party.

On September 20, 1866, Mr. Cooper was married to Miss Emma A. Hummel, by whom he has had two children: (1) Nora E. was graduated from Susquehanna University in 1887, married Rev. Robert G. Bannen, who also graduated in same class, and now is a Lutheran minister of South Williamsport, Penn.; they have one child, Paul C. (2) Arthur E. was graduated from Susquehanna University in 1890; he married Miss Carrie L. Ulsh, of Middleburg, Penn., and they have one daughter, Florence Anita. The parents are active members of the Second Lutheran Church (General Synod) of Selins Grove, Mrs. Cooper being very active in all Church and temperance work. She is active in the W. C. T. U., being treasurer of the work in the county, and superintendent of the Mother's work.

Mrs. Cooper was born July 28, 1845, near Selins Grove, Snyder county, where the Hummel family has resided for many years, her father, the late John Hummel, having been born there in 1817. He died in 1895, and his wife, Hannah Diebert, who was born in Orwigsburg, Penn., in 1820, passed away in 1877. Their children were: Franklin, who died when twenty-one; Emma A., Mrs. Cooper; Edward, who is now representing the Seventh District in the State Senate; Mrs. Kistner, of Selins Grove; and H. W., who is a coal and lumber merchant in Northumberland county.

JAY GILFILLAN WEISER. The family of Weiser was eminent in the early annals of Pennsylvania. Conrad Weiser, prominent in the internal development of Pennsylvania long before the Revolutionary war, emigrated from Germany to Newburgh on the Hudson, in New York, in the year 1710. He became a leading personage in Colonial times, and exercised a permanent and wide influence upon the times in which he lived, rendering important services to the Province of Pennsylvania in effecting treaties with the different Indian tribes.

In the civil and military relations of those early days he was, perhaps, one of the most noted and distinguished of the public men who helped to make Pennsylvania one of the leading Colonies. He was noted particularly for his sterling integrity, his high qualities of fair dealing

as an interpreter, and in his many important negotiations with Indian chiefs, as well as in the diplomacy he displayed in arranging questions of moment affecting the disposition of the land, he gained great influence and high standing with both the representatives of the Indian tribes and the Colonial government, in whose behalf he spent the best years of his life. He made several long journeys from the southeastern settlements in Pennsylvania, by direction of the Provincial authorities to arrange treaties, encountering numberless perils of the forest and foe, penetrating into the far interior, reaching the Great Lakes of New York and Canada, and returning in safety. He died July 13, 1760, full of years and honor, and his remains lie near Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

Jay Gilfillan Weiser, subject of this article, springs from Frederich, the second son of Conrad Weiser, and traces his descent in unbroken line through Jacob, John, Peter, and Jonathan, his father. They were all more or less prominent in the public affairs of their native State. Jonathan Weiser married Mary Gilfillan, of near Millerstown, Perry county; her father was James Gilfillan, and her mother was Sarah Jones, daughter of Nathan Jones, who was born at Haddington, West Philadelphia, and who married Sarah Gibson, of Kingessing. The father of Nathan Jones was Robert Jones, of Marion.

Jay Gilfillan Weiser, on his paternal side inherits German blood, and on the maternal side he has an infusion of Irish and Welsh. The Joneses lived on the famous Welsh Tract contiguous to Philadelphia and were contemporary with the landing of William Penn. Jonathan Weiser, father of Jay Gilfillan Weiser, was born at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Penn., and after he had grown to manhood, located at Mahantango, Juniata Co., Penn., where he became engaged in business enterprises, holding several positions of trust, and was elected associate judge, which position he filled, and died shortly thereafter, leaving to survive him his wife and five children—three sons and two daughters—Jay being his third child, born at Mahantango, Juniata Co., Penn. He was educated at the Millersville State Normal School, under the supervision of Dr. Edward Brooks, eminent as an author of educational works, now Superintendent of the Public Schools of the City of Philadelphia. Thereafter he entered the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1882, having studied law in the office of Hon. Louis E. Atkinson, ten years a representative in Congress from the 18th Pennsylvania District, as well as having been under the tutelage of the

late Hon. Richard Vaux, ex-Mayor of Philadelphia, and Judge Michael Arnold, of the same city.

Mr. Weiser was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar in June, 1882, upon motion of Mr. Vaux, spending some time thereafter in their law offices, from which many rising young men went forth into the professional field. He located in Middleburg, Snyder Co., Penn., December 23, 1886, where he has since successfully practised his profession. He was his party's nominee for District Attorney in 1888 but failed of election, because of the overwhelming majority of the opposing party; was a delegate to the Democratic Conventions in 1889 and 1891, and in 1896 was chosen at the Allentown Convention of 1896, as a Delegate to the National Chicago Convention of that year, which nominated Hon. William J. Bryan for the Presidency. In the law Mr. Weiser is held in high esteem for his fine qualities of mind and high professional honor, a thorough and apt student, well equipped for his profession by a complete education, and enjoying the confidence and regard of all his professional brethren and the public at large.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, clinging to the Jeffersonian traditions of the organization, and is frequently called into counsel, as a representative of his district, at conventions held for nominating State candidates and enunciating party platforms. In 1893 he was pressed by the leaders of his section of the State for a position in the Consular service, under the second Cleveland Administration; and Gov. Pattison recognizing his trained qualities of mind and professional ability appointed him one of the Five Commissioners to prepare the History of "The Frontier Forts of Pennsylvania," erected as garrisons by the Province, as a means of defence against the Indians, prior to the Peace Treaty of 1781. He performed his arduous work with ability and fidelity, his district composing sixteen counties of the Commonwealth. Mr. Weiser is President of the Snyder County Historical Society, recently organized, is a supporter of the progressive institutions of his community, is social and affable in disposition. He is unmarried.

HARVEY SCHOCH, a successful business man of Selins Grove, Snyder county, is prominently identified with the various interests of his locality, political, social and religious, as well as financial. For some years he has been a member of the well-known mercantile firm of Schoch Bros., but of late he has given his atten-

tion to the insurance business, in which he is now a leader.

Mr. Schoch is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county. He was born August 20, 1857, on the old farm in Franklin township, Snyder county, a son of John A. and Lydia (Houtz) Schoch [see sketch of Ira C. Schoch], and after attending the public schools there and in Selins Grove he took a course in Susquehanna University, graduating in 1877. In 1882 he became a member of the firm of Schoch Bros. and for seven years he was actively engaged in mercantile business. He held the position of postmaster of the city under appointment of Benjamin Harrison. Since 1882 he has been more or less interested in insurance business, and, on giving up his connection with the firm in 1889, he devoted his entire attention to that line, carrying fire, life and accident risks. He is thoroughly up to date in his business methods, and his manners are gentlemanly and courteous under all circumstances.

As a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Selins Grove, he has always taken an active part in religious work. In Masonic circles he has been a prominent figure for years as past master of Lafayette Lodge No. 194, F. & A. M., at Selins Grove; Perseverance Chapter No. 21, R. A. M., and Pilgrim Commandery No. 11, K. T., at Harrisburg; Harrisburg Consistory, 32nd degree, S. P. R. S.; and the Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Philadelphia.

In 1883 Mr. Schoch was married to Miss Emma C. Schnure, daughter of George Schnure [see sketch of Mr. Schnure]. They have three children to bless their union: Silas Howard and Marion Schnure, two bright boys; and Agnes Selin, the daughter, named for her great-grandmother—the daughter of Maj. Anthony Selin, the founder of Selins Grove.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WAGENSELLER, A. M., editor of the *Middleburgh Post*, is an enterprising and talented young man, whose abilities have found a congenial field for expression in journalistic work. He was born near Selins Grove, Penn., April 27, 1868, and his boyhood was spent upon his father's farm, much of his time being given to wholesome outdoor work. When he was fifteen years old his father became the manager of the Grangers' store at Selins Grove, and for several years George clerked there during the summer months, while attending the public schools in winter. In March, 1887, he entered Missionary Institute, now Susque-

hanna University, at Selins Grove, having secured the necessary funds for his tuition and books through the diligent and careful saving of many small sums. On June 6, 1889, he was graduated, and during the following summer he became the principal of the public schools of Cowan, Union county, where he taught with marked success for one year, graduating five students on May 15, 1890. In September of the same year he matriculated as a student at Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Penn., entering the junior class. His summer vacations were devoted to canvassing, by which he earned enough money to pay the expense of his entire course, and on June 22, 1892, he was graduated from the classical course with the degree of A. B. Three years later he was granted the degree of A. M. from his Alma Mater.

During the summer of 1892 the Pennsylvania National Guard was called out to quell the riot at Homestead, Penn., and Mr. Wagenseller went with the Lewisburg company, spending eighteen days on duty. In August, 1892, he accepted the position of Professor of English and the Sciences in the Coatesville Academy, but in the following January, having learned that his salary was in jeopardy, he resigned. In April, 1893, he began work as Principal of the Teachers' Normal School at Kerrmoor, Clearfield county, Penn., the course being completed in June. During the following summer he was offered three positions within ten days, viz.: the presidency of Palatinate College at Myerstown, Penn.; the assistant principalship of the public schools at Clearfield, Penn., and the principalship of the Bloomfield Academy at New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Penn. He accepted the latter, and held the position until the spring of 1894, when he resigned to engage in his present calling. On March 17, 1894, in partnership with A. E. Cooper, he purchased from Thomas H. Harter the *Middleburgh Post*, with the entire printing plant. On December 12, 1894, the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Wagenseller became the sole proprietor and the editor.

The history of the *Post* goes back to some time in the forties, when a German Whig paper was established at New Berlin, called the *Union Demokrat*. For many years it was published by Christian Mueser. In 1850 it was bought by Israel Gutelius, and in the spring of 1853 it was moved to Selins Grove. In 1861 it was changed from a German to an English paper, and the name changed to the *Post*. Until the latter part of 1866 it remained at Selins Grove, and prior to New Year, 1867, it was bought by Hon. Jeremiah Crouse, and moved to Middleburgh, and he



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continued its publication until December 1, 1882, when Thomas H. Harter bought it, and retained it until the subject of this sketch secured it as above stated. On February 3, 1898, the entire plant was moved into a large building built especially for the purpose, near the center of town. It is a strong Republican organ, free to expose wrong-doing in public life at all times, and it now has the largest circulation within the county, of any newspaper whatever. By his industry and vigilance he has greatly extended the influence of the paper, and he has added to the printing plant from time to time such modern devices as are required in an up-to-date office.

The ancestry of Mr. Wagenseller can be traced back to Christopher Wagenseil, who with his wife, Anna Christina, came from Germany prior to 1734. [For the lineal descendants see sketch of Dr. B. F. Wagenseller.] William Jeremiah Wagenseller, the father of our subject, was born in Snyder county, Penn., March 23, 1839, and died August 3, 1895, in the borough of Selins Grove, at the age of fifty-six years, four months and ten days. Early in life he went to live with Henry and Catherine Bickhart. His education was obtained in the public schools of his district and in the school of life. On November 5, 1861, he was married to Miss Rebecca Forry, the daughter of John and Esther Forry, of Penn township. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. C. Z. Weiser. Less than a year transpired when the call for able-bodied men came, and on October 28, 1862, he enlisted and was made corporal of Company F, 172nd P. V. I. His term of enlistment expired January 28, 1863. He again enlisted, this time on September 5, 1864, and was assigned to Company D, 208th P. V. I. On October 5, 1864, at Bermuda Hundred he was handed his commission as sergeant of his company. He participated in the fierce fighting at Fort Steadman, and in the capture of Petersburg, Va. On June 1, 1865, at the close of the war, he was discharged, and he, with thousands of others, threw off the soldier's uniform and returned to the life of a civilian. He was prominently connected with the Grange movement, and for several years was master of the local organization, and he also was the presiding officer of the Snyder County Pomona Grange. In 1883, the Grangers opened a co-operative store, and Mr. Wagenseller was chosen general manager, and held the position until November, 1890, when he voluntarily retired to private life.

There were ten children born to William J. and Rebecca Wagenseller, viz.: Kate Alice, born February 22, 1862; Mary Louisa, born May 17,

1864, died August 25, 1865; John Franklin, born August 1, 1866; George W., the subject of this sketch; an infant son, born April 28, 1870, died May 5, 1870; Ida May, born May 15, 1871; Amon Sylvester, born November 11, 1873, married Jeneatte Smith August 8, 1897, and to them was born a son, Bruce Sylvester, February 23, 1898; Anna Celesta, born June 10, 1876, died February 17, 1882; Charles Henry, born December 9, 1877, died July 24, 1878; and an infant son, who was born September 30, 1881, and died the same day.

On October 22, 1896, George Washington Wagenseller, our subject, was married to Miss Miriam Orwig, daughter of Dr. John W. and Margaret (Zellers) Orwig, of Middleburg. Mrs. Wagenseller was born June 18, 1875, in Middleburg, and she can trace her ancestry back to Gottfried Orwig, who, with his wife came to America in 1743, and settled in Berks county, Penn. He was born, it is supposed, in Brunswick, Germany, August 24, 1719, and qualified at the port of Philadelphia, October 2, 1741, arriving from Rotterdam in the ship "St. Andrew," Charles Stedman, master. His age is given as twenty-two, which corresponds to the tombstone record at Orwigsburg, Penn. He went to Germany, and brought his wife, Clara, over in 1843. She was born January 26, 1716, and died January 5, 1788, aged seventy-two years, less three weeks. Gotfried and Clara had six children, viz.: Catharine, born December 4, 1748; Peter, born at Maiden Creek, Berks Co., Penn., July 8, 1750, married Hannah Webb, and died at Orwigsburg about 1807; Maria, born December 19, 1751; Henry, born at Maiden Creek, December 6, 1753, married Elizabeth Haring (no children), was a private in the Revolutionary war, in Col. William Thompson's Riflemen, died December 18, 1836; Elizabeth, born October 8, 1756; George, youngest child, born at Maiden Creek, March 11, 1758, was in the Revolutionary war and took part in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, and Brandywine. He had joined the rifle company of Capt. James Olds, in July, 1776. His last services were rendered at Fort Jenkins in 1778. He was married to Mary Magdalene Gilbert, who was born August 10, 1758, by whom he had twelve children. He died at Mifflinburg, Penn., March 2, 1841. Gotfried and his wife, the parents of these children, settled in 1743 at Maiden Creek, near Reading, Penn., on lands purchased from the Iroquois Indians, but afterward removed to Sculp Hill, near Orwigsburg, in Schuylkill county. During the Revolutionary war a company of old men was organized (Germans), eighty in all. Their

captain was nearly one hundred years old, and in a history of Pennsylvania the names of this company are given, and Gotfried is among them.

George Orwig, the youngest son of Gotfried, is the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Wagenseller. Maria Magdalene, the daughter of Conrad Gilbert, was born August 10, 1758, and died January 30, 1841. About 1812, George Orwig moved to near Mifflinburg, Union county. Both are buried there. They had twelve children, as follows: George, born January 17, 1780, died near Bellevue, Ohio, February 1, 1852; John, born July 21, 1781, died near Bellevue, Ohio, September 25, 1844; Jacob, born April 18, 1783, died at New Berlin, Penn., January 23, 1859; Abraham, born February 26, 1787, died at Orwig's Mill, Union Co., Penn., December 16, 1852; Isaac, born February 27, 1785, died near Orwigsburg; Henry, born June 27, 1789, died in Mifflinburg, married (no children); Mary Sarah, born August 27, 1791, died October 9, 1792; Maria Magdalen, born December 5, 1793, married Ephraim Hackman, died at Adamsburg, Penn.; Rebecca, born February 1, 1796, married Thomas Crotzer, died at Mifflinburg; Samuel, born April 6, 1798, married Mary Meyer, died at Mifflinburg, September 7, 1872; William, born March 22, 1800, died on his farm in Lewis township, Union county, February 26, 1889; and Hannah, born July 1, 1802, never married, died at Mifflinburg, October, 1882.

John Orwig, the second son of George and Maria Magdalene (Gilbert) Orwig, is the great-grandfather of Mrs. Wagenseller. He was a merchant at Mifflinburg, and in 1820 was the postmaster at that place. In 1826 we learn that he was still there. Later he moved to Ohio, and died on September 25, 1844. He had five sons: Joseph, the eldest, is the grandfather of the wife of our subject; John; Daniel; Samuel; and Henry; and two daughters, Susan, married Daniel Auble, now resides in Akron, Ohio; and another daughter, whose name is not now at hand. Of these children, Joseph was born November 21, 1801, married to Anna B. Keller, December 24, 1829, and died August 2, 1879. Anna B. (Keller) Orwig was born June 17, 1810, and died July 4, 1874. To this union were born twelve children: Sarah E., born December 3, 1831, married February 26, 1856, to William Calpetzer, and died January 18, 1881, in Kansas (William Calpetzer was murdered by the Missourians May 19, 1858); Samuel P., born May 18, 1834, married December 9, 1856, to Mary Transue; Amanda L., born February 6, 1831, married June 6, 1858, to M. O. Eilert, and died March

27, 1885; Andrew J., born October 24, 1836, married March 18, 1861, to Sarah Browsers, and died May 16, 1880; Lucina A., born April 15, 1838, married December 1, 1857, to Aaron Weary, and died February 25, 1870. Martha J., born December 29, 1839, married March 24, 1864, to William A. Orr, and died March 25, 1890; William P., born March 13, 1841, married October 10, 1866, in San Francisco, to Emma Dean, and died about 1896. Malinda D., born October 2, 1844, married March 7, 1867, to John Yeatter, and died June 4, 1890. John W., born February 22, 1843, married June 4, 1868, to Margaret Zellers, daughter of Samuel Zellers and a Miss Stout. Mary M., born May 15, 1846, married October 10, 1869, Andrew Hudgason, and died December 1, 1885. Joseph C., born February 13, 1849, is married, and resides at Herndon, Penn.; and Susanna M., born February 28, 1852, died February 21, 1874.

John W. and Margaret (Zellers) Orwig had three children: (1) Lillie Susanna, born January 11, 1869, married to Harry Harter, now resides at Northumberland, and they have two children: Wilmer and De Briceon; (2) Miriam, born June 18, 1875, married October 22, 1896, to the subject of this sketch, and (3) an infant daughter, born February 23, 1883, and died February 26, 1883.

On his mother's side our subject's ancestry is even more hardy than on the paternal side. Coming from Germany during the Colonial period, they settled in Berks county. Mr. Wagenseller's grandmother was a Zerbe. Her ancestors came overland from Schoharie, N. Y., to Tulpehocken, Berks county, in the Weiser Colony in 1723-27. They were a prominent family. John Forry, the grandfather of our subject, was married October 28, 1832, to Esther Zerbe, in Berks county, by Rev. Thomas Leinbach. They resided in Berks county until 1839 or 1840, when they moved to near Richfield in Snyder county, where they resided several years, and then moved to Penn township, Snyder county. They reared a family of sixteen children: Edward, born August 23, 1833, married December 18, 1859, to Sarah Ann Jodon, now resides at Freeburg, Penn.; John, born September 28, 1834, now resides at Elkhart, Ind.; Levi, born May 29, 1836; Amanda, born September 29, 1837, married Lieut. William H. Gemberling, and resides at Selins Grove; Jonathan, born November 22, 1838, married Deborah Grissinger, now resides at Milton, Penn.; Rebecca, born November 20, 1840, married November 5, 1861, to William J. Wagenseller (the father of our subject), and now, a widow, resides at Selins Grove;

William, born March 11, 1842; Alfred, a cripple, born July 20, 1843, died August 19, 1879; Elmira, born October 29, 1844, married (first) to Matthias U. App (now deceased), and (second) to David Reed, and now resides at Adamsville, Cass Co., Mich.; Lydia, born September 19, 1846, married to Norman Fisher, now resides near Selins Grove; Mary Ann, born October 21, 1848, married March 9, 1875, to Jacob Martin, now resides at Goshen, Ind.; Elizabeth, born September 9, 1850, married November 3, 1867, to W. N. Fisher, now resides near Selins Grove; Samuel Boyer, born August 25, 1852, unmarried, resides south of Selins Grove; a son, born January 12, 1854, died in infancy; Calvin, born February 28, 1855, married October 29, 1874, to Alice Daubert, and now resides at Kantz, Snyder Co., Penn.; and Catherine, born November 25, 1857, married to Frank Duck, now resides at Kantz, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

John Forry [Forrer], our subject's grandfather, was born in Berks county, March 25, 1805, was a wool carder, and died January 2, 1865, at Selins Grove, Penn. His wife, Esther (Zerbe) Forry, was born in Berks county, November 20, 1814, and died at Selins Grove, August 27, 1874, aged 59 years, 9 months and 7 days.

George Washington Wagenseller is one of the rising young men of central Pennsylvania, a clear thinker, a forcible writer, and a congenial fellow. Public-spirited and progressive, he forged his way to the front with that zeal and ardor that can result only in triumph. A member of the Masonic fraternity, a local historian, an ardent Republican, these are additional non-enclatures that disclose his taste. At present he is compiling a history of the "Wagenseller Family in America." He resides in the borough of Middleburgh, at the county seat of Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

L EVI FISHER, of Selins Grove. "Our forefathers," writes a well-known author, "still live among us in the record of their lives as well as in their acts, which live also. Whoever has left behind him a record of a noble life has bequeathed to posterity an enduring source of good." Among the many histories in this volume from which readers can gain inspiring ideals, none are more suggestive and helpful than those which tell of individual effort and sacrifice during the long struggle for the preservation of the Union, and the following brief account of one of our brave defenders is deserving of the appreciative reception which it will receive from every

true American. Entering the army while in the first flush of manhood, Mr. Fisher came back permanently crippled; yet notwithstanding his disabilities he has maintained a useful and honorable position in life, serving with marked ability in various offices of public trust.

Mr. Fisher was born January 19, 1843, in Penn township, Snyder county, and is of an old Pennsylvania family. His paternal grandfather, George Fisher, was a native of this State, born probably in Lehigh county, and his death occurred before our subject's remembrance. He married a Miss Campbell, and reared a family of six children, viz.: Samuel, our subject's father; George, now a resident of Shamokin Dam, Penn.; Adam, who resides in Northumberland county, with a son; Isaac, who died in Selins Grove; Henry, who died in Elkhart county, Ind., and Elizabeth, who married John Winkleman, and removed to Indiana. After the death of our subject's grandfather, the grandmother married George Gemberling, by whom she had one son, Sephars, now a resident of Penn township, Snyder county.

Samuel Fisher, the father of our subject, was born in Lehigh county, in 1809, but came to Snyder county before his marriage to engage in business as a contractor and builder. He died in 1879, but his wife, Anna Fetter, who was born October 23, 1815, in Jackson township, Snyder county, is still living at the old homestead in Penn township. They had seven children: Elizabeth (Mrs. William Remer), William H. (who married Miss Sarah Lytle, and resides in Goshen, Ind.), Levi (our subject), Barbara E. (deceased, who never married), Zachariah Taylor (who married Miss Grace Eyer, and resides in Wisconsin), Ada (Mrs. H. A. Rearick, of Sunbury, Penn.), and Samuel A. (who lives at the old homestead).

Mr. Fisher has always made his home in his native county, and in his youth received such education as the public schools of the day afforded. On January 25, 1864, during the Civil war, he enlisted in Company F, 184th P. V. I., and soon afterward went to the front, his regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Hancock's Corps. His first important battle was the engagement in the Wilderness, and then followed the battles of Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor. He took part in the famous charge at the latter place, and fell in front of the Rebel works, having received three wounds in a few minutes. His right leg was so mangled above the knee that it was subsequently amputated, but before it received any attention Mr. Fisher lay for four days and nights among the dead and dying, without a

particle of food and with no shelter from the elements. A heavy rain fell, and the bodies of the living and the dead were partially immersed in water as they lay upon the field unattended. When assistance came Mr. Fisher, with others, was taken by sea to an island in New York harbor, and, a fever having already set in, he lay in a hospital there for some time. On September 3, 1864, he arrived at his old home, but on the 3rd of December following he went to Philadelphia to receive treatment. After spending several months in various soldiers' hospitals, he was sent, in April, 1865, to Chester Hospital, where there were at the time fifteen hundred soldiers with but one leg each. The man in charge of the place fed these disabled heroes of the war on mush and molasses for two weeks after Mr. Fisher's arrival, and then the patients rebelled and petitioned the higher authorities for better fare, which they immediately received.

A pension was granted Mr. Fisher soon after the close of the war, and this was afterward increased to \$45 per month. He has not been able to follow any particular occupation, but his ability and fidelity have been called into use at various times by his fellow citizens, who elected him jury commissioner in 1881 for a term of three years, and county treasurer in 1891 for a similar term. He has been a member of the school board of Selins Grove for three years, and has served five years as city tax collector. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and takes an active part in religious work as a member of the Reformed Church. He is a member of Capt. C. S. Davis Post No. 148, G. A. R.

In 1870 Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Alice Amelia Huffman, a native of Monroe township, Snyder county, born August 22, 1850. They have one son, Charles, now a fireman on the Pennsylvania railway, who married Miss Maud Jarrett, and has a daughter, Myra Alice.

MON. SAMUEL A. WETZEL, president of the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and ex-Associate Judge of Snyder county, is one of the leading citizens of his locality. He is noted for that most uncommon quality, sound common sense, his advice being sought on various matters both in politics and business. The Wetzels have been identified with this State for several generations, and our subject's grandfather, Philip Wetzels, came to this section from one of the lower counties at a very early day, and spent his remaining years here and in Middleburg, following the carpenter's trade. He had four sons: John,

Levi, Daniel and Samuel; and three daughters: Nancy, Mary, and Sally, who is now the widow of John Smelker, of Mifflin county.

John Wetzels, our subject's father, was the eldest child of his parents, and was born February 10, 1815. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, being set to work at a very early age, and receiving but very little education. In 1839 he married Lydia Aigler, who was born April 12, 1822, in Beaver township, Union county, Penn., the daughter of Jacob and Esther (Klose) Aigler. After his marriage he engaged in business for himself, doing contract work and building many houses and barns. During the winter seasons he would work at the cabinet maker's trade, as furniture was manufactured in those days in small shops, and being a good mechanic his services were always in demand. He was a small man, but, although he could never be called robust, he did much hard work in his life, and left a comfortable competence as a result of his labors. During 1864 he removed to St. Joseph county, Mich., and remained a few months, but with the exception of this time he made his home throughout his married life in Beavertown, upon the same lot now occupied by our subject. In early years he was a staunch Whig in politics, and later was an equally earnest supporter of the Republican party; but although he was a regular voter he never seemed especially desirous of public office. He was a justice of the peace for a number of years, but finally declined to serve longer. He died at the age of seventy-six years, and was buried in Union cemetery of Beavertown; his widow, a most estimable lady, still resides at the old home. Our subject was the eldest of nine children; Amelia, who married Isaac Boush, died in Beavertown leaving one son, James C., now an expert telegrapher at Pittsburg, Penn.; Jacob is a shoemaker at Beavertown; John P., is a farmer in Beaver township, Snyder county; Ellen married Robert Beaver, of Beavertown; William A. is a resident of the same place; Adeline married Jacob H. Bingaman, of Beavertown; Charles L., also a resident of Beavertown, is a justice of the peace and county surveyor; James D., also of Beavertown, is a carpenter by occupation.

Mr. Wetzels was born March 14, 1840, in Beavertown, and attended school near the old home, his first teacher being Solomon Engle, formerly a justice of the peace. His opportunities were decidedly inferior to those afforded in the schools of to-day, and his active mind was not satisfied by the limited course afforded. After leaving school he prepared himself for teaching

by private study, and after his marriage he taught for two terms at twenty-two dollars per month. The scanty returns of this occupation discouraged him, and he engaged in the carpenter's trade; he also clerked two years for Moses Specht in Beavertown, and for ten years worked in his foundry and machine shop, where plows, corn shellers, threshing machines, and implements of various kinds were manufactured. In 1864 he enlisted in Company I, 184th P. V. I., which was attached to the Second Army Corps. He remained with the regiment until January, 1865, when he was taken ill and sent to the hospital at City Point, Va. He saw some severe fighting around Petersburg previous to his illness, and on returning to his regiment in February, 1865, he joined in the operations around Richmond, being at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender. Then came the Grand Review at Washington, after which he was discharged and returned to Beavertown.

In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as township auditor and as county auditor for one term. In 1867 he was elected justice of the peace, and he served in that office until 1883, when he resigned because of his election as Associate Judge of Snyder county. He served in this important position for two terms, and since his retirement his knowledge of law and his sound judgment have been called into play at different times, as he has often been asked to act as administrator, executor, guardian and arbitrator. He owns several lots in Beavertown and a small farm in the same township, and has an interest in various business enterprises, being one of the founders of the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, incorporated in 1879, of which he has been the president ever since its organization. The old homestead, which has now been in the family for more than sixty years, has been remodeled by him, and he has also erected a fine office building on the place.

In 1863 he was married in Beavertown to Miss Emma Smith, a daughter of Adam and Mary (Specht) Smith. They have had eight children, of whom five are living: (1) Mary L. married James M. Kline, of Beavertown, and has two children, Libbie and Emma. (2) Jane A. married S. L. Freed, of Beavertown, and has one son, Edwin R. (3) Palmer E. died at twenty-two years of age, at the beginning of what seemed a promising career. (4) Libbie A. married William M. Specht, of Beavertown. (5) Miss Gertrude E. is at home. (6) Charles S. and (7) John A. were twins; the former died at the age of eight years, and the latter is now at home. (8) Katie E. died at the age of three

years. Mr. Wetzel is prominent in Church work, and he and his wife both belong to the Reformed Church at Beavertown, in which he has held office as deacon, and is now serving as treasurer. He is a member of W. H. Byers Post No. 612, G. A. R., at Adamsburg, and was once an active Mason, and an Odd Fellow during the existence of that order in Beavertown. On July 22, 1897, President McKinley, in recognition of his worth as a citizen and his firm adherence to Republican principles, appointed him postmaster at Beavertown.

JOHAN H. WILLIS, of Selins Grove, is one of the most popular citizens of Snyder county, twenty-four years of faithful service in the public schools of that section having won the full confidence of the people. At present he holds the office of register and recorder of Snyder county, and his ability, his excellent education and his unswerving fidelity to duty command the respect of all parties. He was born June 23, 1851, at Wilmington, Del., and after pursuing a liberal course of study, he began teaching, which he abandoned only after nearly a quarter of a century of successful work. For two years he remained free from regular business cares, but in 1897 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office which he now holds. A nomination by the Republicans is equivalent to an election in Snyder county, and Mr. Willis well deserved the honor because of years of faithful and effective work for the party.

In 1882 Mr. Willis married Miss Lucy Huffman, a native of Juniata county, Penn., born October 15, 1853, and six children have blessed the union: Alice Carey, Angeline, Nevin, Katie, George W. and Ira. Socially, Mr. Willis and his wife are prominent, and he is a member of the Reformed Church, and of several fraternal associations, including the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Masonic fraternity.

JC. SCHOCH, prothonotary of Snyder county, is a man who is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, his sterling qualities of character making him entirely worthy of confidence. He has an honorable war record, and his reputation as a successful agriculturist shows that in the "piping times of peace" he has used his energies to good account. He belongs to a well-known pioneer family, his great-grandfather, Matthew Schoch, having settled at an early date at the site of the present village of Kreamer, Snyder county. Matthew Schoch was born De-

ember 16, 1738, at Muhlhausen, Germany, and came to America in 1752, his labor for a term of years after his arrival going to pay for his passage. Landing at Philadelphia, he remained in that vicinity while fulfilled the terms of his contract, and then he located in Northampton county, Penn., near Tulpehocken. Later he accompanied Conrad Weizer, the noted Indian agent, to this section, and purchased a large tract of land where Kreamer now stands. He died in 1812 leaving eleven children, among whom was a son Jacob, our subject's grandfather, who followed the blacksmith's trade for a time in early manhood, and in 1822 built the first house in Kreamer, where he spent his remaining years as a farmer and hotel keeper. He married a Quaker lady named Hendricks, and had thirteen children, of whom the following lived to adult age: George, Michael, Jacob, Samuel, David, John A., Benjamin, Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret and Angeline.

John A. Schoch, our subject's father, was born at the old homestead near Kreamer, January 5, 1808. He was married in 1830 to Miss Lydia Houtz, and for six years they made their home at the old stone hotel. In 1836 he sold the place and bought a farm near Middleburg where he resided until his death in 1863. Thoroughly progressive in his ideas, he did much to advance the best interests of his locality; early in the forties he donated land upon which to build the first public school house in Snyder county, and his zeal for the cause of education never slackened; throughout his life he sought to elevate the standard of the local schools by securing the best teachers at good wages. His estimable wife, who was born at Selins Grove, October 17, 1812, is now residing in that city. She is a lady of high character and unusual mental ability, and in 1846 she organized the first Sabbath-school ever established in that county. Of their children, the eldest, F. J., is a retired merchant at Selins Grove; Elizabeth is the wife of John M. Smith, of Nebraska; David A. resides at Orangeville, Ill.; Katie married Jerry Crouse, of Middleburg; John Calvin, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; A. Z., is a merchant at Bloomsburg, Penn.; Silas H. died at the age of twenty-two; Ira C. is a resident of Selins Grove; Celestia died in infancy; H. Harvey resides at Selins Grove; George H., deceased, was the eleventh in order of birth; Ada, widow of Dr. S. A. Kempfer, resides at Selins Grove.

The subject of our sketch first saw the light October 15, 1842, in Franklin township, Snyder county, and was reared upon a farm. His edu-

cation was begun in the district schools near his home, and he afterward attended the academies at New Berlin and Selins Grove. In 1862 he enlisted for nine months in Company F, 131st P. V. I., and went to the seat of war, where he took part in a number of important engagements, including the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville. He was discharged at the end of nine months and twenty-one days of service, and, returning home, he resumed the work of farming. In 1864 he took charge of the homestead, which he continued to operate until 1892, doing general agricultural work. At present he is the owner of the homestead farm, superintending the cultivation of it himself. In November, 1892, he was elected to the office of prothonotary, and since February 1, 1893, he has held that position, having been re-elected in 1895. He is a staunch Republican, one of the chief advisers of the party in his locality, and as an official his ability and fidelity have won praise from all classes, irrespective of political affiliations.

On December 1, 1864, he married Miss Margaret Hassinger, a native of Snyder county, born October 12, 1842. Three children have blessed this union: (1) Clyde A. married Alfred Klose, of Beaver township, Snyder county, and they have one son, Harry Jacob. (2) Anna L. married Charles Swing, and had one child, Annie L., who died in 1896. (3) Naomi M. married J. E. Stahlnecker, of Middleburg.

CHARLES HOWER, of Selins Grove, is now the senior member of the Bar of Snyder county, and his long and successful legal career has gained for him a reputation extending far beyond local bounds. He is frequently retained in important cases in various parts of the State, but in most cases of note in his own county he has taken part on one side or the other. For many years he was also solicitor for the Sunbury & Lewistown Railroad Company under the management of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Hower is of German descent remotely, and was born February 18, 1832, on the old Hower homestead, called Howerton, in Allen township, Northampton county, Penn. This place has now been in the possession of the family for more than a hundred and fifty years, a recent owner being George Hower, an uncle of our subject, who died several years ago at the age of eighty-seven years. Frederick Hower, our subject's great-grandfather, a native of Baden, Germany, came to America with his parents when only eight years of age. His son, John Nicholas, the grandfather of our subject, and Eliza-

beth Dreisbach always resided at the old homestead in Northampton county. Jacob Hower, our subject's father, who was born at the same place April 1, 1793, and Miss Mary Morden, daughter of George Morden, a Quaker, who came from England at an early age with his parents, and resided at Belvidere, New Jersey. Jacob Hower died May 9, 1864, and his wife December 27, 1865, the remains of both being interred at Mifflintown, Juniata county.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the common school near his home, and at the McEwensville Academy, Northumberland county. When not engaged in study he devoted his time to farm work, assisting his father as his years and strength permitted, thus developing a fine physique which has enabled him to pass through the arduous toil of professional life with ease. At nineteen he left home to seek his fortune, and for three years he taught school, first in Delaware and Chillisquaque townships, Northumberland county, and then in Liberty township, Montour county, in order to secure the means to study law, for which both inclination and talent fitted him. In 1851 he began his preparation in the office of William C. Lawson, Esq., a prominent attorney at Milton, and later he pursued a course in the Easton Law School under Judge Green, now a judge in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and Judge McCartney, another noted jurist. In November, 1854, he was admitted to the Bar of Northumberland county, Hon. George F. Miller, Hon. Joseph Casey and Henry Donnel, Esq., constituting the examining committee. April 3, 1855, after Snyder county was organized, he located at Selins Grove, where he has ever since been engaged in active practice. In 1858 he was elected district attorney of Snyder county by an unusually large majority, and this office he filled acceptably for three years. His professional work has always held the first place with him, and he has repeatedly refused to enter upon a political career. In 1882 when the Republicans of his county instructed their delegates to the State Convention to support him for the nomination for judge of the Supreme Court, he declined to allow his name to be brought before the convention. This position is usually considered one of the greatest honors that can fall to a practitioner, and had he desired the place he would have had a strong following, Colonel David Taggart, the senatorial delegate, and a goodly number of other delegates outside of his county favoring his nomination. Among the celebrated cases in which Mr. Hower has been engaged was the trial of Israel Erb, Emanuel Ettinger, and Urich and Jonathan Moyer, for the murder of an

elderly couple named John and Gretchen Kintzler. The victims lived in Adams township, Snyder county, and the crime was committed on the night of December 8, 1877, their dwelling being afterward burned and the bodies consumed in the flames. Suspicion fell upon the four men mentioned, all of whom resided within four miles of the Kintzler homestead. The county commissioners decided to investigate the matter and asked Mr. Hower to act as counsel, which he agreed to do on condition that he could first assure himself that the suspected parties were guilty. His careful inquiries convinced him that they were, and he accordingly advised their arrest and assisted in the prosecution. All were convicted of murder in the first degree. Ettinger afterward committed suicide in jail; the two Moyers, who confessed their guilt after conviction, were executed; and the sentence of Israel Erb was commuted by the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary. These were the first and only persons ever convicted of murder in the county.

Mr. Hower enlisted in October, 1862, in the 172d P. V. I. with the rank of first lieutenant, and served as a quartermaster for some time. In 1864 he became a member of the board of enrollment of the Fourteenth District of Pennsylvania.

On December 26, 1854, Mr. Hower was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Nicholas, of Northumberland county, who passed to the unseen life October 14, 1858, her mortal remains being laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery at Selins Grove. Mr. Hower formed a second matrimonial union on September 1, 1859, with Miss Rebecca Shriner, daughter of Daniel Shriner, of Mifflinburg, Union county, who, in his declining years, made his home with our subject; he died June 1, 1886, at the age of ninety-three years. One of the early recollections of this venerable man was the sight of the famous Dr. Joseph Priestley, who arrived in Northumberland county from England about 1793, the year of Mr. Shriner's birth, and died in 1804. Mr. Hower has two children, both by his first marriage. Mary Alice, born October 2, 1855, married Wm. Field Shay, Esq., of Watsonstown, Pennsylvania, and Asher Morden, born September 17, 1857, married and resides at Selins Grove.

W H. RIEGEL, treasurer of Snyder county, is a man whose sterling qualities of character are widely recognized. In business life

he has shown the enterprise and sound judgment which the world is always inclined to admire, and as a citizen he is progressive and public-spirited, taking a leading part in the various movements that tend to promote the welfare of the community.

Mr. Riegel was born May 21, 1857, in West Beaver township, Snyder county, and has been a lifelong resident of the county. John Riegel, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania, and became a successful farmer of Franklin township, Snyder county, where he died at an advanced age. He married Miss Catherine Bingaman, and their son Peter, our subject's father, was born October 27, 1824, at Beaver Furnace, but is now residing near Middle Creek, Snyder county, upon a farm. In early years he learned the chair maker's trade, but for thirty-five years past he has been engaged in agricultural work. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and while he does not take an active part in public life he is a man of influence in his locality. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Middleswarth, was born in 1827, at Beavertown, Snyder county, a daughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth, who was at one time a leading politician of this section, serving one term in Congress and thirteen terms as a member of the State Legislature. Of the ten children born to Peter and Matilda Riegel, the first three, Ephraim, Angeline and Jane, died in their youth. Amanda married A. A. Ulsh, of Middlecreek, Snyder county; W. H., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; P. F. is a fire insurance agent at Beaver Springs, Snyder county; Harriet married J. F. Yetter, of Decatur, Mifflin county, Penn.; Jacob W. resides near Lewistown, Penn.; John M. is a resident of Middlecreek, Spring township; and Howard resides at Middlecreek, Spring township, Snyder county.

The boyhood of our subject was spent in Beaver township, Snyder county (now Spring township), where he received a district-school education, and learned the brick layer's trade. For some time he followed farming, but in 1883 he located at Adamsburg, and has since been actively engaged in his trade, although he still pays some attention to agricultural pursuits. On November 3, 1896, he was elected county treasurer, and on the first Monday in January, 1897, he assumed the duties of the office. On April 1, 1897, he removed his family to Middleburg, and he is already thoroughly identified with the best interests of the place—business, social and religious.

On December 31, 1876, he married Miss Mary A. Maurer, of Beaver township, Snyder county,

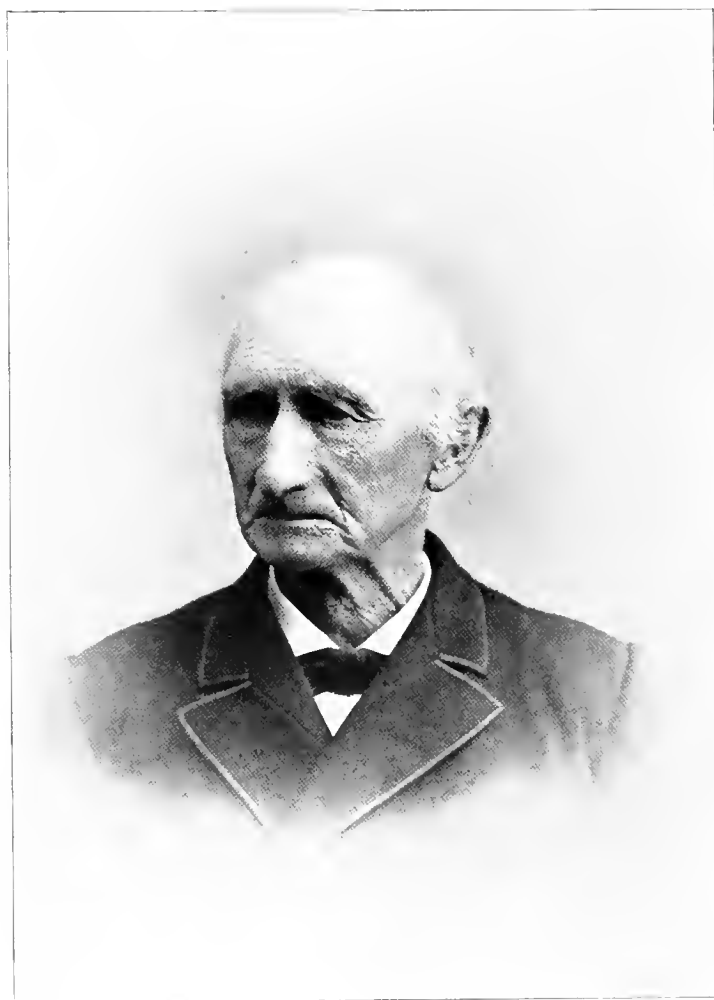
and one daughter, Elsie, brightens their home. Mr. Riegel is a member of the Reformed Church and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

EDWARD BASSLER (deceased) was one of Snyder county's most successful business men, having been engaged for nearly half a century in mercantile pursuits at Selins Grove and Freeburg. In social, political and religious activities he was no less prominent, and although he had lived in retirement for some years previous to his death, the news of his final departure from earthly scenes on November 23, 1895, caused profound grief among a wide circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Bassler was born January 19, 1816, at Selins Grove, the son of John Bassler, an old-time tavern keeper, and his wife, Catherine Weiser, who was a descendant of the famous pioneer, Conrad Weiser. This worthy couple had eight children: (1) Lucy, married (first) Samuel Hackenburg, (second) a Mr. Walter, and (third) a Mr. Newman. She died in Wabash, Ind., in 1894, aged eighty-eight years. (2) Maria, widow of George Gundrum, lives in Philadelphia, and is now nearly ninety years old. (3) John W. (deceased) was formerly a partner of our subject in Selins Grove, but later he became a merchant at Sunbury, Penn. (4) Edward, our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (5) Sarah, who was a physician, married Henry App, and died near Bristol, Ind. (6) Simon J. joined the regular army in the West, and all trace of him has been lost.

Our subject had but meager educational opportunities, and at an early age began to learn the stone mason's trade. He followed this for some time, and during the construction of the canal he was employed on the stone work. When that great water-way was completed he began his mercantile career, having saved about \$1,000 by close economy. The canal added new life to business at Selins Grove, and of this he took advantage. In partnership with his brother John, he opened a small general store about 1841, the venture proving a success from the start, although their capital was limited, our subject furnishing the major portion. Their location was afterward changed, and at one time they conducted a business opposite the site of the First Lutheran Church.

On December 27, 1848, Mr. Bassler was married to Miss Catherine A. Boyer, of Freeburg, Rev. J. G. Erlenmeyer officiating, and this union proved a most fortunate one. As Mr.



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Bassler was in business in Selins Grove at the time of his marriage, he continued to reside there until the ague seized his wife, when a new home was made in Freeburg. This was intended to be temporary, but became permanent, as Mrs. Bassler's health was much better in Freeburg, and in 1850 our subject engaged in mercantile business there in partnership with his father-in-law. Later he was appointed postmaster, and served creditably for several years. In 1885 he retired from active business, and his son, J. C. W. Bassler, succeeded him, with Milton Strayer as a partner. This ended a continuous career in the mercantile business of forty-six years, eleven years in his native town and thirty-five years in Freeburg. He had built one of the best houses in the county in connection with his business establishment, and after his retirement he continued to look after his extensive financial interests and other matters. On March 8, 1881, he became a director in the First National Bank at Selins Grove, which position he held until his death, and he was for many years a trustee of Freeburg Academy. His estate was valued at more than \$126,000, and in all his years of business he kept absolutely free from litigation. In later years he loaned money extensively, and many a poor man retained his home through his leniency. He was a stanch Democrat, and, while he never let politics interfere with business, he took keen interest in the success of his party. In 1880 he was Snyder county's choice for Congress, but at the convention he withdrew in favor of R. Milton Speer, of Huntingdon county. For many years he was an active member of the I. O. O. F., having joined the lodge in Selins Grove. On May 2, 1833, he was received into membership in the Reformed Church at Selins Grove, being baptized by Rev. Daniel Weiser.

Mr. Bassler was noted for his sociability, and he was a congenial companion. Always a lover of music, he found great pleasure in having his children sing and play, and no place seemed as attractive to him as his home. His favorite hymns were "There is a Reaper whose Name is Death," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and the latter was sung at his funeral at his request. The text for his funeral sermon was also selected by him from Revelations, xiv, 13: "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." He suffered much for three years before his death, and expressed at times a desire to depart and be at rest. To his faithful

wife, who survives him, he often expressed his gratitude for her continual devotion to him.

Their family consisted of two sons: (1) Edward B. died February 22, 1892, and was buried at Freeburg. He left four children—William L. married Miss Emma J. Arnold, has one daughter, Katharine A., who was born August 24, 1897, and resides in Freeburg; Katy F. (a twin of William) died in Philadelphia, unmarried. She was a most popular young lady, beloved by all who knew her. Blanch A. married Milton H. Gasser, of Cleveland, Ohio, and has two sons—Raymond, born September 25, 1894, and Milton Leonard, born December 3, 1897. Charles W. is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. (2) J. C. W., of Freeburg, Penn. (single), is one of the substantial citizens of that town, and lives with his mother.

MRS. BASSLER is a lady of refinement and culture, possessing marked social gifts, and her home bespeaks her artistic tastes by scrupulous neatness and order. She was born at Freeburg, November 19, 1827, and is a member of a well-known family, her grandfather, Philip Boyer, having been a prominent resident in his day. He was born July 3, 1746, and died at Freeburg, March 24, 1832. He was twice married, his second wife, Catherine Paul (widow of Henry Paul), being Mrs. Bassler's grandmother. This estimable lady was born January 29, 1762, and died January 8, 1835, her remains being interred beside those of her husband at Freeburg. Isaac Boyer, Mrs. Bassler's father, was born June 27, 1805, came to Freeburg with his parents in boyhood, and, after attending the subscription schools of that time, he learned the tanner's trade. At one time he owned the old "Boyer Tannery," which had been purchased by his father in 1815, but later he sold this property and engaged in mercantile business near by, in partnership with Andrew Roush. Afterward the firm removed to what is known as Bassler's Corner, in Freeburg, where Mr. Bassler built a store room and residence. After a time he became the sole owner of the business, and continued for several years, and his next partner was his son-in-law, Edward Bassler, the firm continuing until the death of Mr. Boyer, on October 10, 1870. He was a tall, stately man, over six feet in height, but, although apparently healthy, he died very suddenly while going across the street for water, at seven o'clock in the evening. While he was notably successful in business he was a generous man, contributing liberally to every worthy cause. He was especially active in religious work as a member of the Lutheran Church at Freeburg, in which he served for years as elder and trustee. In politics

he was a stanch Republican. In 1824 he was married in Freeburg to Miss Barbara Strayer, who was born August 3, 1799, near Kantz, in what is now Snyder county, but was then Northumberland. She was a daughter of Matthias Strayer and his first wife, who was a Weiland, and was the youngest of eight children. Throughout her life she was noted for her kindly nature, and in her domestic affairs she was a model of exactness and neatness. Among her generous gifts to the Lutheran Church of Freeburg may be mentioned the pipe-organ and a complete communion set. On the last Christmas that she spent on earth she purchased one hundred and twenty baskets for the infant class in the Sabbath-school, and these happy children visited her home to express their thanks. She looked out from the window of her chamber with tearful eyes upon them as they held their beautiful gifts in their hands, and sang for her one of their sweet hymns. Her death occurred on January 21, 1882, and she was buried beside her husband in the Lutheran cemetery at Freeburg. Isaac and Barbara Strayer had four children: Mrs. Bassler; Mary A., born December 7, 1829, died July 20, 1833; Araminda, who died December 31, 1839, aged seven years, seven months and eleven days; and Emma J., widow of John Weist, now a resident of Freeburg, where she is highly respected for her mental gifts and amiable character.

F J. WAGENSELLER, M. D. The family of which this successful physician of Selins Grove is a representative has furnished many able workers to the medical profession, and he displays in full measure the qualities which that noble but arduous calling demands.

Dr. Wagenseller was born October 8, 1855, at Selins Grove, where he received his literary education, attending first the public schools, and later the Susquehanna University, from which he was graduated in 1875. He then took a course in medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1878, and on returning home he immediately engaged in practice. His success has been most gratifying, a large and lucrative practice rewarding his devotion to his work. Not only does he command the confidence of the "laity," but he stands well among his professional brethren, and is a prominent member of the Snyder County Medical Society, and at present is serving as its president. His business absorbs his time, and while he is a strong Republican in principle he has never given especial attention to political movements. He has been a member of the town council continu-

ously since 1883, always being re-elected with good majorities; is now acting as president of that body.

In December, 1879, Dr. Wagenseller was married to Miss Mary L. Keely, a native of Selins Grove, born February 8, 1857, and two children—Harry and Florence—bless the union. The Doctor and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church at Selins Grove, and take a sympathetic interest in all lines of moral and religious advancement.

The Wagenseller family is of German origin, the head of the American branch, John Wagenseller, born in 1737, having crossed the ocean when a young man and settled in Montgomery county, Penn. He was still "heart whole and fancy free" it seems, as he was married after his arrival to a Miss Margaret Hornetter. His death occurred September 29, 1799, at Goshenhoppen, Montgomery county, Penn. He had eight children, among whom was a son Peter, our subject's great-grandfather, who was born in September, 1774, in Montgomery county, and died June 14, 1835, at Columbus, Ohio, leaving a widow. He was married to Susan Longacre, also a native of Montgomery county. His widow died at Pekin, Ill., April 29, 1862. Her father, Jacob Longacre, who married a Miss De Franc, was born in Germany in 1756, and died in Chester county, Penn., in 1807. Peter and Susan Wagenseller had ten children, all born in Montgomery county: Jacob, our subject's grandfather; John, born December 17, 1802, died in Ohio in January, 1845; Catherine, born in November, 1804, died in Ohio in 1838; Hannah, born April 25, 1807, died October 8, 1855; Benjamin, born in November, 1809, died at Pekin, Ill., in March, 1844; Joshua, born July 5, 1813, died at the same place about 1883; Peter, born July 16, 1815, deceased; William F., born November 13, 1817, died August 10, 1876; Susan, born in May, 1820, deceased; and Henry, born in April, 1826, deceased.

Dr. Jacob Wagenseller was born January 22, 1801, and died at Selins Grove, April 27, 1847. He was a man of much intelligence, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and held a prominent place in his day and generation. He married Mary Richter, whose father, Peter Richter, was one of the leading citizens of Selins Grove. The children of this union were: Peter Richter, father of our subject; Sarah married J. B. Evans, of Chester county; Mary married Rev. Franklin Gearhart, of Williamsport; Catharine died at an early age; Benjamin F., a physician at Selins Grove; Lydia Catherine, who died in 1858, was the wife of William Holman.

of Chester Springs, Penn.; John J., who resides at Bloomsburg, married (first) Miss Mary Willier, now deceased, and (second) Miss Clara Hughes.

Dr. PETER RICHTER WAGENSELLER was born at Selins Grove, December 8, 1829, and died August 18, 1873. In his youth he attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and proved himself a thorough student, thoughtful and earnest. At the age of sixteen he entered the preparatory department of the Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and was graduated in 1852. During his college career he began the study of medicine under the wise and able guidance of Dr. Henry Huber, and on graduating at the college entered the medical department of Pennsylvania College at Philadelphia, receiving the degree of M. D., in 1853. He practiced at Selins Grove, and soon became one of the best known of the skillful physicians of the county. He was progressive in his ideas, and kept apace with all the improvements of modern science. On July 19, 1854, he wedded Catherine Chritzman, daughter of George and Mary (Ulrich) Chritzman, of Gettysburg. This union was blessed with children as follows: Franklin J., our subject; George C., who married Miss Lydia Schoch, and is now in the drug business at Selins Grove; Alberta, who married Dr. B. F. Emerick, of Carlisle, Penn.; and Annie E., who married J. Alfred Strohm, of Newville, Penn. The father of this family was prominent in public affairs; in 1864 he was examining surgeon of the enrollment board of the 14th District of Pennsylvania; afterward became examining physician on pensions. He took a deep interest in educational matters, serving as school director and also as director of the Susquehanna College; at the last named institution he was lecturer of physiology and hygiene. At different times he was a member of the town council, and was also chief burgess of the borough. In his religious belief he was a member of and an officer in the Lutheran Church. He faithfully discharged his duties in every walk of life, and his early death at the age of forty-three, seemed to cut short a career that would have been of inestimable good to the community.

DOMER G. SMITH, M. D., of Freeburg, who occupies a leading position among the representatives of the medical fraternity in Snyder county, is descended from one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Penn's Valley, Centre county. His father, Joseph Smith, was born in what is now Penn township, that county, April 8, 1826, a son of Francis and Anna M.

(Kuhns) Smith. The former was born in Dauphin county, Penn., October 3, 1801, and was a son of Francis Smith, a native of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish lineage. He was a cooper by trade, and in the early part of the 19th century removed to Penn's Valley, settling near Millheim. He died when more than seventy years of age, and was buried at Aaronsburg. During the last ten years of his life he was not able to walk, being crippled by rheumatism. His wife, Ellen Smith, was a native of Scotland. They had six children: Robert, who died near Millheim, was a mason by trade and served as justice of the peace and county commissioner for some years; Joseph, who died near Millheim, was a cooper; Francis was the grandfather of our subject; Hannah became the wife of John Straub, and died in Millheim; William, a wagon maker, died at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon county; John, a mason, died near Millheim. He was a Democrat in politics, and represented his party in the State Legislature.

Francis Smith, grandfather of our subject, accompanied his parents from Dauphin county to Middle Creek, Snyder county, and afterward went with them to Buffalo Valley. Subsequently he came to Penn's Valley, where he married Anna Kuhns, who was born July 11, 1802. Having learned the mason's trade, he followed that pursuit until losing his eyesight. He died at the age of eighty years, having been blind for eighteen years previously. His wife died at the age of eighty-five, and both were buried in Heckman's cemetery. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. His children were John, a blacksmith, who died at Smithtown; Joseph; Ellen, wife of John Mayer, of Penn township, Centre county; William, a wagon maker and farmer, who died on the old homestead in Penn township; Mary, wife of E. E. Smith, of Penn township; Robert J., a blacksmith, who died in Gregg township, Centre county; and Jacob, a merchant, who died in Potter township, Centre county.

Joseph Smith, father of our subject, was reared in what is now Penn township, and when his services were not needed on the home farm he worked at other pursuits through the neighborhood. When seventeen years of age, he began learning the wagonmaker's trade under Jacob Hennish, of Brush Valley, serving a two-years' apprenticeship. He received no wages, but was permitted to work for two weeks in the harvest fields in order to earn his clothes, and if he extended this time he had to give half of his earnings—twenty-five cents per day—to his master. On completing his apprenticeship he worked for one

month for his uncle, William Smith, at Warrior's Mark, Penn., and in the fall of 1846 was induced to move to Condotown, by Jacob Condo, who built him a shop at that place. He formed a partnership with that gentleman, and in connection with work at his trade engaged in wagon-making for ten years. At the expiration of that period Jacob Condo withdrew and was succeeded by Jonas Condo, who managed the blacksmith shop. With the exception of three years spent on a rented farm in Brush Valley, Joseph Smith has resided continuously at Penn Hall. For about forty years he has also followed the undertaking business, beginning that trade when each undertaker manufactured his own coffins.

On September 27, 1848, Joseph Smith was married in Centre county to Wilhelmena Schmeltzer, who was born in Union county, July 11, 1826, a daughter of Jacob and Hettie (Eyster) Schmeltzer. When she was five years old her parents removed to Brush Valley, Centre county, and she was reared by her grandfather, Conrad Schmeltzer. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of the following: Margaret A., wife of John H. Hazel, of Chicago, Ill.; Sylvester, who died in infancy; Ezra F., of Dakota, Ill., for some years a teacher, but now a carpenter; Eliza, wife of James Grenoble, of Altoona, Penn.; George, a hardware merchant of Dakota, Ill.; and Domer G. The father of this family is a staunch Democrat, and has served as assessor, overseer and tax collector in Gregg township, Centre county. He and his wife are prominent members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder, and at one time he was an Odd Fellow.

Dr. Smith, whose name begins this sketch, was born near Madisonburg, Centre county, August 12, 1866. He obtained his education in Penn Hall and Spring Mills Academies, entering the latter institution at the age of thirteen. He displayed superior mental capacity, and was always in advance of his class. At the age of eighteen he was qualified to teach school, and was thus employed in Gregg township, walking four miles every morning and evening to the school. In 1885-6 he taught the Texas school in Millheim, Penn., and during this time began reading medicine, and continued the study of the higher branches, reciting Latin and physics every Saturday to Prof. Hosterman. In the spring of 1887 he passed a highly creditable examination before the medical examining board of Centre county, and spent the summer in study in the office of Dr. F. H. Van Valzah, of Spring Mills, Penn., and in the fall of 1887 entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, where he was graduated in the class of 1890. In the spring

of that year Dr. Smith came to Freeburg, and soon won a standing not only equal to that of the old practitioners, but oftentimes surpassing them. He is the close student of medical works, and keeps thoroughly abreast with the times in all the improvements of his profession. He now has a large and lucrative patronage, and still greater successes undoubtedly await him in the future.

On February 11, 1891, Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emma Heckman, of Potter township, Centre county, daughter of William and Nancy (Rupp) Heckman. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Society at Freeburg, the Snyder County Medical Society, and the Northumberland County Medical Society. He is examining surgeon at Freeburg for United States pensions, and in 1894, when only twenty-eight years of age, he was the Democratic candidate of the 18th Pennsylvania District for Congress, an honor which came to him entirely unsolicited. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, his wife to the Reformed Church, and they are recognized leaders in society circles. He is a very public-spirited and progressive citizen, supporting all measures calculated to benefit the community. He is in reality the instigator and founder of the telephone enterprise in this county, and it was only through his unyielding efforts that this enterprise came to the county, and a company was formed of which he is a very active member. A man of fine nature and well disciplined faculties, he is justly deserving of the unqualified confidence which is given him.

JOHAN HUMMEL (deceased), late a merchant and prominent business man at Hummel's Wharf, in Snyder county, was one of the very successful men of his time and locality.

Born December 16, 1817, in Monroe township, Snyder Co., Penn., he was the son of Benjamin and Catherine (Hilbish) Hummel. The father, an agriculturist and hotel keeper, was a son of John Hummel, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Our subject was the eldest of four children, the others being: Amelia, Harry, and Mary Ann (married a Mr. Biddlespach), all now deceased. The father of these died in 1865, and the mother in the following year. John Hummel a brother of Benjamin, was a soldier in the war of 1812, serving as a captain. Benjamin Hummel in his religious views was a Lutheran; in politics he was first a Whig, then a Republican. While he had little education in his young life, he later acquired by reading, much information and was well-informed on the leading ques-



John Hummel

tions of the day. He became a man of means, owning at the time of his death several farms.

John Hummel, the son, on reaching manhood was married to Miss Hannah Diebert, who was born in 1821, at Pottsville, Penn., a daughter of John and Christena (Dewalt) Diebert. To the marriage of John Hummel and wife were born ten children: Benjamin F. died in 1865, at the age of twenty years; Emma A. (Mrs. Casper), of Selins Grove; Catherine A.; Anna C. (Mrs. H. U. Kistner); George S.; John D.; Stephen D.; Edwin M., now serving in the State Senate; Irvin D.; and Harry W., of Northumberland county; all are deceased excepting Emma A., Anna C., Edwin M. and Harry W. The father of these along in the early fifties established Hummel's Wharf on the river above Selins Grove, where he was largely engaged in various business enterprises. He had a general store there, handled grain, lumber and coal, also operated a sawmill. He was a business man of rare judgment and capacity, and was very successful, amassing a fortune; was worth probably \$100,000 at the time of his death. He served as State Fish Commissioner, and built the fishway at Columbia, Penn. He was very fond of hunting and fishing. He was an extensive dealer in cattle, hogs and sheep. He was liberal of his means to worthy objects.

MRS. ANNA C. (HUMMEL) KISTNER was born December 12, 1848, and on September 5, 1871, was married to Harry U. Kistner, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. At her father's request, she returned to her home and cared for him during the two years of invalidism that preceded his death. Her devotion and loving kindness soothed his last sufferings, and proved the daughter to have fulfilled a woman's mission and been indeed a ministering angel.

MO. FISHER. The Fisher family has owned the principal portion of the Isle of Que since Colonial times, and the successful young agriculturist whose history is here outlined is of the fourth generation in direct descent from the original purchaser of the homestead. The first of the name to come to America crossed the ocean from Germany about 1710, and located first in New York State, spending a few years at a point on the Hudson river, and settling at Schoharie in 1713. In 1723 he came to Pennsylvania and established his home in Berks county, where many of his descendants now reside, and from which point others have scattered to various portions of the United States. Previous to the Revolutionary war, John Adam Fisher, our subject's great-grandfather, came with his wife Eliz-

abeth, to whom he was married April 26, 1768, and located on the lower end of the Isle of Que. The Indians were still troublesome, and the members of the family often found it necessary to flee to places of safety during outbreaks.

Christian Fisher, the grandfather of our subject, was born June 21, 1771, and always resided at the old homestead, following farming as an occupation. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. He died when over seventy years of age, and his remains were interred in the old Lutheran cemetery at Selins Grove. His first wife died leaving no children. His second wife, Hannah Snyder, daughter of Casper Snyder, was a member of one of the oldest families of this section. After her death he married her sister Elizabeth. By both these marriages he had children, his second wife being the mother of a son, Michael, our subject's father, who was born at the old home September 6, 1813, and passed his life there. Michael Fisher died April 16, 1867, and was buried in Union cemetery at Selins Grove. He was married to Miss Sarah Hoot, a native of Beavertown, Snyder Co., Penn. Our subject is the younger of two children, and the elder, S. Tura, is now the wife of Charles E. Ehrhart, an attorney in Hanover, York Co., Penn. Their mother still resides at the homestead, and is highly honored by all who know her. She is a devout member of the old Lutheran Church, to which her husband also belonged.

M. O. Fisher first saw the light on August 14, 1866, at the homestead on the Isle of Que, which he now owns, his widowed mother residing with him. He was reared as a farmer boy, and his education was begun in what was known as the Narrows School. After attending the district school for some time he pursued higher branches of study in the public schools of Selins Grove. Since leaving school he has taken complete management of the homestead, and is considered one of the ablest agriculturists in his vicinity. Although very popular socially, he is not married. In politics he is a staunch Republican, as all the members of the family have been since the organization of that party.

COL. PHILIP HILLBISH. Although he has now passed his eighth decade, the subject of this sketch, an honored resident of Selins Grove, has strength and vigor which many a younger man might envy. With undiminished eyesight he can enjoy all the advantages that leisure affords to a man of literary and artistic taste, while his remarkable memory preserves for

him all the stored-up knowledge that his keen observation has gained in past years.

He comes of German ancestry, the name, which was originally Hallowbush, being now spelled Hillbish, Hillibish, Hallerbush, and in various other ways. He is of the sixth generation of the family in the United States, tracing his descent from Christian Hallowbush, who was born in 1718 in the Palatinate, Germany, and came to America in 1724, accompanied by his brother Peter and his widowed mother. They landed at Philadelphia, and located in Salford township, Montgomery county, Penn. Peter, who was born in 1709, died in 1768, leaving five children: Catherine, Johst, Magdelene, Margaret and Anna Maria. Christian died in Montgomery county in 1778, and his wife died in the same year. They had four children: Magdalena, Henry, Adam and Peter. Adam Hillbish, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in 1736, and died in 1824. He had six children: John Peter, who died at the age of four years; Peter, Henry, Philipina, Dorotha and John. Peter Hillbish, the grandfather of our subject, was born February 2, 1763, and died May 21, 1834. He married Susanna Schnall, who bore him eleven children: John Henry, who died in childhood; John, Henry, Polly, Catherine, Peter, Susanna, Elizabeth, Jacob, Sarah and Daniel.

John Hillbish, our subject's father, was born February 9, 1789, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, and was reared as a farmer boy. His educational opportunities were much inferior to those of the present day, and he had but one month of instruction in English. He was unusually gifted, however, and became noted for his ability as a mathematician, being able to calculate rapidly and accurately by mental process. The greater part of his life was spent in Freeburg, Snyder county, where he engaged in milling, tanning and farming, and also conducted a hotel and store. In all these lines he was successful, his business capacity being extraordinary, and he amassed a handsome fortune for that day. In his tannery he instructed many young men who afterward became successful in that business. Among them was Abraham Schoch, of New Berlin, whose descendants have been largely engaged in the tanning business. John Hillbish was the first postmaster at Freeburg, and although his brothers were of another political faith, he stood firm and true to Democratic principles. He was prominent also in religious work as a member of the Reformed Church. He was married April 27, 1813, to Miss Salome Gross, a native of Snyder county, born September 4, 1793. He died at Freeburg, September 9, 1840, aged

fifty-one years and seven months, and his wife survived him over twenty years. Her last days were spent with our subject at McKees Half Falls, where she died June 19, 1862. She was a member of an old Snyder county family, and the daughter of Henry and Phœbe (Havice) Gross. Our subject was one of seven children, as follows: (1) John A., born January 1, 1814, died March 8, 1850, at Liverpool, Perry Co., Penn. (2) Philip is mentioned more fully below. (3) Phœbe, born January 16, 1818, married John Reifsnnyder, and died in Perry county, February 19, 1845. (4) Mary A., born May 28, 1820, married John Swineford, and died in Chicago, Ill. (5) Daniel J., born September 23, 1824, now deceased, was for many years a leading physician at Rebersburg, Penn. (6) Calvin G., born August 24, 1830, died at the age of thirty-one, at our subject's home. He was a talented man, and achieved distinction as a physician and surgeon. His first preceptor was his brother Daniel, and he graduated in medicine in March, 1856, from Dartmouth College. In November, 1856, he was appointed a surgeon in the United States army as the result of a competitive examination, and was ordered to California, where he remained three years, meanwhile contracting a disease from which he died. In March, 1861, he was surgeon of the garrison at Fort Pickens, and on its reinforcement he was ordered to Governor's Island; but the hand of death was already upon him, and he started for his old home at Freeburg, but stopped to see his brother Philip at McKees Half Falls; he lived only six days, dying August 6, 1861, and his remains were taken to Freeburg, and interred at the side of his parents. (7) Sally, born December 6, 1833, is the wife of George Merrill, of Abilene, Kansas.

Col. Hillbish first saw the light November 11, 1815, at the old homestead in Freeburg. He was educated in the subscription schools of that day, one of his first teachers being Jessie Teats. As he learned rapidly, he secured the personal attention of his teachers and pursued his studies faster than the majority of his fellow students. In 1828 he was one of a class of three to begin the study of geography under George Weirick as instructor. The other members of the class, which was the first in this branch ever organized in Snyder county, were George C. Moyer and Elias R. Menges. Later Col. Hillbish took up the study of surveying in company with his teacher, Jessie Teats, who knew but little more about it than he, and progressed until he was able to follow that business. He also spent one term at Lafayette College, at Easton, Penn. For

some time he did bookkeeping for his father, and then went into mercantile business at Liverpool, Penn., with his brother-in-law, John Reifsnyder. While there he was married, in 1839, to Miss Barbara E. Speck, a native of Perry county, and in 1844 he settled in McKee's Half Falls, where he continued his mercantile business and also surveying and conveyancing. In the spring of 1868 he removed to his present residence at Selins Grove, and until 1893 was engaged in surveying, conveyancing and road viewing. He owns 160 acres of land in Chapman township, Snyder county, and a hotel property and four residences at McKees Half Falls. His home at Selins Grove, with its extensive grounds, cost twenty thousand dollars, and since taking possession he has improved it in many ways. The view of the Susquehanna is a most charming one, several miles of wood and water being commanded from the windows of his residence.

In 1851 Death entered his home, taking away his beloved wife, Mrs. Barbara Hillbish, who was buried at McKees Half Falls. On January 10, 1854, he formed a second matrimonial union, with Miss Margaret E. Thompson, who was born January 20, 1834, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bachman) Thompson, well-known residents of New Buffalo, Penn., where she was educated in the local schools. By his first wife, Col. Hillbish had six children: Benjamin F., born in February, 1840, died in September of the same year; Sarah M., born April 6, 1841, married William C. Thompson, and died January 22, 1889; Frederick S., born July 6, 1843, is a physician at Fremont, Ohio; William P., born August 10, 1845, is an attorney at Sunbury, Penn.; Thomas J., born July 9, 1849, became a successful physician, and died May 20, 1881, at Green Springs, Ohio, while *en route* home from Detroit, Mich.; Barbara E., born September 6, 1851, lived only twelve days. By the second marriage there were seven children: Charles E., born 6, 1855, died in infancy; James H., born March 8, 1857, died at the age of five years; Philip, Jr., born February 19, 1859, died August 5, 1893, at Selins Grove; Margaret E., born November 22, 1860, married N. N. Lechner, who was for thirty years in charge of the collection department of Aultman, Miller & Co., at Akron, Ohio, where he died in 1896; Cordelia E., born December 18, 1863, is the wife of J. J. Given, of Charlottesville, Va.; Samuel F., born August 18, 1866, resides at Selins Grove; and another son died in infancy, unnamed.

The Colonel's extensive business relations have given him a wide acquaintance, and he is extremely popular among all classes. He has

always been an ardent Democrat, and was a candidate for the Legislature from Juniata, Snyder and Union counties, being defeated by a bare plurality. For more than thirty years he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and for seven years he was an officer in the home militia, serving first as adjutant, and later as colonel. At one time he was a member of the Reformed Church, but for some years he has been connected with the Methodist Church, to which his wife also belongs, and he has held various offices in that society.

J F. KANAWEL, M. D., a successful physician of Centerville, Snyder county, enjoys a very large practice, which extends over a wide range of territory. His life so far is a striking illustration of what a young man can do, notwithstanding limited opportunities, when he has ability united with energy and high purpose.

The Doctor is of German ancestry on the paternal side, his grandfather, John Kanawel, having been the first to cross the ocean. John Kanawel (2), our subject's father, was born and reared in Reading, Penn., but at the age of twenty-one removed with his parents to Juniata county, Penn., where he met and married Miss Barbara Woods. Her father, Joseph Woods, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, was a prominent citizen and a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. John Kanawel accumulated a fair competence, and became quite influential in his community. Although not a politician, he took great interest in public affairs, and at one time was elected on the Democratic ticket as county commissioner of Juniata county. He belonged to the Masonic order, and was prominent in religious work as a member of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred when he was aged seventy-four years, and his wife passed away at the age of fifty-two, their remains being interred at McAlisterville, Penn. They had eight children: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Jacob Booth, of Lima, Ohio; Margaret, Mrs. William Davis, of Ord, Neb.; J. F., our subject; William, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, his death occurring some years later from the effects of his injuries; George D., a contractor at Lima, Ohio; Joseph C., a resident of Allen county, Ohio; Henry, now residing in Iowa; and Luther, a resident of Philadelphia.

Dr. Kanawel was born in Juniata county, February 4, 1845, and was reared as a farmer boy, enduring the hardships incident to that early time. He began his education at the Mount Pleas-

ant school house in Fayette township, Juniata county, and although the methods and apparatus were crude he made the best of his opportunities. His father, who was a man of much intelligence, insisted upon a regular attendance at school, when other parents of that time were only too apt to keep their sons out owing to the pressure of farm work. Our subject pursued his studies at McAlisterville Academy after completing the course offered in the local schools, and then taught for four terms when he entered Tuscarora Academy in Academia, Penn., for further study. From his youth he had been desirous of entering the medical profession, and his first preceptor was Dr. A. J. Fisher, of McAlisterville. In 1866 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, and although his course was interrupted by the lack of funds, he graduated from the medical department of that institution in 1871. He found himself \$750 in debt, a somewhat discouraging position considering the slow returns of the first years of professional life, but he engaged in practice at Centerville where he speedily won success. Going there a stranger where many others had failed, he entered into competition with several old practitioners. It was a German section where the language of the Fatherland was almost exclusively spoken, but the Doctor has surmounted every difficulty. His close attention to his professional work has not prevented him from making some excellent investments. He helped to organize the Farmers' Bank at Mifflinburg, and the First National Bank at Middleburg, and is a stockholder in each institution. He owns in one tract 156 acres of land in Centre township, one tract near town containing thirteen acres, and also has a fine property in Centerville upon which he has built a business block, his office being situated there. His opinion on financial matters is held in the highest esteem, as is usually the case with men who have won large wealth through their own efforts. At various times he has had students in his office, and all are now successful practitioners. He is a member of the Sunbury Board of Pension Examiners, and of the Snyder County Medical Society, and a permanent member of the State Medical Society.

He has a fine home in Centerville, built by himself. On October 12, 1870, he married Miss Elmira J. Showers, a daughter of George Showers, one of Centerville's leading citizens. She passed to the unseen life November 21, 1894, her mortal remains being buried in the Centerville cemetery. Socially the Doctor is very popular; he is a firm friend to any one whom he likes, no test of devotion seeming too great.

For many years he has been an active member of the Lutheran Church, serving fifteen years as deacon previous to his resignation in 1896. Politically he is a steadfast Democrat, but he is not an office seeker, and beyond casting his vote regularly takes no active share in partisan work.

M M. NIPPLE, M. D. A well-known writer, Samuel Smiles, in his work on "Character," has said truly that "the authentic picture of a human being's life and experience ought to possess an interest greatly beyond that which is fictitious, inasmuch as it has the charm of reality." In the following modest record of successful attainment there is much to inspire as well as to interest, for, beginning his career without sufficient funds to gratify his love of scientific study, the subject of this sketch, now a prominent physician of Selins Grove, has made his own way to a high rank in the medical profession.

Dr. Nipple was born June 18, 1838, in New Buffalo, Perry Co., Penn., where his grandfather, Frederick Nipple, a native of Lebanon county, Penn., settled at an early date. This worthy pioneer followed agricultural pursuits, and at the advanced age of seventy-five was killed in a railroad accident. Four children survived him: John, Henry, Narcisse, and Matilda.

The late Henry Nipple (father of our subject) was born December 15, 1808, in Perry county, and passed his life there, his death occurring June 8, 1890. By occupation he was first a blacksmith, and later a farmer, and he took much interest in a quiet way in various local movements, especially those of a religious nature, being a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, whose maiden name was May Orner, was born in Perry county, July 3, 1810, and died March 4, 1880. Her father, Martin Orner, a son of an early settler, was a lifelong resident of Perry county, and reared a large family of children, among whom were Joel, Rebecca and May (Mrs. Nipple). The Doctor was one of eight children born to his parents: Miss Rebecca resides at the old homestead near Millerstown, in Perry county; H. M. is mentioned more fully farther on; Frederick is a farmer of Perry county; John O. is a physician in Snyder county; Calvin resides at Patterson, Juniata county; Alfred enlisted from Perry county in the Union army during the Civil war, and met a soldier's death in the service; D. Clark is a physician in Newton Hamilton, Mifflin Co., Penn.; and Miss Mary A. Nipple resides at the old homestead.



S. M. Nipple A. M. M. D.

Dr. Nipple's youth was spent in Perry county, and he made the best use of such educational opportunities as the local schools afforded. He attended the Normal Institute in that county, for a time, and then, being thrown upon his own resources, he began teaching school. He did not give up his cherished hope of securing a medical education, and, after six years of work in the school-room, he was able to take a course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1862. His first location was at Andersonville, Perry county, but later he removed to Fremont, Snyder county, and remained thirteen years in successful practice. Twelve years were then spent at Freeburg, where he also gained an excellent practice, but, the fact that Selins Grove offered better educational privileges for his children, led the Doctor to locate there in 1887. The Doctor himself has never lost his keen love of study, every new advance in his own profession arousing his special interest, and in 1891 he took a post-graduate course in the medical department of Jefferson College. In 1892 the honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on him by the Pennsylvania College. Aside from his practice he is extensively engaged in other lines of work, owning several farms and carrying on a large lumber business, cutting and logging in the mountains. He also owns and operates a canning factory. Politically, he is a Republican, and he belongs to various fraternal orders, including the F. & A. M., and the I. O. O. F., which he joined at the age of twenty-one.

On September 13, 1866, Dr. Nipple was married to Miss Emma Viola, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Schnee, of Fremont, Snyder county. Mrs. Nipple was born February 7, 1847, near Fremont. They had three sons and one daughter: Charles W., born June 8, 1868, died June 10, 1868. Lizzie J., born March 6, 1870, died March 21, 1870. H. Newton, the older of the two sons living, was born at Fremont, Penn., July 6, 1871. After finishing his academic course at the Freeburg Academy, he entered the Senior class of the Selins Grove High School, from which he was graduated in 1888. He was the first male public-school graduate in Snyder county. In 1891 he was graduated from Susquehanna University. Desiring to continue his studies, he entered Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Penn., and received his degree with the class of 1893. He now began to read medicine with his father, and entered Jefferson Medical College in 1884, where he graduated in 1898. William B. was born in Freeburg, Penn., May 25, 1875. After spending some time at the Freeburg Academy, he entered

Selins Grove High School, where he was graduated in 1892, and he was graduated from Susquehanna University in 1897, receiving the degree of A. B.

JOSEPH MIDDLESWARTH, a prominent resident of Beaver township, Snyder county, has been for many years identified with the agricultural interests of that locality, and at present is living in retirement at Beavertown.

He was born in Beaver township April 4, 1838, the son of Judge A. J. Middleswarth, and grandson of Hon. Ner Middleswarth, his family being one of the oldest and most influential in this section. Although he was given the best educational advantages to be found in the locality, and attended the schools of Beavertown for some years, his opportunities were decidedly inferior to those enjoyed by the boys of to-day under similar circumstances. Reared upon a farm, he acquired in youth a thorough knowledge of agricultural work, and has always followed that occupation. At the age of twenty-one he left home and spent a summer working as a farm hand for Conrad Rearick. In the fall of the same year, 1859, he married his first wife, Miss Sarah Kern, daughter of Henry Kern, and during the next four years he was employed upon the farm of his father-in-law. He then rented a farm in Beaver township from his father, and remained there eighteen years, but later moved to a place of his own in the same township. This is a valuable farm, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres of good land, and after residing there some years Mr. Middleswarth turned the active management over to other hands, and, building a comfortable home in Beavertown, he settled there in the fall of 1889 to enjoy a well-deserved period of leisure.

During the Civil war, when it became necessary to enlist more men for the safety of the Commonwealth, Mr. Middleswarth enlisted June 16, 1863, in Capt. Anthony C. Simpson's Company I, 30th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served until July 26, of the same year. On March 4, 1865, he again enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company D, 74th P. V. I., under Capt. Lewis Miller, and was discharged at Clarksburg, W. Va., August 29, 1865. He has always taken keen interest in local affairs, and is a staunch Republican in politics. While he is not an office seeker, he has served as overseer of the poor and school director. In religious work he is also prominent, and he is a trustee of the Lutheran Church at Beavertown, of which he and his wife are both members. At one time he

belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a citizen he is highly esteemed, his honesty and good nature winning the regard of all who know him.

Mr. Middleswarth has been twice married. His first wife died in March, 1864, her remains being interred at Beavertown, and on May 21, 1868, he married Miss Amelia Bingaman, who was born September 7, 1841, the daughter of Frederick and Mary (Smith) Bingaman, of Beavertown. She was the eldest of a family of ten children—four girls and six boys—and was educated in the common schools of her native place. A genial disposition, combined with fine mental qualities, makes her a most excellent helpmeet. Mr. Middleswarth has had four children. Two were by the first marriage, viz.: Lawrence H., a miner residing in Beaver township, Snyder county, and Sally, now Mrs. Charles Sampsel, of Centerville, Penn.; and by the second union there were also two, namely: Anna L., wife of William Moyer, of Beaver township, and Miss Alice J., at home.

The Middleswarth family has been prominent in this section from the earliest times, our subject's great-grandparents, John and Martha Middleswarth, having come from New Jersey in 1792 to locate in the woods near the present site of Beavertown, then a portion of Northumberland county. The log house in which they first made their home has disappeared and the modern structure that has replaced it is now occupied by a descendant. The pioneers came through almost unbroken forests, cutting their roads as they traveled, and crossing rivers without bridges. As they cleared a homestead they experienced the hardships of primitive existence, but they also had an opportunity to enjoy a phase of life which has now passed away forever. An Indian trail ran by their door, and at a spring near by friendly members of that race dressed their game while on their hunting trips. Our subject's grandfather, Hon. Ner Middleswarth, was but a boy of ten years when he accompanied his parents to this section, and growing to manhood amid the wholesome surroundings of a pioneer home he developed an unusually strong constitution which served him well in the arduous duties of later years. His educational opportunities were of the scantiest, but by some means he managed to secure a good knowledge of books as well as of men and of affairs. When he was thirty-two years old, the war of 1812 with Great Britain commenced.

James Madison was President of the United States, and Simon Snyder was Governor of Pennsylvania. He raised a company, became

captain, and was attached to the 8th Pennsylvania Rifles. In 1814, he continued in the service and raised another company, became captain, marched to Marcus Hook, where they were stationed awaiting orders to face the enemy. This action proved that he was a true patriot ready if need be to be offered on the altar of his country, in order to perpetuate the liberties which our Revolutionary fathers had transmitted to them. In 1815 after the close of the war he was elected to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, filling the unexpired term of Dr. Jacob Wagenseller, who died after serving two years. In 1851 he was the Whig nominee for Canal Commissioner of Pennsylvania, and received four hundred and eighty-seven more votes in Union county than Gen. Irvin, the nominee for Governor. This flattering vote was an evidence of his popularity among the people who had known him from infancy. The Pennsylvania Canal was built in 1828 when he was a member of the Legislature, and was a measure of public improvement which he assisted in having established. The Canal Commissioners were at that time state officers, and were elected by the votes of the whole Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but this office has since been abolished. The large vote polled for Mr. Middleswarth for Canal Commissioner induced his party in 1852 to nominate him for State Treasurer. His name was often mentioned as a suitable person to be elected governor, and he could have secured the nomination had he desired it.

In the year of 1853 he was elected a member of the Thirty-third Congress of the United States, serving with acceptance the term of two years. After the formation of Snyder county in 1855 he was elected a county auditor with Francis A. Boyer, Sr., and Henry W. Snyder, a son of Governor Snyder, popular and leading men of the county, serving a full term of five years. In all he was a public servant for a period of twenty-seven years, and if we add to this the time he served in the war it will be about thirty years, the period allotted to one generation of man. He was executor, administrator and guardian for many estates in his locality, which required much of his time, besides being frequently consulted in matters of public and private business. His was a busy life from infancy to youth, from youth to manhood, from manhood to old age. He was a fluent speaker in the German and English languages. His appearance and manner would attract the attention of those not personally acquainted with him, and he would impress a stranger as being more than an ordinary man. During his Congressional term he was elected an

honorary member of a number of literary societies in connection with different colleges and academies in Pennsylvania. He would always acknowledge these honors in neatly and properly worded replies, and he would also forward useful public documents as contributions to their libraries. The library in the Freeburg Academy contains some books which he presented with his name written therein. He had an extensive correspondence with his patrons when he was a member of Congress, and among the letters preserved by the family are some from Gov. Porter, Gov. Curtin, Gov. Miller, of Wisconsin, Judge Walls, Gov. Pollock, Judge Shindel, Dr. Hottenstein, Samuel Pawling and many others too numerous to mention. He married Miss Christiana Swartzline, by whom he had twelve children: John, Mary, Moses, Abner, Aaron J. and Abraham K. (twins), Merib, Jacob, Martha, Sarah and Matilda. All of these attained honorable positions in life, and Aaron and Abraham were especially active in military and political affairs.

Hon. Aaron J. Middleswarth, our subject's father, was born January 22, 1815, in Beaver township, Snyder county, and was reared upon a farm, receiving the ordinary educational privileges of the time. Throughout his life he was interested in agriculture, being the owner of three farms in West Beaver and Beaver townships, and he also had property in Beavertown, where he spent his last years in retirement. In politics he was a Republican, and his extensive acquaintance in the county made him a strong candidate for any office. For some years in early life he served as constable, and later he filled most creditably the office of associate judge of Snyder county. His military service was in connection with the State militia, in which he held rank successively as major, lieutenant, colonel and brigadier general. He died September 9, 1891, and was buried in the cemetery at Beavertown. His first wife, Miss Sally Feese, a daughter of Jacob Feese, was born October 10, 1811, and died October 19, 1844, her remains being interred at Adamsburg. He then married her sister, Mrs. Eliza (Feese) Dreese, widow of Henry Dreese, and she passed to the unseen world April 5, 1853. His third wife, Harriet Eichenger, survived him, her death occurring in the fall of 1895. There were no children by the last marriage, but his first wife bore him five sons and three daughters, as follows: Isaac, born September 22, 1833, now a resident of Iantha, Mo.; William, born December 8, 1834, a resident of Cass county, Mo.; John, born January 1, 1830, now residing in Wilmot, Penn.; Mary A., born in February, 1836, now Mrs. Philip Dreese, of Kantz, Penn.;

Joseph, our subject; Jacob, born September 23, 1839, now residing in Missouri; Elizabeth, born December 7, 1840, now Mrs. Joseph McClellan, of Centre county; Martha, born March 3, 1842, now Mrs. Henry Rearick, of Holden, Mo. By the second union there were five children: Irvin, who died in childhood; Sarah, born December 25, 1847, now Mrs. William Dreese, of Beaver township, Snyder county; Abraham, born February 27, 1850, who died in Beavertown in 1876, aged twenty-six years; the twins, Lizzie and Elmira J., born April 31, 1851, of whom the former died in childhood; the latter is now the wife of George Snyder, of McClure, Pennsylvania.

JOHAN P. RICHTER. The Richter family has been prominent in Snyder county since pioneer times, and the subject of this biography is one of its worthiest representatives in this generation. Like most of his ancestors, he has always followed agricultural pursuits, and he owns a beautiful farm adjoining the borough of Selins Grove overlooking the Susquehanna river, Penn's creek and the Pennsylvania canal, the three sheets of water being parallel with each other at that point, and giving a most charming view.

The first of the name of whom we have authentic account is Christian Richter, grandfather of John Peter Richter, who settled at an early date in what is now the southern portion of Snyder county. His birthplace is not known, and we have but few details as to his life. He married Julia Ann Johnston, of Middletown, Pennsylvania, who was still living in 1802. They had seven children, Peter, John, Godfrey, Frederick, Henry, and two daughters whose names cannot now be recalled. Peter Richter, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1780 and died May 25, 1846. He started in life without capital other than a strong will and an indomitable resolution to succeed, and became one of the most prosperous business men of what was then Union county. He was a merchant, miller, farmer, and bank director in what was the old Northumberland bank, a man of wide and extended influence, and left his family what in those days was a large estate. He was a kind father; no one in need appealed to him for assistance in vain. Peter Richter married Elizabeth Holstein, a daughter of George Holstein and Mary Weiser, his wife. The Weiser family is one of the eldest and most noted in the early history of Pennsylvania, the second of the family in this country being Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter, respected, trusted and es-

teemed alike by the Indians and early settlers. Our subject is a great-grandson of Captain Conrad Weiser, who fought in the American Revolution, and who was in turn a grandson of the Conrad Weiser who so ably served Pennsylvania in the Provincial times, that his position was one of an official and historical character, and there is no exaggeration in saying that he was regarded as the official interpreter of Pennsylvania; it is said that William Penn and Conrad Weiser were two men, at least, of whom the Indians thought and spoke well.

To Peter and Elizabeth Richter were born eight children, viz.: Harriet intermarried with Dr. H. P. Hottenstein, of Selins Grove; Louisa intermarried with Dr. A. S. Cummings, of Sunbury, Penn.; Hannah died in infancy; William Henry died at the age of nineteen, while a member of the Senior class of the University of Lewisburg; John Peter, our subject; Anna R. married to Calvin B. North, a banker of Selins Grove; Elizabeth died in infancy, and Martha E., married to A. Stanley Ulrich, attorney at law, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Richter was born March 15, 1835, at the old home on the Isle of Que, Selins Grove, but when he was seven years old his parents moved to an adjoining estate; his education was begun in the subscription schools of that day, but the major portion of his time was spent in farm and other work, as was the custom of that time; the methods and lack of machinery then made all work far more laborious than similar work is today. When yet a young man he took charge of his farm (inherited from his father), adjoining Selins Grove, and has uninterruptedly resided there since. On March 11, 1856, he married Miss Mary Catharine Derr, a native of Bucks county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Hannah (Fine) Derr. In 1857 Mr. Richter erected the pleasant and handsome home which he now occupies, and in 1871 he put up a fine large barn. The estate comprises 120 acres, and is one of the garden farms of the county, reflecting the care and successful management that Mr. Richter has always given to his affairs and business. His first wife died September 28, 1886, and is buried at Selins Grove, where for so many years she was held in highest esteem, and was an active and consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She left three children: Laura E., now Mrs. Ira C. Schoch, of Selins Grove; William H., of Benvenue; and Harriet, married to Samuel J. Pawling, attorney at law, Selins Grove. Mr. Richter formed a second matrimonial union with Mrs. Sarah (Boyer) Miller, widow of William Miller. She was born at Salem, Snyder county,

November 12, 1837, one of the three children of Samuel and Susan (Snyder) Boyer, and enjoyed the ordinary educational opportunities of the time. There are no children by this union, but by her first marriage she had four children as follows: Susan A., now Mrs. Henry A. Ott, of Penn township, Snyder county; Mary M., now Mrs. Charles W. Herman, of Wyoming, Penn.; Sarah A., who died in infancy, and William Henry, who is now connected with the Philadelphia *Record*.

While Mr. Richter is disposed to lean toward the Democratic party on political issues, he is not a strong partisan, and votes for the better man on all occasions, official place and power have no charms for him, and he has never been a candidate of any party. He was at one time an Odd Fellow, and he has always been interested in the various social movements of his locality. He is a member and now an elder of the Second Lutheran Church, the lot for which Church was presented by his father, Peter Richter, many years ago.

JOHAN HOUTZ is a cigar manufacturer of Freeburg, Snyder county, and a leader in the business circles of the town. The qualifications essential to a successful business man are his, and by the conduct of his enterprises he has not only gained for himself a handsome competence, but has proved an important factor in promoting the material prosperity and progress of the community.

Mr. Houtz is descended from one of the old and honored families of Snyder county. His grandfather, Christian Houtz, located in what is now Monroe township, at an early day, removing from Lebanon county, Penn. He was born in Hummelstown, Penn., March 19, 1775, a son of Henry Houtz. He was a man of no little means, and in Monroe township purchased a large tract of land, comprising what are now some of the finest farms of the county. He also owned considerable timber land on the present site of Shamokin, which became very valuable for its anthracite coal deposits. About 1828 he removed to Washington township, Snyder county, where he died August 3, 1852, and was buried in the Weiser cemetery at Selins Grove. He belonged to the Reformed Church, and was one of its liberal supporters.

On August 10, 1802, Christian Houtz was married to Anna Elizabeth Zeller, who was born in Monroe township, in 1786, and died September 28, 1822. Their children were as follows; (1) John, born July 16, 1803, was a minister in

the Reformed Church, and a highly educated man. He died December 28, 1832. (2) Christian, born July 16, 1805, was a convert to the Mormon faith, and died in Salt Lake City, Utah, in November, 1850. (3) Daniel, born April 15, 1807, died at Alexandria, Penn. He was a successful physician, owned valuable coal lands near Houtzdale, which was named in his honor, and left a fine estate. (4) Henry, born September 27, 1809, was a physician of Freeburg, and died March 11, 1865. (5) Jacob, born March 31, 1811, died October 15, 1812. (6) Mrs. Lydia Schoch, born October 17, 1812, is living in Selins Grove. (7) Jacob, born October 12, 1814, was a woolen manufacturer, at an early day joined the Mormons at Nauvoo, Ill., and later went to Salt Lake City, where he died in January, 1896. (8) Catherine, born September 18, 1816, became the wife of Francis Boyer, of Pennsylvania, and after his death joined the Mormons in Utah, where she died in 1895. (9) Emanuel is the next of the family. (10) Elizabeth, born October 10, 1820, married Dr. Joseph Eyster, and died in Sunbury, Penn., in 1896. The second wife of Christian Houtz was Catherine Zeller, a sister of his first wife. They were married May 10, 1825, and her death occurred on September 2, following.

Emanuel Houtz (father of our subject) was born June 20, 1818, in what is now Monroe township, Snyder county. He attended the schools of the neighborhood, and remained at home with his parents throughout his youth. He was married in Middleburg, February 6, 1840, to Susan Moyer, who was born in Washington township, June 18, 1820, a daughter of John and Hester (Burkholder) Moyer. She was their ninth child and fourth daughter. Her grandfather, Christopher Moyer, was the founder of the family in the United States. Her father settled near Freeburg, in 1801, and died there July 17, 1842. His family numbered ten children, namely: Henry, George, John, Jacob, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Elizabeth, Susanna, and Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Houtz began their domestic life on his father's farm, which came into his possession by the terms of the will. In 1842 he removed to some property belonging to the Moyer family, and, with the exception of the years from 1863 until 1866, which were passed in Mercer county, Penn., he spent his entire married life in Washington township. He followed farming for many years, and on locating in Freeburg embarked in merchandising in partnership with his brother Henry, whose interest he afterward purchased. He also engaged in manufacturing brick, and made the brick used in

the construction of the Freeburg Academy in 1853. He also established the cigar business now conducted by our subject. He died April 29, 1895, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery, at Freeburg. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, was one of its most liberal contributors, and was generous to a fault. He was a warm advocate of the public schools, of temperance, and of all the movements calculated to advance the best interests of the community. In politics he was a Republican. His widow still survives him, is a most highly esteemed lady, and a member of the Reformed Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Houtz were born the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Miller, of Philadelphia; Malinda C., widow of Gustavus Erlenmeyer, of Freeburg; William H., of Lewistown, Penn.; Sarah, wife of William C. Bratton, of Lewistown; Mary A., of Freeburg, who has pursued her musical education under the direction of Anthony Rubenstein, a nephew of the celebrated Master of music, under whom he received his training; Alice, wife of Milton Strayer, of Freeburg; Rena, twin sister of Alice, and wife of Dr. L. A. Shirk, of Tour City, Penn.; and John, our subject.

John Houtz was born in Freeburg, August 21, 1858, and began his education in its public schools under Luther Erlenmeyer. As a boy he followed various pursuits in order to assist his parents. He worked at off-bearing brick, receiving twenty cents per thousand, and in this way carried brick used in the construction of the Lutheran Reformed Church edifice and in the house in which he now lives. When in his teens he attended the Freeburg Academy for a short time, but his own educational advantages were not equal to those of other members of the family. At the age of nineteen he began working at the cigarmaker's trade for his father, serving a two-years' apprenticeship. In 1878 he embarked in business on his own account as his father's successor, and from a meagre beginning he has built up an extensive business, the largest of the kind in Snyder county. From an annual output of two hundred thousand the sales now amount to nearly one million cigars. The growth of the business has been steady and substantial, good goods, just prices and honorable dealings securing an excellent trade. He possesses excellent business sagacity and mechanical skill in his calling, and these, combined with close attention to his business, have brought him a desirable and richly-merited success. From fifteen to twenty hands are employed in the factory. In addition to this enterprise Mr. Houtz owns some fine farming lands, conducts a livery stable in Free-

burg, and has several valuable residence properties in the town.

On June 8, 1882, in Northumberland county, Mr. Houtz was married to Miss Mary A. Stroh, a native of Selins Grove, and a daughter of Andrew J. Stroh. They now have one child, William W., who was born December 8, 1883. Mr. Houtz is a staunch advocate of Republican principles, has served as election judge, township auditor, and is now a member of the board of auditors. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Freeburg, and he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, in which he is now serving as deacon. He is interested in all that tends to the improvement of his native village, and lends his active co-operation to all movements for the public good.

G W. WEAVER, the popular proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Freeburg, was born at what is known as The Loop, in Potter township, Centre Co., Penn., March 19, 1854, a son of Henry and Eliza (Wasser) Weaver. By trade the father was a miller, but after his removal to Middleburg, in 1856, he engaged in the drug business for eight years, and later conducted a hotel in Winfield, Union Co., Penn. From there he came to Centerville, Snyder county, where his death occurred in January, 1868, and where his remains were interred. His political support was ever given the Democratic party. He was twice married, having by the first wife two daughters—one who lives in Iowa, and another who died in California.

In February, 1871, the mother of our subject was married to Matthias Schnee, and afterward came to Freeburg, where, in 1873, they opened the hotel which Mr. Weaver now conducts. Mrs. Schnee, who was a member of the Lutheran Church and a most estimable lady, died in Freeburg, April 12, 1896, at the age of seventy-six years and twenty-three days, and was laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery of that place.

During his boyhood Mr. Weaver accompanied his parents on their various removals, and attended the common schools of the places where they made their home, his primary education being obtained in the schools of Middleburg and continued at the Freeburg Academy. When but a boy he was initiated into public business, with which he has since been actively identified.

On May 11, 1875, in Freeburg, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Barbara E. Schnee, a daughter of his step-father, and they have become the parents of six children, all at home,

namely: Mary E. (a graduate of Freeburg Academy, who is engaged in teaching), Charles M., Frank H., Susie E., Bessie E. and Frederick A.

Soon after his marriage, Mr. Weaver embarked in the hotel business at Mt. Pleasant Mills, where he remained for four years, and then returned to Freeburg, conducting a general store here for thirteen years. In 1894 he opened what is now known as the "Central Hotel," which is the leading hostelry in the town. He is an excellent landlord, quiet and unassuming, always looking after every detail that adds to the pleasure and comfort of his guests. He and his family stand high in society, where intelligence and true worth are accepted as the passports. With the Lutheran Church both he and his wife and eldest two children hold membership, and, socially, he is connected with Odd Fellows Lodge No. 197, at Selins Grove. His sympathies are generally with the Democratic party, but at local elections he considers the fitness of the man for the office rather than the party to which he belongs.

J G. SNYDER. One of the most attractive homes in the little city of Beavertown, Snyder county, is that owned by the subject of this biography, who after many years of successful work as an agriculturist has returned to enjoy his well-earned competence. He is counted among the best citizens of that locality, his ability and high character, no less than his wealth, giving him much influence.

Mr. Snyder was born September 3, 1840, at Freeburg, Snyder county, the son of George and grandson of Gaugler Snyder, who was an early resident of Union township, Snyder county. George Snyder was born in Chapman township, Union county (now Union township, Snyder county), July 28, 1816, and as he was left fatherless in childhood was reared by his mother's brother, Jacob Reigle, a farmer in the same locality. His youth was spent in farm work, and his education was acquired in the subscription schools of that day, the instruction being mainly in German. He learned the blacksmith's trade under Benjamin Apple, of Freeburg, where he engaged in business on his own account and remained until 1844. He then removed to Chapman township, below McKees Falls, and continued in business about twenty years, retiring in 1864. He was a small man but was most industrious, and he secured a fine competence through his own efforts. Politically, he was a Democrat, but beyond voting regularly he took no active part in

partisan work. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and for many years he served as treasurer of the Church. His wife, Elizabeth Gaugler, to whom he was married in Freeburg, was born in January, 1817, in what was then Chapman township, Union county, the daughter of John Gaugler, and she is still living at the old homestead. Our subject's father died August 7, 1896, and his remains were interred in the Evangelical Lutheran churchyard in Chapman township. Of two children, the elder, Susanna, is now the wife of G. W. Lyter, of Chapman township.

Our subject, who was the younger of the two children, was but a boy when his parents moved to Chapman township, and he was educated there in the public schools, his studies being often interrupted by the necessity for assisting his father. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and after attaining his majority he worked for some time at one hundred dollars per year and board. In November, 1862, he was married in Chapman township to Miss Sarah Rine, who was born in McKees Falls, the daughter of John M. and Mary (Schnee) Rine. For a year and a half after his marriage, Mr. Snyder remained in Chapman township, and was employed by his father in a blacksmith shop, but in the spring of 1864, he removed to Beaver township, Snyder county, and took charge of a farm owned by his father-in-law, which he rented until 1872. In partnership with his father, he purchased, in the fall of 1870, another farm in the same township, to which he removed in the spring of 1872. There he remained until 1891, when he settled at Beavertown, having purchased the Moses Specht home, one of the most pleasantly situated residences in the village. He rents his farm, and is now quite free from business cares, but for seventeen years he was treasurer of the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having held the position until 1897. He is a Democrat in politics, and, although he is not especially active in political affairs, he has given much attention to educational matters, and at one time was school director in Beaver township.

Mr. Snyder and his wife have had five children: George W., who married Miss Susan Hassinger, and resides in Beavertown; John E., who died at the age of twenty-four years; Miss Anna J., who resides at home; Henry E., who died when about eighteen years old, and one that died in infancy. The family is identified with the Lutheran Church, of which Mrs. Snyder is a member, and our subject was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ISAAC DREESE is a leading representative of the industrial interests of McClure, Snyder county, and ranks among the prominent and enterprising business men, whose well-directed efforts not only bring them a good substantial return, but also promote the material welfare of the community. He is now engaged in the manufacture of lumber and staves, and his business is managed with ability and method.

Mr. Dreese was born in Decatur township, Mifflin Co., Penn., December 28, 1845. His grandfather, John Dreese, was born in Northumberland, now Snyder, county, and was of German descent. He made farming his life work, and owned several large tracts of land constituting a number of fine farms, on which were good residences and other excellent improvements. He married Martha Middleworth, a sister of Hon. N. Middleworth, of Beaver township, Snyder county.

John Dreese, the father of our subject, received a good education in English and German, and followed farming on the old homestead up to the time of his marriage, when he removed to Mifflin county, purchasing a farm of 500 acres in Decatur township. About one-half of this land was under cultivation. He placed the remainder under the plow, and made many excellent improvements upon the place, extensively engaging in farming and stock raising there. He was married in what was then Union county, but is now Snyder county, to Anna Wagner, who was born near McClure, and they became the parents of thirteen children, namely: Jacob W., of Kansas; Maria, wife of J. D. Ulsh; Rebecca, deceased wife of Solomon Romig; Isaac; Catherine, wife of D. B. Hassinger, of West Beaver township, Snyder county; John H., who is living on the old homestead in Decatur township; Mary A., wife of George Boardman, of Shamokin; Reuben, of Kansas; Clara, widow of George Lambert, of Sunbury; James H., deceased; Sarah, wife of William Martin, of Decatur township, Mifflin county; Joseph, of Newport, Perry Co., Penn.; and William H., of Kansas. The father of this family was a Republican in his political belief. He held membership in the Lutheran Church, served as one of its elders, and promoted the educational interests of his neighborhood by serving as school director. He died on his farm in 1877, and his widow departed this life in McClure in 1887.

Isaac Dreese supplemented his early educational privileges received in Decatur township, Mifflin county, by study in Freeburg Academy and afterward engaged in teaching school in his native township and in Snyder county for five terms. He also assisted his father in the development of the home farm until he had attained

his majority, when he removed to West Beaver township, Snyder county, and purchased a farm of eighty-one acres, which he successfully operated for nineteen years. He erected thereon a house and barn, planted an orchard, and made other substantial improvements. To stock raising he gave considerable attention, and kept on hand a high grade of horses, cattle and hogs. In 1888 he removed to McClure, where he purchased a stave factory of Squire Howell, which he has since successfully conducted. He also owns a stave-mill in Huntingdon county, Penn., one in West Beaver township, Snyder county, also a half interest in another in Juniata county, in partnership with his son-in-law, R. E. Stinely. He furnishes employment to twenty-five or thirty men, shipping each year more than thirty car loads. This is one of the important industries of the county, and Mr. Dreese has acquired thereby a handsome competence as a result of his well-directed efforts. He has also erected two fine residences in McClure, each costing more than \$1,500, and has otherwise improved the town. He also erected a double house in Lewis-town, Mifflin county, valued at \$1,500.

Mr. Dreese was married in Decatur township, Mifflin county, December 22, 1868, to Jane Ann Burkholder, who was born in DeWitt county, Ill., February 11, 1848. She was educated in Decatur township, and for five winters taught in the public schools there, and conducted a select school for six summers. She is a daughter of Henry and Jane (Allen) Burkholder. Her father was born in Mifflin county, was a hatter by trade, and died in Illinois in 1850. His widow is still living with Mrs. Dreese, at the age of eighty-seven years. She was the mother of seven children, two of whom are living—Matilda E., wife of Rupert Church, of Wisconsin; and Mrs. Dreese. Our subject and his wife were both engaged in teaching the winter they were married and the following winter, and have four children: Minnie E., born April 24, 1870, wife of R. E. Stimely, a teacher and assessor of McClure, by whom she has two children; Ira H., born November 8, 1872, who married Carrie E. Bubb, and is a railroad man of Lewistown; Mertie M., born August 16, 1881, and Lester A., born April 21, 1885, living at home.

Mr. Dreese is a prominent and influential member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder. He has also long been an active worker and teacher in the Sunday-school, and has served as its superintendent. A staunch advocate of Republican principles, he was elected on that ticket school director and assessor. In the performance of every duty, whether of a

public or private nature, he is true to the trust reposed in him. The wife of our subject, Jane A. Dreese, has been actively engaged in Sunday-school work for about twenty-five years, serving as teacher, and teaching the primary class in Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of McClure, for about ten years.

D NORMAN APP. Few homes in this section show as many evidences of refinement and culture as does that of the subject of this sketch, a well-known agriculturist of Monroe township, Snyder county, and the visitor within its hospitable walls is impressed with the happy blending of the enjoyments of rural life with the delights of broad intellectual activity.

The App family is of German extraction, and has been identified with Pennsylvania for several generations. The progenitor of the Snyder county branch was Matthias App, who came from Northampton county at an early date, about 1790, and engaged in farming, merchandising and distilling with such success that he became one of the wealthy men of the locality, now Snyder county. He was twice married, and reared a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters. His sons were: (1) Frederick, (2) Matthias, (3) Leonard, and (4) John; and his daughters were: Polly, Catherine, Elizabeth, Regina and Susan. Soon after the war of 1812, Mr. App purchased a tract of land opposite to Muncy, on the west side of the Susquehanna river, known as Black Hole Valley, and settled thereon five of his children: (1) Frederick and four of his daughters. Some of their descendants still reside in the same locality, mainly the Apps, the Grosses, the Heilmans, and the Bucks. (2) Matthias, Jr., settled in the West over a half a century ago, residing for the most part in Illinois, where his death occurred, though he also spent some time in California. (3) Leonard settled on part of the original farm of his father, near Selins Grove, where he engaged in farming and milling. This land is owned and occupied by some of his sons—namely: Jeremiah and Solomon. The portion of his son Simon P., deceased, is occupied by the sons of the latter—G. Nelson and Samuel. Of the sons of Leonard App, Jeremiah and Solomon both gave their services to their country during the Civil war, being members of Company G, 147th P. V. I., the latter as a corporal and the former as a private. Another son, Jacob App, served in the Mexican war, bringing home with him from that struggle a young Mexican whom he educated; he (Jacob) became a candidate for the Legislature, he failed of elec-



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tion, after which he went to California during the gold excitement, and there died. By industry, economy and frugality Leonard App accumulated considerable property, and became one of the wealthy men of the community. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Selins Grove, and took an active part in the organization of the Second Lutheran Church, now called the Trinity Lutheran Church, and served as a member of the building committee. To its upbuilding he contributed freely of his means, and he labored faithfully, especially in family visitation and prayer meetings.

The descendants of the daughters of Matthias App are: the Grosses and Bucks, of Black Hole Valley and Muncy; the Ulshes, Kistners and Rev. P. Born, D. D., of Selins Grove, who was for over thirty years professor of the Classical and Theological departments of the Missionary Institute, now known as Susquehanna University, of Selins Grove; and the Kleckners, of Crawford county, Pennsylvania.

(4) John, the remaining son of Matthias App, was the eldest son of the second wife, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth Buck. He was born September 22, 1793, and was a man of vigorous mind, of sound judgment, of profound and abiding convictions, and, when convinced he was right, of determined, unyielding and persevering purpose. Possessed of more than an ordinary degree of liberality, he was always among the first to advocate every reform movement that promised good to the community. When yet a boy, he took a deep interest in his father's business affairs, attending faithfully to all the duties assigned him. During his youth he exhibited the qualities that distinguished him in after life. At the breaking out of the war of 1812, in accordance with his ideas of duty to his country, he wished to enlist, but his father refused to allow it because he was under age. He quietly submitted to parental authority, but a few months later, when the recruiting officer came around, John announced his intention of enlisting, and upon his father again objecting, he said: "To-day, father, I am of age, and now I shall enlist," which he accordingly did, joining the company of which Jacob Hummel was captain. When the company arrived at Marcus Hook, it was found that the army was deficient in supplies, and the government called for volunteers who were able and willing to furnish teams to haul supplies for the army. Among others John App responded to the call, and going home his father helped to furnish him a team with which he might assist in supplying the needs of the army.

In 1817 John App was married to Catherine Gross, of Adamsburg, and became the father of nine children, who are mentioned later. Some time before his death, his father purchased several lots in Selins Grove on which he erected a substantial and commodious brick building for his future residence. When completed he put his farm in charge of his son John. The father died in 1828, and after his death, in 1836, John moved to town and occupied the house erected by his father, and here cared for his widowed mother until her death. John App pursued the business of farming until his death in 1876. Part of the time he operated two farms—the original one, in connection with the distilling of liquor for a number of years, the distillery having been established by his father, and a second farm, which he purchased adjoining Selins Grove on the west.

Whiskey was then a universal beverage, nearly everybody used it, even the clergy not being exempt from the habit. The result of its use was continual evil, especially in the harvest field, where the workmen often became intoxicated and were found lying in the fence corners; they would engage in personal brawls, and it was sometimes difficult to prevent a general fight. Seeing these sad results, and dreading the idea of having drunkards as his companions and associates, as well as fearing its degrading influence on his own nature, John App determined to effect a reformation, and in consequence became the first temperance reformer in the community. His still was at once abandoned. The use of whiskey was banished from his premises, and was to be used no more in his harvest field. He made known his determination throughout the neighborhood, saying that hereafter his harvests must be reaped without the use of whiskey, but adding that he would pay ten cents extra wages to all who would work without its use. This aroused a general opposition. His former hands declared they would not work for him. Even his pastor discouraged him, but he declared that rather than give whiskey again, he would go forty miles to find hands. The courage with which he maintained his position aroused the admiration of the more thoughtful, and the inherent nobleness in their characters "rose in majesty to meet his own" in his bold stand for higher morality. Some ten days before harvest Rev. Daniel Weiser, living in Selins Grove, came to Mr. App on a special mission of encouragement, assuring him that should the crisis come he would be ready to hang the preacher's mantle behind the entry-door, and assist in the harvesting of the wheat crop. By this time the news had spread to the

adjoining counties, and words of encouragement came from Sunbury, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg and New Berlin, but not a whisper came from the towns of his own county—Middleburg, Freeburg, and Richfield—their citizens believed in free whiskey for all.

It will not be out of place to preserve the names of a few of his friends above referred to—George A. and Henry W. Snyder, sons of Gov. Snyder, Charles Rhodes, Judge Jordan, of Sunbury, and attorneys Lashell and Merrill, of New Berlin. Mr. Merrill came in person with others, and urged him to abide firm in his purpose, assuring him they could act their part as well as Rev. Daniel Weiser. It was now proclaimed that on a certain Monday morning the harvesting of the App wheat would be commenced, and a general invitation was extended, saying that work would be given to all, and that ten cents a day extra would be given to all who would work without the use whiskey. The eventful Monday morning came. At four o'clock in the morning a voice called at the outside of Mr. App's window wishing to know whether work could be had, and if it were true that ten cents a day extra would be given for doing without whiskey. "Yes, it is true," was the reply. "Well, we will work for you for the extra ten cents, and do without whiskey," then adding, "But we have brought our wives and daughters with us. Can they also have work?" "They shall have work," was the reply, "and an extra cup of coffee or milk, and five meals a day." By this time the whole community seemed to be pouring into John App's to see how the no-whiskey-in-the-harvest-field would succeed. Others came from the hills across the river from Selins Grove. Soon there were more applicants for work than could be accommodated. By eight o'clock fully fifty persons had eaten their breakfast. Of these fourteen cradlers, with two rakers and binders to each cradler, also a number with the sickle were employed. These were formed into two companies, and set to work in separate fields, and the rest were dismissed. The harvesting progressed rapidly and harmoniously, and was soon brought to a close. No-whiskey-in-the-harvest-field had triumphed, and a new era for temperance reform was inaugurated! It was admitted that John App was the first victor in the local war against "King Alcohol."

Owing to the absence of schools, Mr. App failed to enjoy the advantages of an education, but by his own efforts and perseverance, after reaching manhood, he became a good reader, learned to write and acquired the elements of practical arithmetic, thus enabling him to keep

his own accounts and manage his own business. Now that his children were growing up, he keenly felt the necessity of giving them a school education. There was no school in all the surrounding community, but Mr. App determined to have a school. He put up a building on his own premises and fitted it out as a school room, and employed a teacher, making himself responsible for the payment of his salary, thus becoming the "Father of English Schools" in this section. He invited his neighbors to send their children to his school free of charge. As the children all spoke German at home, and few, if any of them, understood English, and as the teacher did not understand German, the pupils must be taught English, hence the rule was laid down that no German should be spoken in the school room. How to speak English without knowing it was up-hill work, but, by dint of persevering effort, the pupils gradually learned to read and speak the English language. This was the first school building in this part of the country, and the identical building is still standing on the corner north of the beautiful farm mansion, and is kept in a good state of preservation by Mr. App's grandson, D. Norman App, the present owner of the farm. This was the beginning of English schools and the use of the English language by the young people.

Prior to 1843, preaching in the Lutheran Church at Selins Grove had been in German. For some time, however, the need of regular English service was felt to be a necessity. The young people were fast becoming English, and they must be provided with English preaching or be lost to the Church. The subject was agitated, and mainly through the influence of William Gangler, John App and a few others, the consent of the pastor, Father Shindel, was obtained to procure an assistant pastor to devote himself to the English interests of the congregation. Through the efforts of Rev. Dr. Reynolds, a member of the Pennsylvania Synod, and a professor of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Penn., a young man, Rev. H. Ziegler, who had just been licensed by the West Pennsylvania Synod at Aaronsburg, was secured to accept the position. This was in the fall of 1843. The only promise of support came from John App, and it was in these words: "We cannot promise you any regular salary for the present, but I will give you house room and board gratis." This was accepted, and Mr. Ziegler entered upon his work as assistant pastor. It was not long before German was entirely abandoned in the services of the congregation and English took its place. Mr. App lived to see abundant fruits of

his efforts to introduce English preaching. (Of the two Lutheran Churches at Selins Grove the English preaching referred to was introduced at that time in the new or Second Lutheran Church (now Trinity) only.)

In the summer of 1857, Rev. H. Ziegler was engaged as an agent of Dr. B. Kurtz to assist Rev. P. Williard to canvass Perry county to secure funds for the location of the contemplated Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna University). After the canvass was completed in Perry county, Rev. Ziegler laid a proposition before the council of the Second Lutheran Church of Selins Grove (now Trinity Lutheran Church) to make an effort to compete with Perry county and other places for the location of the Institute. The council called a meeting to consider the proposition, but after a brief discussion they were on the point of deciding that it would be useless to make an effort. John App now arose and addressed the meeting about as follows: "Don't be too hasty, brethren. Let us at least make an effort. I will give \$1,500 to start a subscription." Thus encouraged the council decided that an effort should be made. Dr. B. Kurtz and Rev. H. Ziegler were invited to address the citizens of Selins Grove on the subject, and a day was appointed for that purpose. After the addresses a committee was appointed to canvass the town and vicinity for subscriptions. The result was that, in about ten days, \$22,000 were secured. A committee of the board of managers of the contemplated Institute was now sent to Selins Grove to decide on its location. In view of the liberal subscription, it was agreed that Selins Grove held out the strongest inducement for its location. There was, however, one serious objection to its location here. A pool of stagnant water in the southwest end of the town was a constant breeder of malaria in the fall of the year. This would make Selins Grove an unhealthy location for the Institute. A proposition was made to drain this pool. The right of way to make the drain was secured from the land holders. Mr. App now said to William Gangler, one of the owners of the lots through which the drain had to pass: "Now go ahead. Have the work done, and draw on me for the pay." The draining was soon accomplished, and the objection to the location of the Institute was removed. It was now to be located at Selins Grove. Mr. App thus secured its location by two liberal and opportune acts—the subscription of \$1,500, and the making himself responsible for the payment of the cost of draining the stagnant pool. It must be said that whilst Dr. B. Kurtz was the

founder and father of the Missionary Institute, John App was the instrument under God of its location at Selins Grove. His interest in the Institute did not cease with its location, but he continued to labor in its behalf, contributing liberally toward the endowment of the theological department, and also toward the erection of five students' houses; indeed whenever the Institute was in need of funds for repairs, etc., John App was always found ready and willing to come to its relief, and it never had a warmer or truer friend. From the time of its founding until his death he served on the Board of Directors. After eighty-three years passed in "the glory of a life well spent" the soul of John App passed fearlessly on

"Before that sapphire colored throne
And Him that sits thereon."

As has been already stated, there were nine children born to John and Catherine (Gross) App. These were: (1) Matthias married Harriet, a daughter of George Snyder, and a granddaughter of Gov. Snyder, and settled near Austin, Cass county, Mo., where he became an extensive land holder, and one of the most progressive farmers of the county. He is highly respected in the community, and his influence is always in favor of every reform movement. His family consists of three sons and three daughters—John, Harry, George, Emily, Ellen and Kitty. (2) Eliza married Rev. H. Ziegler, who was professor of theology and superintendent of the Missionary Institute until ill-health compelled him to resign. Their children were—Louisa, wife of Rev. J. B. Shoup; Henrietta, wife of Rev. G. W. Reese; Lorena, wife of Rev. G. W. Fortney; Hattie; Herman, a lawyer in Iowa; John, a Lutheran minister at Louisville, Kentucky; and Ida, deceased in infancy. (3) Hiram engaged in farming until 1896, when he sold his farm and moved to Selins Grove, into the old App homestead erected by his grandfather in 1816, as stated above. He, too, assisted in permanently establishing the Missionary Institute by liberal contributions of money, time and labor; and, after the death of his father, was elected a member of the board of directors, for a number of years serving as president of the board. He married Caroline Hall, and has eight living children, four sons and four daughters—John Hall, for a number of years principal of the public schools of Shippensburg, Penn.; Charles Franklin; Lawrence Tazwell; Grant Ellsworth; Mary Ellen; Lottie Mabel; Cora Jennie; and Bertie Caroline. (4) Anna A., married Harry Witmer, and lives in Decatur, Ill.; her children are—Edward, Howard, Alberta, Cora, and Frank. (5) Mary

Ann, deceased. (6) Simon P., deceased. (7) Catherine (better known as Kate), deceased, married M. W. Reynolds, of Port Deposit, Md., now of Baltimore, that State, and their children were—May, Winfield Scott, Louis, Harold, and Maud. (8) George, deceased at the age of twenty-two years.

(9) Isaac App, though not the youngest in the family of John App, is mentioned last because of his closer connection with the line we trace. He was born October 21, 1824, and died April 11, 1872. He was one of the leading agriculturists of Snyder county, and was highly respected among his fellow citizens for his sterling qualities of character. In politics he was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, to which he became a staunch and true adherent the remainder of his life. In his religious belief he clung to the faith of his fathers, conscientiously following the guidance of him who sang "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott." Public-spirited and progressive, he contributed largely to the founding of the Missionary Institute. Not having a public school in his section of the township, he advocated the building of one, for which purpose he donated a rich, level plot of ground from the center of his farm, a short distance south of his home, along the public road to Selins Grove, and through his practical efforts a public school was secured for the people of his neighborhood. He used his influence to secure competent teachers, thus continuing the efforts in behalf of education begun by his father.

On December 5, 1848, Isaac App was married to Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Koppenhaffer) Holtzman, natives of Dauphin county. The founder of the Holtzman family in this country was Hon. Hans (John George) Holtzman, who in the seventeenth century came from Wurtemberg, Germany, and landed at Castle Garden, thence going to Philadelphia, where he earned enough money to go back to Germany and bring over with him his wife and family. He landed at Philadelphia, and soon came to Berks county and bought a farm. He had one son, Henreich Adolph, who inherited the property, and was married, and lived in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, Penn. Henreich Adolph Holtzman had a son George Michael, who after the death of his parents sold the property, was married to a Miss Lebo, also of Berks county, after which he moved to Lykens Valley, where he bought a tract of land of 410 acres in Washington township. They had children as follows: Peter, John, Jonathan, Michael, Jacob, Marie, Salile and Elizabeth. Of this family, the third son,

Jonathan Holtzman, was married to Elizabeth Koppenhaffer, and their children were: Mary, wife of Isaac App, mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth, wife of William Stroup, and her children are—Mary, Newton, Charles, Norman, Emma, Harry and Katie; Jonathan, deceased; Edward, deceased; and David K., who married a Miss Mattis, by whom he had one son, Charles, and one daughter, Emma (now deceased). Later David K. married a Miss Neagly, of Lykens Valley, and had a daughter, Otillea C., now one of the finest musicians in Dauphin county.

Mary (Holtzman) App was born September 25, 1825, and died February 6, 1887. She was the mother of four children: (1) Francis, who engaged in teaching school for several terms, and is now an agriculturist residing near Berrysburg, Penn. He married Sarah Miller, and their children are George Z., Harry and Frank. (2) John G., a graduate of Shippensburg Normal School, is a teacher at Lewisburg, Penn.; he married Alice Weiser, of McKees Half Falls, and their children are—Carleton Smith Gillflen and Charles Weiser. (3) D. Norman; and (4) Henry, who was a graduate of the law department of the University of Michigan, died September 3, 1897.

D. NORMAN APP was born April 28, 1853, at the homestead where he now resides. His work in school was unusually thorough, and he was far advanced for his years. A retentive memory and close application, coupled with a natural thirst for knowledge, made up in his case for many years of school work, as the death of his father just at the time he wished to enter upon a collegiate course necessitated complete alterations of his plans. The fall before he was sixteen he began teaching school, and taught in all five terms. His summers were devoted to assisting in the cultivation of the home farm, and at an early age he was familiar with the best methods of agricultural work. After the father's death the oldest two boys managed the farm until 1876, when the estate published a notice of a sale of personal property, and the farm came under the management of D. Norman App. On November 22, 1882, D. Norman App, Francis S. App and Henry J. App became the purchasers, and later D. Norman bought the interests of the other two brothers. This farm is a well-tilled tract of 228 acres, improved with modern buildings, and all the accessories that prove the owner a progressive farmer of the nineteenth century. It is one of the largest and finest tracts of land in the county, and is in the highest state of cultivation. It has been in the possession of the immediate ancestors of the present owner, a rep-

representative of the fourth generation, for more than a century. The Patent from the Commonwealth was granted by Thomas Mifflin, Governor, to Simon Snyder, later Gov. Snyder, on August 27, 1790; on September 10, 1790, he sold the undivided third interest to Anthony Selin. On November 18, 1790, Simon Snyder and Anthony Selin and Catherine, his wife, conveyed this same tract of land, containing then 253 acres, to Matthias App. On August 5, 1818, Matthias App and his wife, Elizabeth, granted the same to his son, John App, and he by his deeds, dated June 24, 1857, and March 6, 1871, conveyed to Isaac App this tract. After his death it descended to his four children, and by purchasing their share D. Norman App has become the sole owner. This farm lies about two miles north of Selins Grove, within easy reach of the Selins Grove and Sunbury markets. Mr. App has met with remarkable success in raising blooded stock, for which purpose he is equipped with one of the finest and largest bank barns in this section of the State, being 100 feet in length. Nowhere in the county can as large a number of fine blooded horses and cattle be found together, as can always be seen on this yard. Recently he sold several lots of horses to European buyers; he is and always has been a great admirer of the Percheron draft horse. He raises registered Red Polled cattle and Poland China hogs. The success of his practical ideas has placed him in the front rank as an up-to-date farmer and manager.

On February 8, 1882, D. Norman App was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth, a daughter of John Conrad and Catherine (Dunkel) Dunkel, the latter of whom passed to her final rest February 22, 1893. Of their six children, five survive: Mary E., Mrs. App; Charles E. died at the age of eighteen; William and James M. reside in Buffalo township, Union county; Martin L. resides in East Buffalo township; and Katy S. is at home.

Mrs. App is well educated, and possesses rare tact and judgment, making her a most admirable helpmate to her husband in the management of their extensive estate, as well as in the ordering of their beautiful home. The success of Mr. App is due, in no small degree, to the energy, the careful attention to detail and the hearty co-operation of his wife, always exhibited by her in all the important moves and business undertakings of his life. Their union has been happily blessed with three children: Isaac Dunkel, Mary Edna, and Robert Lincoln.

* Mr. App takes an intelligent interest in all the questions of the day, and is a firm believer

in the principles and policy of the Republican party; though not in any sense an office-seeker, he is serving his third term as township auditor. Both he and his wife are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Selins Grove. It is seldom a community is so fortunate as to possess a family where each succeeding generation so faithfully carries out and enlarges upon the work of progression begun by the preceding one. Of the App family this is undoubtedly true. Civilization owes much to such families. Matthias, John and Isaac left behind them monuments more outlasting than beaten brass or chiseled marble, and the present scion of this truly noble house, D. Norman App, is so ordering his life that he may be not unworthy of his sires.

CHARLES A. SAUER. Among the substantial and enterprising farmers of Snyder county, whose names are scattered through the pages of this volume, none is more worthy of mention than the gentleman whose name opens this article. His entire life has been passed in Middle Creek township, where he was born June 8, 1862, a son of Adam and Susanna (Yerger) Sauer. Upon the same farm where our subject now lives, his grandfather, John Sauer, made his home for a number of years. He met his death by falling from a chestnut tree when his son Adam was about eighteen years of age. His other children were all younger, and were as follows; Jacob, now a resident of Fremont, Neb.; Sarah, who married John Dauberman, and died in Kratzerville, Penn.; Polly, wife of William Birch, of Indiana; Mrs. Jonathan Heimbach, of Union county, Penn.; Henry, who makes his home near New Berlin, Penn.; and Joseph, of Limestone township, Union county.

On the old homestead in Middle Creek township Adam Sauer was born, and his limited education was obtained in the schools of that locality. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, and became quite an extensive contractor and builder, erecting many of the best houses and barns in his section, and having many apprentices under him. He was married to Elizabeth Swartzlander, who died leaving three children: Mary, now the wife of John Mittman, of Dodge county, Neb.; Henry, of Kremer, Penn.; and Isaac F., a farmer of Middle Creek township, Snyder county. For his second wife, Mr. Sauer married Miss Susanna Yerger, and our subject was the only child born to this union that reached adult age. Throughout life the father continued to reside on the old homestead, which his sons operated for him, while he worked at his trade, and he met with

excellent success in his undertakings, accumulating considerable property. At his father's death the entire responsibility of supporting the family fell to him, but he was equal to the emergency, and was a splendid example of a self-made man. His career was such as to win the commendation of all who know him, and as an honorable citizen, he well deserved the high regard in which he was held. Although he never took a very active interest in politics, he regularly cast his ballot in support of the Democratic party. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and was liberal in support of all Church or benevolent work. His death occurred in 1889, when in his seventy-second year.

In the Sauer school our subject began his literary training with Charles Schnure for his first teacher, and he obtained his entire education in the country schools with the exception of one term spent at Freeburg Academy under Major Dill. He never left the old home farm, which became his property after his father's death, and he is now the owner of fifty-eight acres of rich and arable land, which he has greatly improved since it has come into his possession.

When twenty-two years of age, Mr. Sauer was married to Miss Lizzie C. Bilger, a native of Middle Creek township, and a daughter of Henrietta (Aucker) Bilger. They now have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Minnie S., March 7, 1887; William A., March 25, 1889; Mary E., July 18, 1890; and Bertha M., February 8, 1893.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sauer are connected with the Lutheran Church, while in politics Mr. Sauer is identified with the Democratic party. For a time he served as deacon of the Church, and is now secretary of the Sunday-school. He is one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of his township, gives his support to all worthy enterprises for the good of the community, and is an efficient member of the school board.

FREDERICK C. MOYER, deceased, was a representative citizen of Snyder county, and for more than half a century conducted an extensive mercantile business at Freeburg. He was identified with various important interests in his locality, many of which were far-reaching in their influence, and, as the founder of Freeburg Musical College, he created a lasting monument to his memory. He belonged to a well-known family, and was of the fourth generation from Christopher Moyer, the first of the name to settle in the United States. His grandfather, Christopher Moyer, resided near Campbellstown,

Penn., and his father, Christopher Moyer (2), was born in that vicinity in 1776, and about 1800 removed to the neighborhood of Freeburg to make his permanent home, his death occurring there June 11, 1840. He married Bettie Howarter, who was born October 20, 1777, and died November 20, 1862.

Frederick C. Moyer was the eldest of a family of nine children—four sons and five daughters—and was born February 17, 1810, near Freeburg at the old homestead where his early years were spent. In April, 1832, he engaged in mercantile business in Freeburg, and nine years later his youngest brother, George C. Moyer, became his partner under the firm name of G. & F. C. Moyer, which existed about fifty years. In early manhood Mr. Moyer married Miss Mary A. Boyer, who was born in Penn township, Snyder county, May 11, 1810, the eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Spotts) Boyer, and she proved to be a true helpmate, her assistance and encouragement being of great value to him throughout his life. In 1838 he located on the northwest corner of South and Market streets, at Freeburg, and there he continued to reside until his death. For thirty-eight years he conducted a hotel there, but in 1870 he remodeled the place, adding a third story, and thus secured an admirable location for the Musical College. For many years he was the director of this institution, which speedily won a well-deserved popularity, and is now successfully managed by his son, Henry B. Moyer, whose sketch appears below. He was also extensively engaged in farming, and his progressive ideas were shown in the ditching of low lands, the use of lime, and the changing of the course of creeks whenever necessary to straighten them or to secure other desirable ends, and in these and similar measures his neighbors afterward followed his example to some extent. When the first bank was established at Lewisburg he was one of its directors, and he was a trustee of the Mifflinburg Academy during 1844, 1845 and 1846, while it was a State institution. In politics he was a Republican of the strongest kind, and at one time he remarked that he did not see how any Moyer could be a Democrat. His high character and his well-known ability caused him to be chosen to various official positions, and from 1847 to 1850 he was auditor of Union county, while later he served for three years as one of the auditors of Snyder county. For twelve years he was postmaster of Freeburg, under the administrations of Harrison, Taylor, and Lincoln. He was a man of marked intelligence and great energy, possessing decided convictions, and his opinions were held in respect by all who knew

him. In religious work he was active as a member of the Reformed Church at Freeburg, in which he served as trustee for thirty-four years and for a long period conducted the congregational singing.

On July 30, 1891, this estimable citizen passed to his final rest, his death causing sincere mourning throughout the community in which he had so long resided. His beloved wife survived him but a few years, her death occurring December 28, 1896. They left a large family of children, all of whom were given excellent advantages. A lifelong acquaintance thus writes: "He (Mr. Moyer) could look with justifiable pride and satisfaction upon a numerous train of descendants, not one of whom would cause a fond parent's cheek to crimson with shame." His eldest son, William, born September 27, 1834, resides in Freeburg, and his biography is given below; Philip B., born November 13, 1835, is a resident of Freeburg; Caroline, now Mrs. S. G. Hilbish, lives in the vicinity of Freeburg; Sarah E., widow of Dr. J. C. Schaeffer, resides in Arizona; Daniel B., born May 5, 1841, died July 7, 1874. He was formerly a teacher, and editor of the *Freeburg Courier*, he held a prominent place in the community, being especially active in the work of the Republican party, serving one year as chairman of the county committee, and in 1872 representing Snyder county on the State Central Committee; John C., the next in order of birth, died at the age of eighteen; Henry B., born July 24, 1846, succeeded his father as director of the Musical College; Lydia, now Mrs. Henry Brown, and Mary J., Mrs. F. E. Hilbish, both reside in Freeburg.

WILLIAM MOYER, of Freeburg, is one of the well-known citizens of Snyder county, and has held many positions of trust and responsibility, in which he has acquitted himself with honor. In business life he has been eminently successful, while his long and faithful service in public office has gained for him the esteem and confidence of all classes of people.

He was born at Freeburg September 27, 1834, the son of Frederick C. and Mary A. (Boyer) Moyer, sketch of whom appears above. His education was begun in the schools of his native town, his first teacher being William Gardner. While attending school he assisted his father in the store, hotel and farm until he reached the age of fourteen, when, having passed through the course offered at the home schools, he was given better opportunities at Berrysburg Classical Institute, A. C. Fisher's select school at Selins Grove, Tuscarora Academy, Berrysburg Seminary, and Freeburg

Academy, where Jacob S. Whitman was principal during the last term of our subject's attendance. Being an apt scholar Mr. Moyer made good use of his time, and at the age of twenty was prepared to teach. Mathematics was always his favorite study, and this led him to acquire a knowledge of surveying, under the tuition of Henry Motz. In 1852 he learned the art of marble cutting in Philadelphia, and at a later date he made this knowledge useful in an establishment at Freeburg, which he still conducts. From 1854 to 1858 he taught in the public schools of Freeburg, and in the latter year, having already gained recognition as a competent surveyor, he was elected county surveyor for a term of three years. Since his retirement from this position he has continued to follow the same line of work independently, and has had a large and lucrative business. He owns an excellent farm near Freeburg, and as if these varied interests were not enough to occupy his time he has also done somenotable work as a teacher of vocal music, having conducted classes in Bedford, Dauphin, Juniata, Northumberland, Union and Centre counties, and in every district of his own county. After the organization of the Freeburg Musical College he has had charge of the vocal department there until the death of his father, and has conducted the annual conventions, his efficient work being a potent factor in the success of that well-known institution. In 1895 he established the Freeburg Opera House, where these annual conventions are held, and which supplies a much desired place for similar entertainments throughout the year. His interest in music is not surprising, as his family from his great-grandfather, Christopher Moyer, down to the youngest descendant, has shown especial gifts in this art.

Mr. Moyer has been identified with the Republican party from its birth, and his first Presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont. While he is not exactly a politician, his earnest and effective work is of more value to the party than the services of many who claim reward for their "influence." In 1863 he was elected county superintendent of schools for Snyder county, and served until 1872, and in 1881 he was chosen for a fourth term. In 1875 he became a justice of the peace, and this office he now (1897) holds, this being his fifth term. In 1864 he was commissioned as a notary public by Gov. Curtin, and he has filled many positions such as assignee, guardian, executor and administrator. No worthy cause fails to command Mr. Moyer's sympathy, and whenever possible he gives his active aid. He is a member of the Reformed Church,

in which he has held probably every office except that of preacher, and since May, 1855, he has served as superintendent of the Lutheran and Reformed Sunday-school, making forty-three years in that position. He has represented the school in many Sabbath-school conventions in his county, presiding at its first and twenty-eighth annual sessions, and has been chosen as a delegate from his county to State conventions at Philadelphia, Lancaster, Williamsport, Johnstown, Sunbury, Carlisle and Harrisburg. In recognition of his merits and services, the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Mr. Moyer in June, 1879, by Franklin and Marshall College.

As a practical friend to temperance, Mr. Moyer sets an excellent example, as he neither smokes, chews nor drinks, and the same is true of all his brothers. He has a pleasant home and an attractive family. On December 18, 1860, he married Miss Sarah C. Hilbish, who was born March 2, 1837, at Liverpool, Penn., the daughter of John A. and Amelia (Fisher) Hilbish. Seven children have blessed this union, of whom five are living: (1) Frederick C., born September 24, 1861, is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and has a high reputation as a musician, being now the organist of the First Reformed Church at Reading, Penn., and a successful teacher of music; he married Miss Katie Reeser, and has had three children—Leroy K., deceased, John W. and Myron R. (2) Mary A., born February 9, 1863, married Jefferson S. Pawling, of West Milton, Penn. (3) Ida J., born July 18, 1865, married Charles F. Sessinger, and died in Philadelphia March 21, 1893, leaving three sons—Lawrence F., William R. and Bernadotte. (4) Sarah E., born October 25, 1866, died in infancy. (5) Bertha B., born November 8, 1870, married William J. McNutt, of Philadelphia, and has one child—Marion. (6) William G., born August 20, 1875, is a printer in Philadelphia. (7) Myron A., born April 23, 1878, is a marble cutter in Freeburg.

PROF. HENRY B. MOYER, the director of the Freeburg Musical College, has won an enviable reputation by his able administration of that well-known institution. Possessing rare discernment as a musical artist, he is also gifted with practical abilities of a high order, making him emphatically the right man for the place.

The College, located at Freeburg, Snyder county, on the Sunbury and Lewistown railroad, is beautifully situated in one of the most charming valleys in the State, pure air, romantic scen-

ery and the stimulating influences of a refined society combining to render it an ideal spot. The building is a commodious structure, three stories high with a frontage of one hundred and twenty-six feet, and is well furnished throughout, everything that could suggest comfort for students being supplied. On the first floor is a library, reception room, practice rooms, dining and dwelling rooms. The second floor contains rooms for study and practice and the sleeping apartments, all being well arranged and perfectly ventilated. On the third floor is the music hall, which has a seating capacity of 800, and is used not only for the annual conventions and for vocal classes, but forms the general instruction room. The whole building seems admirably adapted to its purpose, new facilities being added from time to time in accordance with the most advanced ideas, yet the charges are very low as the management desired to bring its opportunities within the reach of all. The teachers are specialists in their respective departments, and all branches of the art receive faithful interpretation. None but the best methods are employed, and as a rule the instruction is given individually. A visit to the school affords a pleasant experience, the students ranging from beginners, who are just learning to read music at sight, to the advanced workers in harmony and composition, and many teachers, pianists, organists, and choristers have received a thorough training there.

Prof. Moyer is a member of a prominent family of this section, whose history is given elsewhere in this volume. He is of the fifth generation from the original settler in this country, and was born at Freeburg, July 24, 1846, the son of Frederick C. and Mary Ann (Boyer) Moyer. His boyhood was spent principally upon a farm, but after attending the public schools and the academy of his native town he went to Harrisburg, Penn., to take a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, where he was graduated. He taught in the public schools for several terms with marked success, and in 1870 engaged in mercantile business as a member of the firm of G. & F. C. Moyer at Freeburg. In 1887 he became the sole proprietor of the establishment, and he continued the business until the spring of 1895. In 1877, upon the death of his brother, Daniel B. Moyer, he purchased the latter's half-interest in the Freeburg *Courier*, and until April 1, 1896, was one of the editors and publishers of that sheet, and on December 1, 1897, assumed full control. For many years he assisted his father in the directorship of the Musical College, his sagacity and foresight being potent factors in the building up of the institution.



Henry B. Moyer

On the death of his father, in July, 1891, the college became his sole property, and he assumed the post of director. By his energy, liberality and wise management he has imbued the school with a more advanced spirit and greatly enlarged its influence, so that it now ranks among the leading institutions of the kind in the country. Since giving up his mercantile business in 1895, his entire time has been devoted to the interests of the college.

In politics Prof. Moyer has always been an ardent Republican, and during Harrison's administration he held the appointment of postmaster at Freeburg. He is one of the most zealous and liberal members of the Reformed Church at Freeburg, having taught in the Sunday-school and served as deacon for many years. His knowledge of men and affairs has been broadened by extensive travel, and he has taken a stand on the side of progress whenever any beneficial movement has been started in his community.

On April 5, 1875, he was married to Miss Lizzie Mertz, daughter of Peter P. Mertz, of Freeburg. Two children have blessed this union: Nevin Clark, who was born August 17, 1878, and died November 22, 1881, and Miss Ada Vera, born January 17, 1883, now an accomplished musician, being especially noted as a pianist.

Mrs. Moyer is a lady of self-culture and refinement, and presides over her hospitable home with dignity, and contributes largely by her congeniality and force of character to the advancement of the interests of her husband. She is a lover of flowers and plants, not only for the adornment of her home, but also for the sanctuary. She is a great worker for the cause of missions and in the Endeavor movement, and often sacrifices her time and pleasure to encourage others to work for the same cause; is benevolent and at all times ready to aid the sick and needy. Her mother was a daughter of Henry Hilbish, a soldier in the war of 1812. The occupation of her father was that of a farmer, and in his later years he retired. His keen perception and good judgment fit him as a man of affairs. He held the office of county commissioner from 1865 to 1868. During his term the present court house was built. He also held various township offices. In politics he was a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and he was also a devoted member of the Reformed Church.

operator, and freight and express agent, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Adamsburg, Snyder county. His practical ability, his unflinching tact, and his thorough reliability make him a valued employee of the company, in whose service he has spent his entire business career.

Mr. Arnold was born June 26, 1862, at Middleburg, Snyder county, and is a son of John H., and grandson of George B. Arnold, a native of England, who came to this country in early manhood and located at New Bloomfield, Penn. John H. Arnold, our subject's father, was born and reared at the latter place, where he read law and was admitted to the Bar. He then settled at Middleburgh, Penn., where he married Barbara E. Moatz, a daughter of George Moatz, a well-known citizen. He continued to practice at Middleburgh until the fall of 1891, and took a prominent part both in professional life and in the local Republican organization, serving one term as district attorney of Snyder county. He was also an active worker in the Masonic fraternities at Selins Grove. At present he is employed in Cleveland, Ohio, in the office of the Erie City Iron Works. Our subject was one of three children, the others being: J. Herschel is now a clerk in Valparaiso, Ind.; and Maude is the wife of H. L. Hebebrand, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Our subject's educational opportunities were not of the best, being limited to the public schools of Middleburgh, with three terms at the Freeburg Academy, but his active mind has enabled him to enrich these limitations and acquire a wide range of information upon various subjects. In December, 1883, he entered the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Middleburgh, and on March 5, 1885, he became day operator at Selins Grove, where he remained five years. From March 27, 1891, to July, 1892, he was stationed at McClure as agent, operator and express agent, and since that time he has held his present position at Adamsburg. He is a member of the International Association of Ticket Agents.

On March 17, 1896, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Gertrude M. Gross, and they have one son, Thomson G., born January 12, 1897. Mrs. Arnold is a lady of unusual ability, and for five years previous to her marriage she clerked in the store of a brother-in-law, N. E. Schlagel, of Juniata county. She was born in Union county, the daughter of Wilson and Mary Gross, but removed to Juniata county with her parents when she was about eight years old. Mr. Arnold and his wife are both members of the Lutheran Church, and are prominent in the best social circles of their locality. He is identified with the Masonic

GEORGE B. M. ARNOLD. This genial and popular gentleman fills most acceptably the combined positions of ticket agent, telegraph

Fraternity, being a member of La Fayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., at Selins Grove; Lewistown Commandery No. 26, K. T., at Lewistown; Consistory, 32d degree, at Harrisburg, and the Mystic Shrine, at Philadelphia. He is the youngest 32d-degree Mason in Snyder county, where there are but two others of that rank. Politically, he is a Republican, but he has never sought or held office.

JAMES AURAND, a well-known cabinet maker of Beaver Springs, Snyder county, resides near that town on a fine homestead of ninety-five acres, which has been gained by his industry and judicious economy. Aside from his many excellent qualities as a man and a citizen, Mr. Aurand has a claim upon the esteem of the public through his record as a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted on February 27, 1864, as a private in Company I, 49th P. V. I., and after lying in camp at Brandy Station until May 4th, the regiment moved forward to take part in the battle of the Wilderness. On May 5th Mr. Aurand was wounded, and for thirteen days he lay upon the field among the dead and dying. He was then taken to Alexandria, Va., for treatment, and remained there until discharged on surgeon's certificate, on June 5, 1865, his wound being so painful and so serious that he was granted a pension before leaving the hospital.

The Aurand family is of German origin; our subject's grandfather, John Aurand, who was formerly a successful farmer near Troxelville, was the first to leave the Fatherland. He had ten children, eight sons and two daughters. Daniel Aurand, the father of our subject, was born January 25, 1814, at the old homestead near Troxelville, and at an early age learned the wagon-maker's trade. He also became a skillful carpenter, and in his time built over forty barns. He married Miss Mary Lepley, daughter of Adam Lepley, a successful agriculturist of Beaver township, Snyder county. Although Daniel Aurand started in life without capital, he secured a comfortable home, and his affairs were in a most promising state, when, in 1851, he decided to go to Adams county, Ohio, with his family. Not long after his arrival there he was taken sick, and in order to return to Pennsylvania he made a wagon in which the family made the long journey, three weeks being spent on the road. The proceeds of the sale of his property in Ohio were never forwarded to him by the so-called friends who had the matter in charge, and on his return to his old home he had to begin life over again.

By hard work he succeeded in securing another home, and his remaining years were spent at Troxelville. He was highly respected, and held an influential place in local affairs, being elected to various offices on the Republican ticket. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, and he died in that faith at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-eight, and their remains now rest in the cemetery at Troxelville. Their children were: Mary, who married Simon Benfer, and died at Troxelville; Elevina, now Mrs. W. D. Woodling, of Adamsburg; Henry, a resident of Port Ann, Snyder county; James, our subject; and Miss Eliza, a resident of Franklin township, Snyder county.

Mr. Aurand's birth occurred March 4, 1843, in what is now Spring township, Snyder county, and his education was obtained in the Musser Valley school-house, John Durn being his first teacher. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father's directions, and thus gained a knowledge of cabinet-making, to which he has devoted the greater portion of his time. He later took up the business of undertaking, and on November 13th he finished the first coffin that he ever made. Since that time he has done much business in that line, and, in fact, all of his enterprises seem to have resulted satisfactorily.

On June 5, 1868, Mr. Aurand was married in Adams township, Snyder county, to Miss Sarah A. Kline, by whom he has had two children: Austin S., who died at the age of six years, and Irvie D. D., who is now at home. Mr. Aurand and his wife are both members of the United Evangelical Church, and he takes great interest in the work of that society, having held the office of steward for some time. At present he is class leader. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as school director and tax collector. As might be supposed from his army record, he is actively interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, and he was a charter member of Post No. 312, at Adamsburg. Although most quiet and unassuming in manner, his influence is felt as a power for good in the various progressive movements in his community.

His homestead has been acquired by slow and gradual process, his first purchase being fourteen acres of his father's farm, where he built his first house. He has since added a few acres at a time until he now owns ninety-five, all in excellent condition. Mrs. Aurand, who has been a most excellent helpmeet, was born July 19, 1845, in Adams township, where her father, Daniel H. Kline, was for many years a prominent resident. He is a native of Troxelville, born November 15,

1812, and since 1880 has made his home with our subject. He is a man of much intelligence, a stanch Republican, and has always held the esteem of his fellow citizens. His wife, Mary Stambach, who was born in Beaver township, Snyder county, died in 1875, and was buried at Troxelville. Of their large family five children lived to maturity: Josiah, who died in Spring township in 1896; James, a resident of Troxelville; Sarah A., now Mrs. Aurand; Daniel P., a Methodist minister at Surprise, Neb.; and Howard, who died in Adams township, Snyder county, at the age of twenty-six years.

FRANKLIN J. SCHOCH. This well-known capitalist has for many years been a leading business man of Selins Grove, and, under the firm name of Schoch Bros., he has built up one of the largest mercantile concerns in the locality. Although he has now retired from that line of enterprise he still holds large real-estate and other interests at Selins Grove and elsewhere, and his leisure and wealth enable him to lend a helping hand to such progressive movements as command his approval. Mr. Schoch was born October 3, 1831, the son of John A. and Lydia (Houtz) Schoch, and was reared at the old family homestead in Middle Creek township, Snyder county. [For ancestral history of the Schoch family see sketch of Ira C. Schoch.] He attended the subscription schools of that day, the rough log building with its rude seats and bare walls being fairly symbolical of the old-fashioned methods of instruction then in vogue. It is a noteworthy fact that his parents took an important part later in bringing about the adoption of the present admirable system, as they donated the land upon which the first public-school building in Snyder county was erected. His mother was the organizer of the first country Sunday-school held in the county. Under the influence of such parents the youth acquired a practical education notwithstanding the lack of suitable privileges, and at an early age he became a clerk in a store. There he familiarized himself with all the details of mercantile life, and in 1853 he engaged in a similar business on his own account at Selins Grove, meeting, as has been noted, with remarkable success. He also became interested in milling, and continued both lines until 1884, when, having accumulated a large fortune, he retired.

In politics our subject is a strong Republican, but has never taken an active share in partisan work, his influence being exerted in a quiet way. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and like all

his family he has always been ready to support any worthy cause. He is identified with various social movements, and for years has been a member of the Masonic Order, Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, of Selins Grove.

On April 3, 1854, Mr. Schoch was married to Miss Susan Catherine Leisenring, who was born November 1, 1834, at Sunbury, Penn., where her father, Gideon Leisenring, owned a large amount of property. Later Mr. Leisenring removed to West Virginia, where he died in 1882, at an advanced age, his birth having occurred March 29, 1802. His wife, Louisa Shindel, to whom he was married June 17, 1828, was born October 21, 1811, and died March 27, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Schoch have had five children, of whom three are living: (1) Lydia Louisa married George Wagenseller, and has two sons—Franklin S. and George Jacob. (2) Anna Maude married Rev. H. N. Follmer, a Lutheran minister, now located at Pittsburg, and they have three children—Ethel, Franklin and William Harold. (3) Miss Eva Kathryn Schoch graduated from the classical course in Susquehanna University and from the New England Conservatory of Music, and is now a popular member of the best social circles of Selins Grove.

WILLIAM F. HOWELL. In former years biography dealt more largely with those who had attained distinction in military or political circles, in the sciences, letters or in professional life, but it is the lives of those who are prominent in the affairs of business that contain lessons most practical for the majority of mankind. When a man by resolute purpose, honorable dealing and energy works his way steadily upward, acquiring a comfortable competence and winning the respect of friends and neighbors, his career is a source of incentive and inspiration to those with whom he is associated. Such is the life of Mr. Howell, a prominent lumber dealer of McClure.

Our subject was born in the town which is now his home, May 22, 1860, and is a representative of one of the honored old families of central Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Samuel Howell, was born in Center township, Snyder county, received a common-school education, and throughout his life followed farming. He also took great delight in hunting, especially in a bear chase, and in addition to his rifle carried a tomahawk. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen, and died at the home of his son Jacob in McClure. His wife passed away in Snyder county. In politics he was an Old-line

Whig, and afterward a staunch Republican. In his family were two children: Jacob H. and John C., the latter now deceased.

Jacob H. Howell was educated principally in the German tongue. He followed the lumber business during the greater part of his life, was also a millwright, and owned and operated a sawmill in West Beaver township. The mill was propelled by water power, and he continued business there for twenty-five years. Although he retired from active business cares in 1893, he is still living at the mill, and is one of the popular and influential citizens of the community. He was married in West Beaver township to Sophia Wagner, a native of that township, and a daughter of Elias Wagner, a farmer of the neighborhood. He holds membership in the Reformed Church, and his life has been marked by the utmost fidelity to duty. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as school director and tax collector. His business affairs have been managed with industry, and have brought to him a comfortable competency. His sterling worth commends him to the confidence and good will of all, and his friends throughout the community are many. In his family were ten children: William F.; Amos and John, who reside in McClure; Susan, wife of William A. Ulsh, of Snyderstown; Clara, wife of C. F. Goss, of McClure; Aaron, of McClure; and four who died in infancy.

The only educational privileges of William F. Howell were such as the common schools afforded, and were supplemented by two terms attendance at the Freeburg Normal School, of which Prof. D. S. Boyer was principal. He began his business career by working in the sawmill with his father, there remaining until eighteen years of age, after which he spent a year in the employ of the Lewistown & Sunbury Railroad Company. The money thus earned he used to pay his way through college. He taught school for three terms in McClure, with an enrollment of seventy-six pupils, and was quite successful in that work. He followed the carpenter's trade for four years, and then engaged in contracting and building, erecting a church in Decatur township, Mifflin county, and a number of private residences in McClure. In 1886 he purchased a stove mill in McClure, which he conducted for four years and then sold out, purchasing a lumber mill in West Beaver township, which he conducted for four years. He is now successfully engaged in the lumber business in McClure, dealing in mining timber, ties, bark and lumber, and the patronage which he receives is quite extensive. In November, 1882, Mr. Howell

was united in marriage in McClure to Miss Lizzie L. Manback, a native of West Beaver township, and a daughter of Lewis W. Manback, a retired farmer of McClure. They now have three children: Hovie W., Sudie V. and Eva N. In 1889 Mr. Howell was elected justice of the peace on the Republican ticket for a five-years term, and in 1894 was re-elected, so prompt and faithfully had he discharged the duties of the office. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church of McClure, was class leader for eight years, has been an active worker in the Sunday-school, and is a member of the Christian Endeavor Society, of which he has served as secretary and chairman of the prayer meeting committee. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Society of McClure, and is a charter member of the Sons of Veterans, Camp No. 65, of McClure. Public-spirited and progressive, he takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, and gives his support to all measures for the public good. In business he is honorable, in public service prompt, and conscientious, and in the Church faithful and reliable.

FREDERICK M. MONTELIUS, a retired farmer of West Perry township, Snyder county, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., September 15, 1837. His ancestral history is one of German origin.

His grandfather, Frederick M. Montelius, was born in Saxony, and when only seven years of age was kidnapped by the Hessians, who brought him to this country and sold him as a slave in Philadelphia. He was obliged to work until twenty-one years of age before gaining his freedom. He was then employed in a store, and his master afterward started him in business in Philadelphia, where he remained for some time, when he removed to Reamstown, Lancaster Co., Penn. There he continued in the mercantile business until his death. He was married in Philadelphia to Elizabeth Bartholomew, a native of Germany, and she also passed away in Lancaster county. In politics he was a Whig, and, in religious faith, a Lutheran. The children of the grandparents were: Charles, William, John, Peter, Marcus, Fanny, Sally, Elizabeth, and two who died in childhood.

Peter Montelius, father of our subject, was educated both in English and German, and throughout the greater part of life engaged in teaching, following that profession in Lancaster, Union and Northumberland counties. He also served as organist in various Lutheran Churches. He was a surveyor, and he also was serving as

justice of the peace in Jackson township, Northumberland county, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1858. His political support was given the Whig party, and in the Lutheran Church he long held membership. In Lancaster county he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Stitzer, a native of Reading, Penn., and a daughter of David Stitzer, a Revolutionary soldier, of English descent. Her death occurred in Greenbrier, Northumberland county. They were the parents of twelve children: Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Snyder; Mary, deceased wife of George Snyder; Timothy, deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war; Sarah, deceased wife of Daniel Fetter; Rachel, wife of Nathan Erdman; Jane, deceased wife of John Shafer; Fannie, wife of B. Eister; Charlotte, wife of Solomon Snyder; Harriet, wife of Samuel Keifer; Amy, wife of Michael Heppner; Maria, wife of Edward Starr; and Frederick M.

Frederick M. Montelius learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth, and followed that business for himself both in Greenbrier and other places, also surveying, remaining in Northumberland county until 1875, after which he engaged in shoemaking in Richfield for five years. On the expiration of that period he abandoned his trade and purchased a farm in West Perry township, which he operates with success.

In 1862, at Greenbrier, Mr. Montelius was drafted for service in the Union army, and was mustered in at Carlisle as a member of Co. K, 172d, P. V. I., under Capt. Hoffman and Col. Charles Kleckner. He was then stationed at Yorktown, Va., where he was engaged in doing guard duty. He remained in the service for ten months, and, in July, 1863, returned to his home, but the following year he enlisted at Harrisburg as a member of the Third Heavy Artillery, which was attached to the 188th P. V. I., with which he served until the close of the war, being stationed at Fort Harrison, Virginia.

In 1870, at Hickory Corner, Mr. Montelius was married to Miss Sarah Hain, who was born in Little Mahoning, Northumberland county, a daughter of David Hain, a farmer of that county. Seven children came to bless their union: Ira, Irwin (who died at the age of eighteen years), David (who died in childhood), Rebecca, Frances, Sadie, and John. The parents attend the Lutheran and German Reformed Churches, and Mr. Montelius served as elder and deacon in the Lutheran Church. He was supervisor of his township. Socially, he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Shamokin, and with the Odd Fellows Society at Greenbrier. He is a very genial, pleasant man, whom to know is to respect and honor.

His enterprise and well-directed efforts have brought him success in business, and he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence which enables him to live retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil

JOHAN H. WISE, a representative farmer of Union township, Snyder county, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., June 8, 1843, and is a son of George F. and Maria A. (Horner) Wise, natives of Montgomery county, Penn. The father was born in 1799, learned the stone mason's trade, and removed from his native county to Stone Valley, near Georgetown, Penn. He afterward lived successively in Northumberland county, on Hall's Island, and in Snyder county, and in 1872 died in Snyder county. His wife passed away about eight years previous, and both were buried in Whitmer cemetery. In politics Mr. Wise was a Democrat, and his Church relations were with the Evangelical Association.

Their children were as follows: Ephraim, who died in Snyder county; Susanna, who married George Campbell, and died in Union township, Snyder county; Henry, who died in Chapman township; Mary, who died in Montgomery county, at the age of eight years; Gabriel, a farmer of Union township, Snyder county; John H.; and Caroline, wife of Henry Boyer, of Juniata county, Pennsylvania.

John H. Wise, in his early boyhood, pursued his studies in a little school house 16 x 18 feet, which stood on the Daniel Whitmer farm, but his educational privileges were very limited. His father was a laborer, and at the age of ten years John H. started out in life for himself, since which time he has been dependent entirely on his own efforts. He worked at the carpenter's trade, under William Thursby, until that gentleman went to the army, when he gave up the business. In October, 1862, he also went to the front as a substitute, joining Company A, 172nd P. V. I., under Capt. Solomon Bowerman. Previous to this time, as a member of Company D, 18th Regiment, Pennsylvania Home Guards, he was in active service for fourteen days, going as far south as Hagerstown, Md., when with his regiment he was stationed mostly at Yorktown, and after nine months and four days' service he was discharged.

For some years thereafter Mr. Wise followed any honest employment that would yield him a living. He aided in the excavation of the canal at Port Trevorton, was employed by the Reading Railroad Company until February, 1859, and then secured a situation with the Pennsylvania

Canal Company, with which he continued for over sixteen years. After being with that company for about a year he was promoted to the position of sub-foreman, and it was with much reluctance that the company accepted his resignation fifteen years later. On January 17, 1864, our subject was married, in Liverpool, Penn., to Malinda G. Whitmer, who was born in Union township, Snyder county, November 5, 1847, a daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Gaughner) Whitmer. Mr. Wise and his wife began their domestic life in his parents' home, but after a short time he rented a small house and later bought it for \$200. This was the first real estate he ever owned. On selling that property he rented a small place of Judge Whitmer, and made it his home until April, 1873, when he became the occupant of his present farm. He continued there as a renter until 1885, when he purchased the place. He is now successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits, and is the possessor of a comfortable home, owing to his own industry, good management and perseverance.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wise have been born eleven children: Estella May, who died October 28, 1865; Minnie E., who was born September 9, 1867, and is the wife of Alonzo Stevenson, of Harrisburg; Sally L., who was born June 18, 1870, and is the wife of William W. Arnold, of Port Trevorton; Mary C., who was born October 24, 1872, and is the wife of Perry Rothermel, of Port Trevorton, by whom she has one child, Blanche; Carrie E., who was born June 16, 1874, and died February 25, 1876; Charlie, who was born March 9, 1879, and died January 11, 1882; James A., who was born May 14, 1881; Francis E., born October 6, 1884; Harvey E., born January 9, 1887; and Robert, born February 11, 1889.

Mr. Wise supported the Democracy until 1892, since which time he has been a Republican. He served as supervisor in 1888, 1889, and 1890, and was again elected to that office in the spring of 1897. He and his wife have been members of the Evangelical Association since 1859, and are very prominent in Church work. He has served as exhorter, and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has done as much as any one man in the community for the welfare of the Church. He also belongs to John C. Arnold Post No. 407, G. A. R. He is a very strong temperance man, and though addicted to the use of intoxicants in early life, when he became converted, at the age of fifteen years, he foreswore all such, and is recognized as one of the strongest temperance workers in his section of the county.

PPETER S. BOBB, one of the best known and most enterprising agriculturists of Beaver township, Snyder county, was born September 25, 1850, in that township when it formed a part of Union county.

Peter Bobb, his grandfather, was born in what was then Northumberland county, but now is a part of Snyder county. He was a well-to-do farmer and owned a tract of land which he greatly improved, making his home thereon until his death. His remains were interred in the Hassinger cemetery. He was married in Beaver township to Willimina Hassinger, a native of the township, and they became parents of the following children: Daniel and John, both deceased; David, of Illinois; Jacob and Samuel, who live in Michigan; Katie, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Abram K. Middleworth, of McClure, Penn.; Aménias, deceased wife of Amos Aigler, and Sarah, widow of Jacob Middleworth. The father of this family was a staunch Whig, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, contributing liberally to its support.

Reuben Bobb, father of our subject, was born in Beaver township in 1821, was educated in the German language, and was reared on his father's farm. In his younger days he worked at the carpenter's trade, but after his marriage settled on the old homestead of 111 acres, on which he erected a fine frame residence, good barn and other necessary outbuildings. There he continued until 1875, when he removed to his home in the northern part of the township, having erected there the only brick residence in the township outside of Beavertown. There he is enjoying the fruits of his former toil, in company with his wife, who has shared with him life's joys and sorrows for over half a century.

On May 25, 1849, in Middleburg, Reuben Bobb was married in Snyder county, to Lucinda Engle, the wedding being solemnized by Rev. J. P. Sheudel. She was born in Franklin township, Snyder county, in 1824, a daughter of Solomon and Catherine (Hendricks) Engle. Her father was one of the best-known citizens of the township, a successful school teacher who filled the offices of surveyor and justice of the peace. Mr. Bobb gives his political support to the Republican party, and is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His family numbers three children: Elvina, wife of J. W. Specht, a merchant of Beaver Springs; Peter S.; and Mary E., wife of Kermer Walters, a merchant of Mifflinburg.

Peter S. Bobb, whose name opens this review, began his education in the Bobb school house in Beaver township, under the direction of William

Savage. His school privileges were limited to three months' attendance in the winter season, for his services were needed on the home from the time of planting in the early spring until after the crops were harvested in the autumn. In 1875, he purchased a farm in the northern part of Beaver township, and also operates the old homestead. He now has a very valuable property, the well-tilled fields and neat appearance of the place indicating his careful supervision. His business affairs are conducted with industry and energy, and as the result of his well-directed efforts he has become the possessor of a comfortable competence.

In June, 1865, in Beaver township, now Spring township, Snyder county, Mr. Bobb was married to Matilda Gross, a daughter of the late Jacob Gross, a farmer of Beaver township. Their home is blessed by the presence of two children: Charles W. and Melvin E., who assist their father in the work of the farm. The family attend the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Bobb is serving as its trustee. In politics he is a Republican, and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He is deeply interested in the cause of education, and, during his ten years' service as a school director, has done much for the improvement of the schools in his neighborhood.

HENRY J. HEISER, a lumber manufacturer, and proprietor of the Valley View Fruit Farm, is a man to whom success has come as the reward of enterprising labor. He was born in Snyder county, August 30, 1851, and supplemented his early education, acquired in the common schools, by one term's study in the high school of Selins Grove. At the age of sixteen he left his grandfather's home, where his childhood days were passed, and went to Selins Grove, where he learned the carpenter's trade, under the direction of C. B. Miller. For three years he worked as an apprentice, after which he was employed by William Haines at Salem in a planing-mill for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Sunbury, where he spent a short time, after which he worked at his trade in Port Trevorton for one year.

Mr. Heiser came to his present home in Perry township, Snyder county, in 1874, where he purchased eleven acres of land, on which stood an old sawmill. He afterward erected an excellent sawmill, equipped with the latest improved machinery, also built a cider-mill, and made many excellent improvements upon the place. In 1884 he established the Glen Albion Apiary, and is

now extensively engaged in bee culture. He sells born comb and extracted honey, and also manufactures bee-hives and fixtures. This branch of his business, which has proved quite profitable, is now in charge of his son, Arthur. In 1889 he began raising fruit, and now has on the Valley View Fruit Farm particularly fine varieties of strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and currants. He has set out an extensive orchard of plums and cherries, the first orchard of these fruits planted in the county exclusively for the market. These always find a ready sale on the market, and add not a little to his income.

On January 15, 1874, in Port Trevorton, Mr. Heiser was married to Frances I. Beachell, a native of Washington township, Snyder county, and a daughter of A. J. Beachell, a miller of Perry township. They now have seven children: Robert Arthur, who was educated at Selins Grove and at New Berlin, and Dennis Elvin are living; Bertha Cora, Stella Esther, Eva May, Howard Earle and Nevin Melvin are all now deceased. Mrs. Heiser was educated in the public schools of the county, and in the Freeburg Academy under Prof. D. S. Boyer and Major Dill. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and presides with gracious hospitality over her pleasant home.

Mr. Heiser is a Democrat, active in support of his party, and, in 1890, he was elected county commissioner. He has served as assessor of Perry township, as school director, and as tax collector for three years. He, his wife and sons are members of the Lutheran Church, and he belongs to LaFayette Lodge No. 194, F. & A. M.

DANIEL GOOD. The splendid farm owned by this gentleman at Kratzerville, in Jackson township, Snyder county, is a standing monument to his industry, perseverance and good management. He comes under the category of self-made men, and is now numbered among the successful agriculturists of the community.

Mr. Good was born May 13, 1844, in Monroe township, Snyder county, when it was still a part of Union county, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, aiding his father in the work of the farm and attending the district schools. On leaving home he began milling in Kelly township, Union county, for David Wagner, with whom he remained two years, receiving \$80 for the first year, and \$20 per month for the second. He then worked in the Benfer mill, in Snyder county for the same length of time, after which

he returned to the Buffalo mills in Kelly township, Union county. During the two years he spent there he received \$25 per month, but at the end of that time was again employed in the Benfer mills for two years, and continued to follow milling for sixteen years. Since 1880, however, he has engaged in general farming upon his present place, which he purchased for \$2,800.

John and Hannah (Wagner) Good, the parents of our subject, were natives of Snyder county, as were also the paternal grandparents, George and Elizabeth Good, whose remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Salem. The father, who was a farmer and blacksmith by trade and occupation, and a man of considerable prominence in his community, held several township offices. He died in Monroe township, Snyder county, November 7, 1868, aged sixty-one years, six months and eighteen days, and the mother passed away in the same township, June 23, 1886, aged seventy-six years, one month and thirteen days, both being buried at Kratzerville. They were consistent members of the Reformed Church, and in politics, Mr. Good was a stalwart Republican.

To this worthy couple were born the following children: Hiram, now a retired farmer of Penn township, Snyder county; Mary A., wife of Henry Castetter, a farmer of Tama county, Iowa; William, an agriculturist of Oriental, Penn.; Alemanda, wife of Sowara Seecrist, a farmer of Northumberland county, Penn.; Franklin, a retired farmer of Selins Grove, Snyder county; Daniel, the subject of this sketch; Savilla, wife of Daniel Smith, of Monroe township, who is engaged in the sawmill and threshing business; and Alfred, a farmer of Monroe township.

On June 1, 1871, in Lewisburg, Penn., Daniel Good was married to Miss Satira Crevelling, who was born at Lightstreet, Columbia Co., Penn., December 4, 1849, a daughter of Cyrus and Matilda (Evans) Crevelling, also natives of Columbia county. The mother, who was born in January, 1825, still resides at the old homestead in West Buffalo township, Union Co., Penn., but the father, a farmer by occupation, died in that county, March 26, 1894, at the age of seventy-four years. Politically he was a Republican, and, religiously, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belongs. His parents, Alexander and Rebecca (Marr) Crevelling, died in Columbia county.

Mrs. Good is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eleven children, namely: Rebecca A., deceased wife of Pierce White, a retired

farmer living in Union county; Samantha C., wife of William Mathers, a farmer of the same county; William P., an agriculturist of Decatur county, Iowa; Oscar C., a farmer of Lycoming county, Penn.; Clara E., wife of Reedy Wolfe, a farmer of Union county; John W. and Charles, who died in infancy; Miss Agnes M., a resident of Wilkes Barre, Penn.; Sherman G., a saddler of Bloomsburg, Penn.; and Arthur, deceased.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Good: Regina, wife of Henry Yearick, of Markelsville, Perry county; Cyrus, who died in infancy; and Gertrude, Clara, Ira P., E. Wilson and Matilda A., at home. The parents are active and prominent members of the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Good formerly served as deacon, and is now elder. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party. The family is widely and favorably known, and has many warm friends throughout the community.

YOST H. WAGNER, Esq., a prosperous retired agriculturist residing in Kratzerville, Snyder county, is one of the leading citizens of his locality, and for more than thirty-five years has held the office of justice of the peace. He is a man of marked intelligence, being well acquainted with the English and German languages, and possessing a good store of information on general topics, and his genial disposition makes friends for him wherever he is known.

He comes of good old Pennsylvania stock, his great-grandparents, Jacob and Magdalena (Schoch) Wagner, having resided in Berks county. His grandparents, Yost and Veronica (Berga) Wagner, were both born in Berks county, but removed in early life to Snyder county, then Northumberland county, where they made their permanent home. They lived to an advanced age, passing away about 1840, and the remains of both are interred at Selins Grove. William Wagner, our subject's father, was born in what is now Snyder county, and became a successful farmer of that locality. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics was first a Whig, and later a Republican, his influence being exerted in a quiet way. He died in Monroe township, Snyder county, in 1874, at the age of seventy-four, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Christiana Beaver, died in 1877, aged sixty-nine, both being buried in the cemetery at Selins Grove. She was a native of Snyder county, her parents, Michael and Susan (Utt) Beaver, whose remains rest in the cemetery at Selins Grove, having come from



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Lehigh county at an early date. William Wagner and his wife had a large family of children, as follows: Lucy A., who died at the age of eighteen; Emanuel, a farmer of Licking county, Ohio; Yost H., our subject; John M., a farmer near Keokuk, Iowa; Esther, wife of H. Bay, a farmer in Brown county, Kans.; Veronica S., widow of H. J. Ritter, of Middleburg, Penn.; Mary, widow of Samuel Heiser, of Keokuk county, Iowa; Lida, who married Daniel Gross, a farmer in Lycoming county, Penn.; Jacob, who died in Delaware, at the age of forty-four, and William H., a retired farmer, at St. Joseph, Michigan.

'Squire Wagner was born December 26, 1828, in Beaver township, Snyder county, and, until he reached the age of twenty-four, resided with his parents, much of his time being given to farm work. His education was obtained in the common schools, which he attended four months each winter. When he was eighteen years old he began teaching, and continued for seven consecutive terms at different places in Snyder county. In 1866 he bought one of his father's farms near Kratzerville, consisting of sixty-four acres, but in 1881 he left the farm and moved to his present home in Kratzerville, which he had purchased some time before, still retaining the farm, however. He is successful as a farmer, being an able manager, and his shrewd judgment has often been called into service by his neighbors in business matters and the settlement of disputed questions. Since 1862 he has served as justice of the peace, and is the oldest justice in the county; for eleven years he held the office of school director. In politics he is a steadfast Republican, and has taken an active part in local politics, having been delegate to county conventions and serving on the county committee for a number of years. Before the war he was greatly interested in military affairs, having served three years as a private and five as first lieutenant in a company in the State militia.

In the fall of 1852 Mr. Wagner was married to his first wife, Miss Susan Hahn, by whom he had four children: (1) John O., a physician at Adamsburg, Penn., who married Miss Ella Gross, and has one son, Otto. (2) Laura, who died at the age of two years. (3) Ellen, who died at the age of five; and (4) Clara S., who married Emerson Lilly, and has had three children—Susan, Edna and Ralph. Mrs. Susan Wagner died in October, 1866, and later the 'Squire married a second wife, Miss Elizabeth Ritter, daughter of a well-known farmer of Snyder county, John Ritter, and his wife, Elizabeth Bohrn, who were the parents of ten children.

On the death of his second wife, in 1887, the 'Squire married her sister, Miss Mary Ritter. In religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran Church, having been confirmed at the age of eighteen years, and at present he is treasurer and has been deacon and elder.

MMEYER MILLNER, an enterprising and popular merchant of Kantz, is one of the most successful general merchants of Snyder county, and his career is an exemplification of the fact that success depends upon individual effort, upon perseverance and wise management. He was born in Russia, near the German border, June 9, 1862. His father was a merchant, and reared a family of four sons. Our subject and his brother Herman are the only ones now living in the United States, the latter a merchant of Pocahontas, Virginia.

Meyer Millner received very limited school privileges, and at the age of fourteen started out in life for himself, since which time he has been entirely dependent upon his own resources. At the age of eighteen he determined to try his fortune in America, thinking to benefit his financial condition in this land of open opportunity. He sailed from Hamburg, and in August, 1881, reached New York, whence he made his way to Baltimore, Md., where he had friends and relatives living. He could not then speak a word of English. Friends helped him, and, with a pack of goods on his back, he started as a peddler in Snyder county, and also in Centre county followed that business for three years. His labors were successful, and he built up a very good trade in this way, accumulating thereby a handsome competence. In 1884 he formed a partnership with Daniel S. Miller, and the firm of Millner & Miller purchased the general store of Philip Snee at Kantz, the stock being valued at about \$1,000. About a year and half later Mr. Millner became sole proprietor, and has since carried on the business alone. In 1887 he built his excellent store room, and has added greatly to his stock, which includes a good line of men's clothing and furnishing goods, and everything found in a first-class general store. He undoubtedly has one of the best appointed stores in his line in the State, and well merits the liberal patronage which is accorded him.

On September 15, 1887, in Philadelphia, Mr. Millner was married to Miss Babette Dryfosse, a native of Germany, who for some time prior to her marriage lived in Toledo, Ohio. They have two children: Minnie R. and I. Sigmund. Mr. Millner is a stalwart Democrat in principle,

but at local elections, where no issue is involved, frequently supports the men whom he thinks best qualified for the office regardless of party affiliations. He was appointed postmaster of Kantz by President Cleveland, and served as such during both his administrations, resigning the office at the close of the second administration. He and his wife belong to the Jewish Synagogue in Williamsport, Penn., and are people of sterling worth who have the warm regard of many friends. In Kantz they have a pleasant home, which is noted for its hospitality.

In addition to his mercantile interests in Kantz, Mr. Millner is a buyer and shipper of produce, and his business in that line amounts to thousands of dollars annually. With a capital of \$25 he came to the United States, and has steadily worked his way upward to a foremost place among Snyder county's successful business men. His methods are strictly honorable, and the liberal patronage he receives attests the confidence reposed in him by the public. He is now a director of the First National Bank of Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE C. KUSTER, a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of Penn township, Snyder county, was born on March 31, 1846, on the farm where he still continues to reside. His father, Daniel Kuster, was also a native of Penn township, a son of Paul Kuster, who came from the southern part of the State to Snyder county at an early day. In his family were five children: Susannah, Catherine, Elizabeth, Mrs. Ritter, Henry and Daniel.

Daniel Kuster was reared on a farm, and for a short time in early life followed the tanner's trade, but devoted most of his time to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with excellent success. At Muncy, Penn., he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Turner, whose father was also a farmer, and they began their domestic life upon the old Kuster homestead, where he and his brother Henry engaged in farming in partnership until 1853, when the former sold out and purchased a place in Limestone township, Union Co., Penn. After a residence of one year, however, he returned to Penn township, Snyder county, and bought from Jacob Miller a farm of 144 acres, which is now the home of our subject. At this place he continued to make his home until called to his final rest, at the age of sixty-six. His wife died at the age of sixty-two, and the remains of both were interred in Salem cemetery. They were earnest members of the Lutheran Church, and were highly respected in the com-

munity where they so long made their home. In politics the father was a Whig until President Buchanan's administration, when he began giving his support to the Democratic party.

Our subject is the eldest in the family of five children, and the only one now living. The others were as follows: Susanna and Catherine (twins), the former of whom married Daniel S. Miller, and died at Kantz, Penn., and the latter married Z. M. Duck, and died in Perry county, Penn.; Ellen, who died at the age of eleven years; and Jeremiah, who died at the age of sixteen.

George C. Kuster began his education in a school near Pawling Station, taught by Miss Mary Ritter, and after attending the common schools for some time, was for one term a student in the Freeburg Academy. He heartily endorses the improved school system of to-day, and does all in his power to promote the cause of education. As a farmer boy he was reared to habits of industry and thrift, was "put in the harness young and was kept there," being of great assistance to his father in the work of the farm. Until twenty-six years of age he remained at home, receiving only his board and clothes in compensation for his labors.

In October, 1872, in Snyder county, Mr. Kuster was married to Miss Sarah Hendricks, a native of Washington township, Snyder county, and a daughter of George Hendricks. Her education was also obtained in the public schools. Five children graced this union, namely: William S., who died in infancy; and Mary C., Theodore F., Jennie M. and George D., all at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Kuster still continued to reside on the old homestead as he was the only son, and cultivated the place for one-third the products. This he continued until after the death of his mother, when he received one-half, and his father lived with him. After the latter died, he bought the farm in the fall of 1886, has made many excellent improvements upon the place, and the well-tilled fields yield bountiful harvests in return for the care and labor he bestows upon them.

At State and National elections, Mr. Kuster always supports the Democratic party, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he is not strictly partisan. In religious belief both he and his wife are Lutherans, and labor earnestly for the good of the community and the betterment of their fellowmen. Mr. Kuster was a charter member of the Grange, with which he continued to be connected during its existence, and was also a charter member of the branch of the Farmers Alliance formed at Selins Grove.

Through his untiring efforts he has secured a comfortable property, but has lost not a little by aiding supposed friends. He is an honest, hard working man, a good and kind neighbor, and a citizen of whom the community may be justly proud. The family originally spelled the name Koster.

F P. FESSLER, a thrifty and successful agriculturist of Centre township, Snyder county, owns an attractive homestead near Middleswarth P. O., as a reward of his industry and economy. He is not only a diligent worker, but he has the faculty for management by which he obtains the best results from his labors. As a citizen he is highly respected, his honesty and fair dealing in all his affairs being a notable characteristic.

Mr. Fessler is a native of Snyder county, born March 18, 1853, in West Beaver township. His parents, David and Anna Elizabeth Fessler, removed to Centre township when he was about six years old, and he was reared there, receiving his education in the public schools, with his brother Reuben as his first teacher. The improvements which have been brought about in our school system meet with his approval, as he believes that no pains should be spared in the education of the youth of America. During his early years he gained a thorough knowledge of farm work, and the greater part of his life has been spent in that pursuit. When he was about twenty years old he began to learn the blacksmith's trade at what is now Cowan, Union county, but, finding the occupation uncongenial, he gave it up after three months and returned home, where he assisted for some time in the management of his mother's interests. Later he decided to try the saddler's trade, but a short apprenticeship at Centerville satisfied him and he resumed his farm work. Six years were spent in Ohio and Illinois, then returning to this State he was employed for a time as a general laborer.

On July 27, 1884, our subject was married to Miss Lavina Benfer, who was born in Limestone township, Union county, June 4, 1862, the daughter of Enos and Sarah (Mauser) Benfer. The first two years of his married life were spent upon a rented farm and for one year he worked in a tannery at Centerville, but in the fall of 1885 he purchased his present farm from Frederick Herman. It contains one hundred and four and a half acres and is considered an excellent piece of property. Mr. Fessler's business has occupied his attention too closely for him to give much time to local affairs, but he is a staunch Democrat in politics and votes regularly.

Mr. Fessler and his wife have a large and interesting family, nine children brightening their home at the present time, viz.: Sally, Lettie, Anna E., Harry, Lena, Reed, Ralph, Reuben and Edna.

DR. JOHN SCHOCH, a well-known dentist of Hummels Wharf, Snyder county, is one of the leading citizens of that locality and a worthy representative of a family which has long been prominent in this section of the State.

He was born January 9, 1839, in Middle Creek township, Snyder county, where his father, Jacob Schoch, was a prosperous agriculturist. Jacob Schoch was a native of Berks county, Penn., and was born in 1801, the son of Jacob Schoch (1). After coming to Snyder county our subject's father engaged successfully in various lines of business, and acquired a handsome property for that time, including two farms and a gristmill. He was equally noted for two qualities which are not always found together—enterprise and honesty—and was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He took an intelligent interest in public affairs, and strongly opposed slavery and disunion. His death occurred in 1853, and his wife, Catherine Miller, who was born in Middle Creek township, in 1804, died in 1879. They reared a large family of children, of whom the eldest, William, removed to Illinois, and died at the age of sixty. Matilda married Henry J. Boyer, and now resides in Chicago. Henry is a resident of Selins Grove. Of George J. and Elizabeth (twins), the former is engaged in agriculture in Snyder county, and the latter is the wife of John S. Miller, of Moran, Allen Co., Kans.; Maria, now the wife of Dr. B. F. Wagenseller, of Selins Grove, and Susan, deceased, who married Henry Willi, were also twins. John, our subject, is the next in order of birth, and the youngest died in infancy, unnamed.

Dr. Schoch spent his early years upon a farm, his education being begun in the district schools near his old home. He also attended the academy at Freeburg for a time, and at the age of fourteen he became a clerk in a store. A few years later he went west, where he traveled for two years, and on his return he located at Selins Grove and began the study of dentistry. He answered Gov. Curtin's emergency call for aid in 1863, and became a member of Company I, 30th Regiment, under Capt. A. C. Simpson; the regiment was stationed at Carlisle, Penn., and our subject served in all about six weeks, when he was honorably discharged.

After he returned to Selins Grove from the

West, he remained there, practicing his profession successfully, until after his marriage, in 1866, to Miss Mary A. Brobst, who was born and reared on the farm which they now occupy. It is a beautiful estate, and their home is a model of comfort and order. Four children have blessed their union: Carrie K., a young lady of fine abilities, who is a graduate of Susquehanna University; Norah Irene, who is a graduate in music at Hagerstown, Md., is proficient in the art, and has taught music five years; May and Martha, attractive girls. The family are identified with the Lutheran Church, the Doctor and his wife being prominent members, and he is a staunch supporter of the principles and policy of the Republican party.

Mrs. Schoch was born March 2, 1846, and received an excellent education in the Ladies' Seminary at Selins Grove. She traces her descent from Philip Brobst, who came from Germany in 1732, and landed at Philadelphia. Some of the earlier families spelled the name Probst. He had a son, John, who located near New Berlin, where he lived to a good old age, following farming as an occupation. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and Mrs. Schoch has a hatchet he carried all during his service. His son, John Jacob, the grandfather of Mrs. Schoch, was born at Albany, Berks Co., Penn., in 1735, and for some years was a farmer in Dry Valley, Snyder county, but his death occurred at the homestead near Selins Grove, at the age of sixty years; he served through the war of 1812. He married Catherine Klose, who died on the same farm a few years before his own demise. They had ten children: Leah, now the wife Daniel Ritter, of Snyder county; Daniel, Mrs. Schoch's father; Isaac, who went west, and died in Illinois; John, who settled at Akron, Ohio, and died there in 1896; Sarah, who married (first) Mr. Shaffer, and (second) John App, and died at Selins Grove; Esther, now the wife of Samuel Werline, of Shamokin, Penn.; Liza, who married Daniel Frederick, and died in Snyder county; Mary, deceased, formerly the wife of John Gift, of Pedee, Green county, Wis.; Fannie, wife of Daniel Ulrich, of Selins Grove; and Catharine Miller, wife of Jonas Miller.

Daniel Brobst was born in 1807, and passed his life at the homestead, its cultivation occupying much of his time. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and when the "New Church" was formed he identified himself with that branch. He was prominent in local affairs and took an interest in military matters, serving for some time in the State militia. In 1838 he was elected second lieutenant of the Union Greene, attached

to the Union Independent Battalion of Volunteers of the Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the First Brigade of the Eighth Division, composed of the Militia of Northumberland, Union, Columbia, Luzerne, Susquehanna and Wayne counties. On his election being duly certified, Lieut. Brobst was commissioned, and served with credit until his retirement, in 1842. He died in 1847, at the age of forty years and seven months, and his wife, Elizabeth Lepley, who was born in Dry Valley in 1808, died in 1870. Of their two children, Mrs. Schoch is the only survivor, their son having died when but two months old.

JOHAN D. BOGAR, who resides at Port Trevorton, is one of the most prominent business men of Snyder county. His interests are extensive and add greatly to the commercial activity of this section, thus advancing the general prosperity while adding to his individual success. He has justly won the somewhat hackneyed yet expressive title of a self-made man, for with no capital to aid him he started out in life, and has steadily worked his way upward, winning wealth and honor by his successfully managed business interests, his untiring energy and his resolute purpose.

Mr. Bogar was born in Liverpool, Penn., February 18, 1853. His father, Jeremiah Bogar, was born in Freeburg, Penn., December 16, 1820, and was a son of Daniel Bogar, whose birth occurred in Sunbury, Penn., in February, 1792, while the great-grandfather, also named Daniel, died in 1836, at the age of seventy-three years. The family is of Swiss origin, and was founded in America by three brothers, one of whom settled in North Carolina, the second in Philadelphia, and the third near Sunbury, Penn. The last named was the father of Daniel Bogar, Sr., previously mentioned. The great-grandfather of our subject was a potter and tobacconist, and became possessed of considerable wealth. His wife, Savilla Bogar, died in 1826, and he afterward married again, but his children were all by the first marriage, and were as follows: Daniel; George, who died in New Berlin, Penn., where he had followed merchandising; Paul, deceased, who was a merchant of Centreville, Penn.; Jacob, deceased, a merchant of Lewisburg; John, a merchant who died in Freeport, Ill., at the age of eighty-nine; and Samuel, who died at the age of twelve years.

Daniel Bogar, grandfather of our subject, was reared and educated in Sunbury, and received his business training under the direction of his fa-



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ther, who manufactured crockery and shipped it to market by way of the Susquehanna river, the boat used being propelled by several men with poles. His father gave him a start in mercantile business at Freeburg, and he was married there to Mary Wolf, who was born in Snyder county in 1806, a daughter of Peter Wolf, a miller by trade. In March, 1830, Daniel Bogar sold his business in Freeburg and went to Liverpool, where he conducted a hotel and store for some years. In 1856 he removed to Port Trevorton, and was the first toll-keeper on the Port Trevorton bridge, which had been built for the transportation of coal across the river by the Trevorton Coal & Railway Company. He died May 11, 1866, and his wife passed away in May, 1862. In politics he was first a Whig, and afterward a Republican. On one occasion without his knowledge, his friends made him the nominee for county sheriff, and, although he made no canvass, he came within a few votes of election. He belonged to the United Brethren Church and was active in its work, was a man of kindly, genial nature, fond of fishing and of fun, yet at all times lived an honorable and upright life.

The following is the record of his family: Jacob P., the first to locate at Port Trevorton, was a merchant and telegraph operator, and died in August, 1877, aged fifty-two. Sarah A. is the widow of Christian Deitrich, of Lykens, Penn. William H., who was an engineer at a large coal breaker in Lykens, died at the age of fifty-eight years. James, a railroad agent at Herndon, Penn., was killed at Selins Grove Junction while boarding a train. Lizzie is the wife of P. H. Laney, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Bogar, born in December, 1830, the second of this family, is the father of our subject. During his infancy his parents removed to Liverpool, Penn., where he attended school. At the age of fifteen he was employed on the canal as a driver. Later he and his brother, Jacob, became owners of the canal boat "Robert Leshner," and, when his brother Jacob met with an accident, he operated the boat alone, and followed that business until 1855, when he joined a party *en route* for California. They left New York, July 5, crossed the Isthmus of Panama, and at length reached San Francisco, but while in the West Mr. Bogar suffered a severe illness, and in February, 1856, started for home by way of the Nicaragua route, reaching his destination in March.

Jeremiah Bogar was married, in 1852, in Liverpool to Flora Meck, who was born there August 15, 1835, a daughter of Daniel and Susan (Rhoads) Meck. After his return from Califor-

nia, he boated on the canal for a season, and, in the fall of 1856, in connection with his brother, Jacob, he bought out David Postlewaite, a merchant of Port Trevorton, conducting that store for some time, and also running a canal boat. In 1862 Jeremiah Bogar built the first sawmill at Port Trevorton, conducting the same until 1876, when our subject took possession. He also built a planing-mill and sash-factory, which he sold, and, in connection with a partner, he bought 1,200 acres of land, which he afterward sold at a good profit. For several years he was in the insurance business, and is now a jobber in powder, dynamite and other explosives. He served as postmaster during the war, and during the "emergency period," organized a company at Port Trevorton, of which he was elected captain. When it was time to start for the front, however, some of the men refused to go. A similar condition of affairs existed at Selins Grove with a company organized by Col. A. C. Simpson, and the two companies united, Mr. Bogar being elected first lieutenant. With the 18th P. V. I., they went to the front, and there he served as quartermaster until the time of his discharge. In politics he and all of his sons are staunch Republicans. He belongs to the United Evangelical Church, has been Sunday-school superintendent, and class leader, which relations to the Church he at this time sustains.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Bogar had eleven children: John D.; Jacob P., of Herndon, Penn.; Charles, who died at the age of fifteen years and six months; Clara E., wife of H. E. Austin, who died in Washington, D. C., at the age of thirty-two; George, who was drowned at the age of two and a half years; James H. and Isaac M., both of Port Trevorton; Mary, wife of Samuel Smith, of Mazeppa, Penn.; Joseph E., a physician of Herndon, Penn.; Christian D., of Port Trevorton; and Victor E., who is attending school at New Berlin.

John D. Bogar, whose name begins this article, was a child of only two years when he came with his grandfather, Daniel Bogar, to Port Trevorton, living with him for some years. He attended the district schools here, afterward pursued his studies in Freeburg Academy, and completed his education in what is now Susquehanna University, at Selins Grove. An accident caused him to abandon his plan of becoming a bookkeeper, and he took up the life and fire insurance business, which he followed for some time. In his youth he had worked to a considerable extent in his father's sawmill, and gained a practical experience in that line of operations. Before reaching his teens he also

carried the mail between Port Trevorton and Herndon for three years, for \$3 per month. On December 5, 1876, he purchased his father's sawmill at Port Trevorton, and has since successfully carried on business along that line. He rebuilt the mill entirely in 1895, making the plans himself and personally superintending its construction. His lumber operations have become extensive and profitable, and he is one of the recognized leaders in that industry in Snyder county. The marketing of his product caused him to become an extensive patron of the ferry, running between Port Trevorton and Herndon, and he finally purchased a half interest in the same, at once greatly improving it. After a time he built a steamboat, and he is now sole proprietor of the business, while at the present time he is interested in both the Port Trevorton and Union ferries, being the sole owner of the Port Trevorton & Herndon ferry, and owner of one-fourth of the "Union ferry," both doing business between Herndon and Port Trevorton.

In 1881 Mr. Bogar purchased a saw and stave mill, and began the manufacture of nail keg heads and staves. In March, 1889, the plant was removed to Herndon, where he has extensive interests. He opened lumber and coal yards at that place, and in June, 1889, when other lumbermen suffered heavy losses, his foresight and precaution practically fortified him against all loss, and the big demand for timber that immediately followed found him ready to meet it. In 1891 he built a fine flouring-mill at Herndon, with a capacity of 115 barrels daily, and, in the conduct of this enterprise has a partner, F. A. Bingaman, the firm of Bogar & Bingaman being connected in the operation of several successful enterprises in both Port Trevorton and Herndon. Mr. Bogar organized and is treasurer of the Herndon Manufacturing Company, which is doing a prosperous business in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, and furnishes employment to thirty men. He also aided in the organization of the A. S. Speece Powder Company, of Speeceville, Penn., with which he was connected until December, 1896.

On October 26, 1873, Mr. Bogar wedded Miss Mary Moyer, who was born in Chapman township, Snyder county, April 3, 1855, a daughter of Philip and Susan (Kantz) Moyer. Their children are: Daisy E., wife of J. G. Snyder, of Port Trevorton, by whom she has one child, Mary Catherine; Jerry D. graduated from the Shamokin Business College on May 24, 1895, and is now a member and vice-president of the Herndon Manufacturing Company, and superin-

tendent of his father's sawmill; Thomas H.; Harvey S., who is attending school at New Berlin, Penn., and Susan F. at home.

In politics Mr. Bogar is a staunch Republican, an esteemed counsellor of his party, and he has served as delegate to the State Conventions, and as chairman of the County Central Committee. He is also trustee of the Central Pennsylvania College of New Berlin, and is a member of La-Fayette Lodge No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selins Grove. He served as district president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, aided in instituting many lodges through central Pennsylvania, and was a charter member of the lodge at Port Trevorton. He is a member and trustee of the Olive United Evangelical Church, and is a member of the building committee, and aided in the supervision of the erection of the house of worship. He is now superintendent of the Sunday-school, and is a very charitable and benevolent man, who contributes liberally to all measures calculated for the public good. In manner he is very genial, easily approachable, and at all times a gentleman in the truest and best sense of the term. His success in business is remarkable, yet it has been achieved along the lines of unflinching industry, earnest purpose and honorable effort. There are five men in his employ who have been with him for twenty-two years, convincing proof of his popularity as an employer. His name is a synonym for integrity in business, and there is no citizen that Snyder county could so illy afford to lose than John D. Bogar.

JOHAN P. KANTZ is a retired farmer living at his pleasant home in Monroe township, Snyder county. It has often been remarked that those lives that are the most successful are usually the least eventful; this seems to have been the case with our subject; his life has been one of usefulness and helpfulness to those about him, but it has not been filled with any strange or thrilling incidents.

Mr. Kantz was born November 22, 1821, in Penn township, Snyder county, a son of Philip Kantz. The maternal grandfather Snyder was a well-to-do farmer of Snyder county. The father, a native of Lebanon county, Penn., came to Snyder county when a lad of ten years, and became one of the leading carpenters and cabinet makers of his community in an early day, manufacturing many coffins, for which he never charged more than \$6, as he did not believe in costly funerals or in charging exorbitant prices. His later years were spent in farming. He passed away in 1856, at the age of sixty-three years,

nine months and thirteen days, respected by all who knew him.

John P. Kantz is the youngest of the family of five children: (1) Betsy is the widow of Samuel Knights, a brick maker by trade. (2) Jacob, who was by trade a carpenter, removed to Indiana, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. (3) Phcebe became the wife of George Hendricks, of Nittany Valley, Centre Co., Penn., but is now deceased. (4) John removed to Ohio when thirty years of age, and there engaged in milling until his death, which occurred a few years since.

For two years, from 1840 until 1842, Mr. Kantz served an apprenticeship to the chair maker's trade and painting, which he successfully followed for twenty-one years, or until 1863. During that period he saved some money, which he invested in his present farm in Monroe township, Snyder county, and for many years gave his attention to agriculture, but he is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. His comfortable dwelling is tastefully furnished with articles of his own manufacture. In September, 1864, he enlisted in the Union army, and participated in the battles of Fort Steadman and Petersburg, besides several minor engagements. When hostilities ceased he was honorably discharged, June 1, 1865, and returned home.

On February 26, 1850, Mr. Kantz was married to Miss Anna E. Bechell, who was born in December, 1827, a daughter of Andrew Bechell, a miller living near Selins Grove, in Snyder county. They became the parents of six children, as follows: (1) Marion, born June 27, 1851, was educated in the Missionary Institute at Selins Grove, and also took a course in penmanship in Philadelphia. For several years he has now held a responsible position with Dunn & Bradstreet, of New York, and is held in high in high esteem by the firm. He married Miss Ellen Evans, but has no children. (2) Ann E. and (3) Virgil (twins), both died at a bout the age of 1 year, 1 month and 18 days. (4) Robert A., born July 13, 1858, and was principally educated in the Missionary Institute, of Selins Grove, but completed his literary studies in the University of Ann Arbor, Mich. Since 1885 he has been in the employ of the War Department at Washington, D. C. He married Miss Laura Hughes, daughter of a prominent farmer of Snyder county, Penn., and they have one son, Robert Hughes, born in June, 1886. (5) and (6) twins, born September 6, 1860, died in infancy.

Mr. Kantz has been called upon to mourn the death of his estimable wife, who departed this life April 6, 1887, and she was laid to rest in the

cemetery at Selins Grove. He is an ardent Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief. Upright and honorable, he deserves and has the respect of all who know him.

MIRAM ULRICH, a leading citizen of Penn township, Snyder county, is descended from one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families in the vicinity of Selins Grove, it being founded there several years prior to the Revolutionary war by John George Ulrich, the great-grandfather of our subject.

John George Ulrich was a native of Germany, but came to this region from Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Penn. He secured a tract of land, which was still in its primitive condition, the country round about was still all wild and unsettled, and Indians were frequent visitors at his pioneer home. He had sufficient prudence and foresight to extend a friendly welcome to them, and later this proved of great value to him and his family. On one occasion an attack was expected from a large body of hostile Indians, and Mr. Ulrich was advised by some of the Redmen to leave with his family, but, not desiring to abandon his crops to them, he sent his family to a place of safety and remained on his farm. The enemy came, committed their depredations, but did not disturb Mr. Ulrich in the least. His farm near Selins Grove has never passed out of the family, and in early days the spring thereon was frequently visited by the Indians, there being a path from Middle Creek to Buffalo Valley past it. He took up ninety acres of government land upon which to erect a Lutheran church, which was afterward called "Rows Church." At his death Mr. Ulrich was buried in Rows Church cemetery in Penn township, Snyder county. He had but two children: John George; and Catharine, who married Jacob Bickle, a Revolutionary soldier, but had no children.

John George Ulrich, our subject's grandfather, continued to live on the old homestead, and throughout his life carried on the occupations of farming, distilling and tanning. When the first Lutheran church was built in Selins Grove he pledged all his land for its payment, and gave material assistance in its erection. He married Catharine Laudenslager, by whom he had the following children: John George, Benjamin, Samuel, John, Daniel, Jonathan K., Molly, wife of Adam Good, and Elizabeth, wife of Peter Berkstresser. All died in Snyder county, and, with their parents, were buried in the old Lutheran cemetery at Selins Grove, with the

exception of Samuel, who was laid to rest at Kratzerville, the same county.

At the old ancestral home near Selins Grove, Jonathan K. Ulrich, father of our subject, spent his early life. At New Berlin he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed for almost half a century. After living in Selins Grove for a number of years he purchased the old homestead, where he spent some time, but passed his last days in the village, dying there in 1883. He was married in that place to Miss Harriett Bergstresser, who was born there, a daughter of Frederick Bergstresser. She died January 3, 1898. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was always a stalwart Democrat. To this worthy couple were born the following children: Alfred, who died in early manhood; Hiram; Theodore, who died in childhood; F. B., a farmer of Penn township, Snyder county; James P., a painter of Selins Grove; D. A. was a resident of the same place, and died January 31, 1898; C. P., an attorney of Selins Grove, and Lydia, wife of Asher Hower, of Penn township.

At Selins Grove, Hiram Ulrich was born March 7, 1836, and in what was known as the Pepper Box school of that place he obtained his education. Until eighteen years of age he remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in the tannery, and then began a three-years' apprenticeship in the tannery of D. C. Berkstresser, of Selins Grove, receiving nothing but his board and clothes in compensation for his services. After he had completely mastered the business, he entered into partnership with his preceptor, and together they carried on operations until a fire destroyed their place in 1873, causing a loss of \$2,000 to our subject. He then removed to the home farm, where he and his brother Daniel operated the old tannery, which had long been abandoned, but he has now given up that business and is practically living retired. In 1876 he erected his present comfortable brick residence upon his place, and has also made many other useful and valuable improvements.

On November 14, 1861, in Buffalo township, Union Co., Penn., Mr. Ulrich was married to Miss R. E. Thompson, who was born near Mifflinburg, Penn., October 11, 1839, the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Reninger) Thompson, farming people of Buffalo Valley. Her father died at the age of sixty-eight, her mother at the age of seventy-two, and both were interred in Lewis cemetery, Limestone township, Union county. In religious belief they were Methodists. Mrs. Ulrich is the third child and second daughter

in a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, and obtained her education first in Pontius school, Buffalo township, Union county, and later in the Mifflinburg Academy. To our subject and his wife were born two children: Robert T., a promising young man, who was studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and died at the age of twenty-one; and Rachel H., now the wife of Rev. James I. Stonecypher, a Lutheran minister of Hartleton, Union county.

Mr. Ulrich gives his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director. Through his own efforts he has acquired a comfortable competence, and is everywhere regarded as one of the most honorable and upright business men of his locality. He and his estimable wife are both prominent and active members of the First Lutheran Church of Selins Grove, of which he is now trustee, and they enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

DANIEL S. BOYER, a leading citizen of Freeburg, Snyder county, is now serving his eighth term as justice of the peace, and at its expiration will have spent forty consecutive years in that responsible office. His name will, however, be associated most widely with his work as an educator, Freeburg Academy being largely indebted to his energy, wisdom and devoted care for its success.

Prof. Boyer belongs to an excellent family, and his ancestors were early settlers in Montgomery county, Penn. An uncle, Gen. Philip Boyer, served in the war of 1812 as captain of a company, was sheriff of that county at one time, was the father of Hon. B. M. Boyer, formerly President Judge of the Montgomery County Courts, and for two terms a member of Congress. Another uncle, Isaac Boyer, has a biographical sketch elsewhere, and another uncle, Francis A. Boyer, Sr., died at Freeburg in 1876, aged eighty-four years. Philip Boyer, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, spent his early years in Montgomery county, but later removed to Freeburg, where he died December 24, 1832, aged eighty-six years. John Boyer, our subject's father, a native of Montgomery county, married Miss Elizabeth Spatz, daughter of Matthias Spatz, of Selins Grove, made his home at Freeburg, his death occurring there January 23, 1837. Daniel S. Boyer is the youngest of a family of three sons and four daughters. His eldest brother, Henry



DANIEL S. BOYER

J., a resident of Chicago, Ill., is the father of Allen Boyer, one of the noted stenographers of the West. The other brother, William S., is a prosperous agriculturist residing at Gratz, Penn., and was at one time a justice of the peace. The eldest daughter, Mary Ann, married F. C. Moyer, of Freeburg, and died in December, 1897, aged eighty-four years. Polly married Dr. H. C. Beshler, a prominent physician of Berrysburg, Penn., and died in 1895, aged eighty-one years. Sarah, widow of Simon P. Lark, resides at Berrysburg, Dauphin county, and her only son, H. L. Lark, was a member of the Dauphin County Bar, but later engaged in a banking and real-estate business at Peabody, Kans., returning to Millersburg, Penn., in 1894, where he is practicing law. (He married Loyetta, a daughter of Col. John P. Tressler, founder of the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Loysville, Perry county, Penn). His only son, Charles Tressler Lark, graduated with honors at Gettysburg (Penn.) College in June, 1898, and his only daughter, Mabel Lark, graduated with honors at Mechanicsburg Irving Female College in June, 1897, and will complete a post-graduate course at Bryn Marth in June, 1899.

Daniel S. Boyer was born July 9, 1827, at Freeburg, and as he was but a child when his father died, he was reared under the sole guidance of his mother, a devout Christian, whose gentle influence he gratefully recalls. He first attended the subscription schools of Freeburg, taught by Burge, Burr, Montelius, Naille, and others, and then pursued the higher branches in the Classical Institute, at Berrysburg, Dauphin county, under the instruction of A. B. Sprout. At the age of sixteen he began to teach in his native town, and so successful was he in this work that he continued without interruption for ten terms. In 1857 he was elected county superintendent of public schools for three years, and during his term of office he conducted many institutes in his county, and delivered numerous addresses on educational topics. His high reputation as an instructor led to his appointment as assistant teacher of the Freeburg Academy, and in 1861, on the retirement of Mr. Millet, he was elected principal. This position he held for ten years, and during that time the institution reached the high-water mark of prosperity and influence. He owns a large portion of the stock of the academy, and for twenty years was the president and secretary of the company which had it in charge. In 1867 he built a town hall, 36x60 feet, and two stories in height. The upper floors were used as lodge rooms by the I. O. O. F. and the P. O. S. A., while the ground floor had an audience room with a seating capacity of

five hundred, and was fitted up with a large stage and elegant furnishings, including an expensive curtain. This comfortable and convenient hall was appreciated by the people of the town, and the academy used it constantly for literary entertainments until it was destroyed, on June 14, 1894, by lightning.

Agricultural pursuits have occupied much of Mr. Boyer's time, and he is thoroughly familiar with the practical details of farm work, his intelligence and love of progress being no less evident in this than in other lines of effort. For five years he was secretary of the Snyder County Agricultural Society, and for eight years was president of the Union Agricultural Association. He is a stockholder of the Agricultural Society of Gratz, and for five successive years delivered the annual address at the fairs held by that association in Dauphin county, his speeches containing valuable information on the subject of agriculture. His sound judgment and wide knowledge of men and affairs are always at the service of his friends and acquaintances who often call upon him for advice. He is still a diligent student, his reading covering an extensive range, and he is well-known as a writer for the local press, having furnished items for four newspapers in Snyder county for many years. Other articles on various topics have been prepared by him from time to time, and among them we may mention a series on the life of ex-Gov. Snyder. As a speaker he is pleasing and effective, and in May, 1885, he was chosen to deliver the historical address at the unveiling of the monument to Governor Snyder at Selins Grove. He also delivered the address at the reunion of the descendants of the Hon. Mr. Middlesworth at Beavertown, in the year 1894. In 1886 he was appointed to serve the unexpired term of W. H. Dill, deceased, as county superintendent of the schools of Snyder county, and he delivered a eulogy on the deceased at the State Teachers Association at Allentown, in July, 1886. Politically, Mr. Boyer is a Democrat, and in 1874 he was a delegate to the State Convention at Pittsburg, his vote being cast for Judge Woodward. In 1875 he was appointed bank assessor for Snyder and Centre counties by Auditor-General Temple, and when Hon. Isaac Slenker held the office of auditor-general Mr. Boyer served as clerk of the department of military claims. His long and faithful service as justice of the peace has already been referred to, and it is safe to say that no man in his community is held in higher esteem than Mr. Boyer. For many years he has been a member of the Lutheran Church at Freeburg, in which he has

held office as deacon, elder and secretary, and for forty-two consecutive years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. All phases of religious work command his sympathy, and he is well versed in general Church literature, especially in the history of the Lutheran Church.

In 1852 he was married to Miss Leah J. Snyder, of Berrysburg, but of their five children all died in infancy. They delight in entertaining visitors in their hospitable home, and children, as well as friends of mature years, find a warm welcome within their doors.

J P. YODER, an energetic and progressive farmer, and a leading and influential citizen of Middle Creek township, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Snyder county, four generations of the family having resided upon the farm where he still lives. The founder here was John Joder, who came from Montgomery county, Penn., over a century ago and took up his residence upon this place, where his death occurred.

Among his children was Samuel Yoder, our subject's father, who was born on the old homestead July 8, 1807, and was reared as a farmer boy, receiving such an education as the country schools of his day afforded. On February 10, 1829, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hilbish, who was born in Washington township, Snyder county, April 28, 1808, a daughter of Peter and Susannah (Schell) Hilbish. Their entire married life was spent at the Yoder homestead, which the father successfully operated. He was an officer in the Reformed Church, with which he and his wife were connected, and, being a great student of the Bible, was well posted on the Scriptures. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and was widely and favorably known. His death occurred October 23, 1883, his wife's January 14, 1887, and both were laid to rest in the Zeiber cemetery.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Emanuel, born April 11, 1830, is one of the substantial and reliable men of Middle Creek township, but for the past sixteen years he has been a cripple, the result of several accidents. He is an elder in the Reformed Church, and in politics is a Republican. J. P., of this sketch, is next in order of birth. Samuel H., who served as associate judge, died in 1895 at Globe Mills, Penn. Mary A. wedded George K. Fagley, the present sheriff of Northumberland county, and died September 3, 1869.

In the common schools of Snyder county, J. P. Yoder acquired his primary education,

which was supplemented by a short course in the Freeburg Academy. He was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and has become a thorough and systematic agriculturist. On Christmas Day, 1860, he was married to Miss Margaret A. Oldt, who was born March 17, 1847, in Dry Valley, Penn., and is the only child of Daniel and Sarah (Benfer) Oldt. They located on the old homestead, and four children came to brighten the household by their presence, namely: Sarah E. is now Mrs. C. A. Moyer, of Spring Mills, Center Co., Penn., and has one child, Blanche. Allen A. was educated in the schools of Selins Grove and Lock Haven, Penn. Later he successfully engaged in teaching in Snyder county for five years, then became a medical student in Philadelphia. He completed his course in medicine in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, devoting four years there in study, and was graduated with honors (*summa cum laude*). He was elected class treasurer in his Senior year by a very large majority. Recently he has been elected on the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital staff as resident physician. He contemplates to seek more medical lore abroad in one of the medical centers in Europe. S. Luther is a farmer residing at home. D. Norton is also under the parental roof. The family occupy a prominent place in the social circles of the neighborhood and have many warm friends.

Mr. Yoder is now the owner of 240 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and is recognized as one of the most substantial and enterprising farmers of Middle Creek township. He regularly supports the Republican party by his ballot, and has efficiently served as assessor and school director, holding the latter office at the present time. With the Reformed Church he is officially connected, having been a deacon for sixteen years, and his estimable wife is a faithful member of the same congregation. Although a plain, unassuming gentleman, he readily wins the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and has a host of friends who appreciate his sterling worth. He is a great friend of the cause of education, and in all things keeps fully abreast with the times.

REUBEN B. FESSLER, whose death occurred on February 5, 1898, after a sickness of only two days, was a military veteran and a well-known business man, then living in retirement at Centerville, Snyder county, his wealth enabling him to fill his leisure with the

pursuits most congenial to a man of intellectual gifts.

The Fessler family has been identified with Snyder county for many years, our subject's grandfather having resided in Penn township at the time of his death which occurred early in the present century. David Fessler, our subject's father, was born in Penn township, March 28, 1809, and, as his father died not long afterward, he was taken into the home of John Rager, a farmer in what is now West Beaver township, Snyder county. He attended the subscription schools of the locality at irregular intervals, but, as the strangers among whom he lived took no interest in his education, he spent but three months all told in school. At an early age he was apprenticed to a Mr. Rearick, a chair maker, and after learning the trade he followed it in connection with farming. He secured a small farm, buying it acre by acre at different times, but in 1858 he removed to Center township where he had bought the Spayd farm, and there he spent his remaining years, his death occurring May 9, 1872. He was a man of medium height and weight, very quiet and unpretentious in manner, but he did much hard work in his life and gained a comfortable competence. At the time of his death he owned two farms, comprising 220 acres, and had some money besides, all this having been gained by shrewd management, as he never speculated. In early life he was a Whig, but in 1856 he joined the Democratic party. While he was no office seeker he served several terms as constable in West Beaver township. For many years he was a deacon in the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged. On November 22, 1832, he was married in Beaver township to Miss Elizabeth Keller, a native of that locality, born February 11, 1815, the daughter of Abraham Keller. She died April 25, 1889, and the remains of both now rest in the cemetery at Centerville. They had the following children: Catherine M., born December 28, 1833, married Frederick Price, of Stephenson county, Ill.; Louisa, born September 9, 1835, died January 3, 1837; Reuben B., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on; William H.; born February 13, 1839, is a farmer in Center township; Amanda J., born in May, 1841, died in 1843 from scalds received through falling into a bucket of boiling water; Wilson H., born January 25, 1843, died in Center township, and was buried in Centerville; Ann E., born July 19, 1846, married Walter Seivel, and died in Illinois; Alfred, born February 3, 1849, resides in Summit county, Ohio; Mollie E. (a twin of Alfred) married F. J. Boyer, of Centerville; Harriet,

born April 24, 1851, married Levi Young, of Center township; Frank P., born March 13, 1853; Uriah H. (a twin of Frank) is a tanner at Centerville.

Reuben B. Fessler was born August 3, 1837, at the old home in West Beaver township, where he attended the subscription schools during boyhood. He was a very bright student, and so readily acquired a knowledge of reading that before he ever attended school he could read German. At sixteen he began teaching, and continued that occupation until he was twenty-one, when he entered Union Seminary at New Berlin. He did not graduate from this institution, but took an irregular course, studying there in 1857 and 1859. As he was the eldest son he found much to do at home, and while still a boy began to work at chair-making with his father. His natural gifts as a mechanic enabled him to learn any trade with facility, and even late in life he often passed spare moments in making articles of various kinds. In 1859 he became a clerk for John Walls & Co., of Lewisburg, with whom he remained until August, 1862, when he enlisted at Lewisburg in Company E, 142nd P. V. I. Their first battle was at Fredericksburg, and he remained with the regiment through all their engagements until detailed for special duty at the corps headquarters. On June 1, 1863, after the battle of Chancellorsville, he was commissioned sergeant. The regiment contained only three men from Snyder county, the others being Henry Stuck and John S. Dellinger, and our subject was the only one of the three to survive the battle of Fredericksburg. On May 29, 1865, he was discharged with his regiment, and after his return home he clerked for some time at Lewisburg, Buffalo Cross Roads and Ashland, Penn. Later he operated a saw-mill for his father, and in 1869 he went to Cowan, Union county, and clerked for three years. At the death of his father in 1872 he was made executor under the will, and for some time he remained at home. He then clerked for a time in Lewisburg for George K. Swope, and afterward spent three years in Mifflinburg clerking for William Young & Son. In May, 1877, he took a trip to the West, spending some time in Kansas and other States, and in the spring of 1878, after his return to Pennsylvania, he engaged in a general mercantile business at Adamsburg in partnership with James Specht. On disposing of his interest in this store he bought the Beaver Springs Tannery, and continued the business successfully notwithstanding the fact that he began without any knowledge of the trade. After four years he traded the property for a farm in

Minnesota, and since 1884 he has done no active work. He then made his home at Centerville, having determined to take the world easy during his remaining years. While he was not extravagant, everything he bought was of the best, as he believed that that plan proved economical in the long run. Fishing and hunting were his favorite diversions, and in them he had few equals in the county and no superiors. He was a scientific angler, studying the habits of fish carefully, and his outfit was the best that money could buy. After 1893 he became an expert rider on the bicycle. In reading, also, he took much pleasure, and his excellent memory enabled him to become well informed on general topics. With all his other aptitudes Mr. Fessler can claim proficiency as a housekeeper, for, as he never married, he performed domestic work with the skill of an adept.

While he was a staunch Democrat, he never sought or held political office. At one time he was an active member of the Masonic order at Lewisburg, having joined in 1873, and he belonged to the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Centerville during the existence of that lodge. In manner he was quite unassuming, but he was deservedly popular wherever known.

B F. ARNOLD, a prominent citizen of Freeburg, and a traveling salesman of more than twenty-five years' experience, was born at his present home in Washington township, Snyder county, May 29, 1841. The Arnold family in this county is descended from George Arnold, the paternal grandfather of our subject, a millwright by trade, who left his home in Lancaster county and took up his residence near McKees Half Falls. He married Miss Mary E. Strayer, and their remains are now interred in Grubbs Church cemetery, the grandfather departing this life at the age of sixty-four, his wife at the age of eighty-five. Their children were: Henry, George, John, Elizabeth and Catharine, whose remains lie buried in Grubbs Church cemetery; Samuel, Benjamin and Martha, who died in Michigan; and Mary, who died and was buried in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Arnold, the father of our subject, was born in what is now Chapman township, Snyder county, September 19, 1800, and learned the millwright's trade under his father. His school privileges were very meagre, but he was a man of naturally strong intellect, and fitted himself for school teaching. He was especially proficient as a German teacher, having thoroughly mastered that language. After working in his

father's distillery for some time, he later purchased a farm, upon which he spent his remaining days, his death occurring at the age of seventy-eight years and twenty-eight days. He married Anna Brugger, who was born in Switzerland in 1802, and in 1817 came to the United States with her parents, John Rudolph Brugger and wife. They were sixty-three days upon the ocean, and the voyage was a stormy one. Their son Casper died at sea, and was buried in the water. The other children of the family were Mrs. Arnold, Gabriel, Rudolph, Casper, Mary, Maria and Jacob. The last named was born in the United States. The family located in Stone Valley, near Georgetown, Penn., where the father was prominently connected with Church work, serving as leader of the choir for many years. He and his wife afterward removed to the southwestern portion of Snyder county, then a part of Union county, where they spent the remainder of their days, the former dying at the age of eighty-four, and the latter at the age of ninety.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, the parents of our subject, had a family of nine children: Matilda, of Shamokin, widow of George Foltz; Caroline, wife of Isaac E. Bliem, of Philadelphia; Louisa, wife of William Hockenbraucht, who died August 18, 1892; John R., who died of scarlet fever at the age of six years; Henry, who was drowned at the age of two and a half years; Anna, wife of B. E. Adams, of Shamokin; B. F.; George W., assistant steward in the Bethany Orphans Home at Womelsdorf, Penn.; and Emma J., who resides in Clyde, Ohio. The father of this family did not acquire wealth, but accumulated a comfortable competence, and was very liberal. A devout Church member, he took an active part in Church work, and was a man highly respected by all.

B. F. Arnold spent his boyhood days at the place of his birth, and pursued his education in the schools of the neighborhood. Being the eldest son, he was early called upon to assist in the labors of the home farm. At the age of eighteen he left the parental roof and went to Northumberland county, where he was engaged as driver of a huckster wagon by Major Adams, selling the products at Pottsville and Minersville. His father received his earnings until he was twenty-one years of age. Realizing the advantages of a good education he determined to further fit himself for a business career by more extended study, and for two terms attended the Freeburg Academy, walking five miles to and from the school each day. He thus fitted himself for teaching, and for two terms had charge of the

Reichenbach school. He then went to Locust Gap, Penn., where for a year and a half he was engaged in business as a dealer in stone in connection with B. E. Adams. For a short time thereafter he was in the same business alone in Shamokin.

On March 23, 1865, Mr. Arnold wedded Miss Mary A. Keeler, who was born May 20, 1842, a daughter of Jonas and Eliza (Moyer) Keeler. Soon after this Mr. Arnold embarked in the huckster's business in connection with his father-in-law, whose interest he purchased after two years, continuing alone for four years. On April 1, 1871, he entered the employ of John S. Lentz, a wholesale liquor dealer of Philadelphia as traveling salesman, and continued in his employ until February 25, 1888, when on the death of Mr. Lentz he severed his connection with that house and entered the employ of F. P. Dille, also a wholesale liquor dealer of Philadelphia. During his twenty-six years' experience as a traveling salesman he has been employed by only two firms, a fact which well indicates his fidelity to duty and his success in his chosen vocation. By his good management, enterprise and energy he has accumulated a comfortable competence, and is the owner of the old Arnold homestead. He now travels over Snyder, Union, Centre, Juniata, Perry, Mifflin, Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, Schuylkill, Northumberland, Lycoming and Columbia and Sullivan counties, but he formerly traveled in the East. He is a man of very pleasant, genial manner and good business ability, and these two qualities make him very successful as a salesman.

During the Civil war Mr. Arnold was three times drafted, but on the first occasion was exempt by reason of his service as a school teacher. The second time he employed a substitute, and the third time the war ended, thus obviating the necessity of his going to the front. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in 1878 was the choice of his party for the office of sheriff, but the Democracy was then in the minority. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, and for eight years he served as deacon, while at the present time he is treasurer of the Church. He is a charter member and trustee of Freeburg Lodge No. 611, I. O. O. F., has been identified with the order since 1865, and was district deputy of Snyder county for two years; he has also been a trustee of Freeburg Academy since 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold became the parents of three children: Henry K., who died at the age of sixteen; Jonas F., who died at the age of eleven, and Emma J., wife of W. L. Bassler, of Freeburg. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and

their daughter occupy an enviable position in social circles, and are highly esteemed for their sterling worth.

WILLIAM H. EWING, one of the best known and most successful agriculturists of Spring township, Snyder county, was born March 19, 1843, in Tyrone township, Perry Co., Penn., and belongs to a family of English origin, which was early founded in the lower counties of the State by his great-grandfather. His descendants later removed to what was then Cumberland county, but is now Perry county.

Jesse Ewing, father of our subject, was also a native of Tyrone township, Perry county, attended the common schools, and followed farming until sixteen years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Kiner, then only seventeen years old. With his father-in-law, George Kiner, of Tyrone township, he began learning molding and brick making, which he followed in connection with the operation of a small tract of land until his death, which occurred in 1855, when he was aged thirty-five years. In early life he was a strong Whig in politics, and later became a leading member of the Know Nothing party in Perry county, where he served as assessor of his township.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of three children, the others being Sarah J., who was born when her mother was only eighteen years of age, and became the wife of L. Page, of Tuscarora Valley Juniata Co., Penn.; and Mary, wife of William Bailie, of Liberty Valley, Perry county. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Ewing became the wife of Frederick Peck, a native of Perry county, and a farmer by occupation, and two children were born of this union: Emma, wife of William Shull, of Ickesburg, Perry county; and Caroline, wife of John Ewing, of Madison township, the same county. The death of the mother occurred in Madison township, and she was laid to rest by the side of her first husband in Tyrone township cemetery.

As his father died when he was only fifteen years old, William H. Ewing was early thrown upon his own resources, and has since made his way in the world unaided. He had the opportunity of attending school only through the winter season, and in his early boyhood began work as a farm laborer in his native township, receiving the meagre wages of \$7 per month. He was thus employed until the outbreak of the Rebellion in 1861, and in September of that year went to Harrisburg for the purpose of enlisting.

He gave his age as much older than he really was, and accordingly was accepted, being mustered into service as a member of Company B, 47th P. V. I., which was under the command of Capt. H. D. Woodruff and Colonel Good, and was assigned to the Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Loonsville, Gainesville, Culpeper, Drainsville, Fredericksburg, and several smaller engagements, but at Key West, Fla., received a sunstroke, which confined him to the hospital at that place for ten months. He was finally discharged at Key West in December, 1862, and returned to his native county, but was unable to perform any manual labor. He found employment in looking after stock for his board and clothes until strong enough to do other work, but, wishing to again enter the army, he re-enlisted in 1864, at Mifflintown, Juniata Co., Penn., in Company D, 207th P. V. I., under Capt. L. Deagon and Colonel Albright. He was again mustered in at Harrisburg, and served for eleven months, when hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged. Returning to his home, Mr. Ewing found employment in a tannery for a short time, and then engaged in hoop making in his native county until 1867, when he came to Snyder county and located near Adamsburg, where he also followed hoop making for two years. He was next employed at carpenter work for the same length of time, and for the following two years was in a sawmill. In the meantime Mr. Ewing married and located on a farm in Beaver township, which he operated on the shares for four years, during which period he saved a little money, but with the hope of securing a fortune quicker, he resolved to go west. In 1875 with his little family he went to Kansas, where he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, but, during the two years spent there, he received no returns for his hard labor. Accordingly, in the spring of 1878, he returned to Snyder county, poorer than when he started, landing in Lewistown with only thirty-five dollars in money, the clothes they wore, and a little bedding. Here he began life anew, operating his father-in-law's farm for a year and a half, and then purchased his present place in Spring township, comprising ninety-six acres, purchased of Samuel Aurand. Fortune at last smiled upon his efforts, and he became one of the most successful agriculturists of the community. He has made many excellent and valuable improvements upon his farm, including the erection of a fine residence and good barn, costing about \$2,500. He was one of the first in his section to make a specialty of the raising of peaches, and this in-

dustry proved quite profitable. In 1894 he laid aside all business cares, and is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On January 3, 1867, at Middleburg, Rev. J. P. Shindel performed a wedding ceremony which united the destinies of Mr. Ewing and Miss Elmira A. Middleswarth, who was born in what was then Beaver township, but is now Spring township, Snyder county, a daughter of Abner Middleswarth, and a granddaughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth. Nine children blessed this union: Jesse, a farmer of Spring township, who married Annie Arbagost, and has two children; Theodore, who married Kate Mitchell, of Middle Creek, by whom he has one child, and lives on the old homestead; Francis, a farmer of West Beaver township, Snyder county, who is married to Annie Snook, and has one child; Jane, wife of Henry Keeley, of West Beaver township; Etta, at home; Carrie, wife of Robert Kearns, of Beaver township; and Charles, George and Ira, all at home.

As an ardent Republican, Mr. Ewing has taken quite an active and prominent part in local politics, has served as constable of his township three years, supervisor one term, and overseer of the poor. He is a member and faithful Sunday-school attendant in the Lutheran Church, and is an honored member of William H. Boyer Post No. 612, G. A. R. His residence in Snyder county, covering almost thirty years, has numbered him among its valued citizens who have been devoted to the public welfare. He has manifested the same loyalty in days of peace as in days of war, and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

SIMON YEAGER was for many years actively identified with the agricultural interests of Mifflin county, Penn., and enjoyed more than ordinary success, but is now living retired in Middle Creek, Spring township, Snyder Co., Penn., surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, all of which were secured through his own unaided efforts.

Mr. Yeager was born in Derry township, Mifflin county, February 11, 1842, was educated in the common schools, and at the early age of eleven years began working for his board and clothes. As a laborer he continued to work until the outbreak of the Civil war, when his mother, fearing he would enlist in the army, sent him to Bellevue, Ohio, where he had living an uncle, a Mr. Hickes. After working on a farm there for about three months he found an opportunity to enlist, and in 1862 became a member

of Company H, 107th O. V. I., under Colonel Meyers and Capt. A. Vignos. For three years he was in the service with the Army of the Potomac, and participated in many important engagements, including the battles of Chancellorsville, May 2, 3 and 4, 1862; Gettysburg, July 1, 2 and 3, 1863; Hagerstown, July 7, 1863, Fort Wagner, S. C., September 7, 1863; and John Island, S. C., February 9, 10 and 11, 1864. With his regiment, Mr. Yeager went to Jacksonville, Fla., and while on a raid was captured by the Rebels and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was confined for three months and a half, suffering untold agonies. He endured all the hardships incident to Southern prison life, was almost starved to death, and when finally released at the close of the war was so ill that he was obliged to remain, for three weeks, in the hospital at Columbus, Ohio.

Returning to his uncle's farm near Bellevue, Mr. Yeager was employed there for three months, and then returned to Pennsylvania. For about twenty years he worked as a laborer near Lewistown, Mifflin county, sixteen years of which time was spent in the employ of the North American Tanning Company. He was later with the Pennsylvania railroad for a few months, after which he purchased a farm of 100 acres in Decatur township, Mifflin county, which he successfully operated until 1889, when he came to Middle Creek, Spring township, Snyder county, and bought his present place of seventy acres, where he is now practically living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest, free from all the cares and responsibilities of business life.

On December 27, 1866, in Lewistown, Mr. Yeager was united in marriage to Miss Hannah C. Baer, a native of Granville township, Mifflin county, and a daughter of John Baer, a farmer of that township, who was of German and English descent. To them were born two children: Mary J., now the wife of J. M. Baker, a lawyer of Beaver Springs, Penn.; and George A., a farmer of Spring township, who married Malinda J. Snook and has one child. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in November, 1889, while residing in Decatur township, Mifflin county. Since 1877 Mr. Yeager has been a member of the Evangelical Church, and socially he belongs to the Grand Army Post and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Adamsburg. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor of Decatur township, Mifflin county. He was a brave defender of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and is equally loyal to his country's interests in days of peace.

VALENTINE WALTER, one of the most prominent residents of Center township, Snyder county, has been engaged in various lines of business and been equally successful as a merchant, agriculturist, and lumber manufacturer. At present he devotes his attention to the two industries last named, conducting two farms and two mills near Centerville. It is a noteworthy fact that his wealth has not been gained by undue economy, as he has enjoyed the luxury of helping others, and has given his family every comfort and privilege. Mr. Walter was born February 14, 1834, in Union township, Union county, and is a descendant of the well-known German pioneer, Jacob Walter, whose descendants are now numerous in this section. Our subject's parents, David H., and Catherine (Phillips) Walter, removed during his boyhood to the vicinity of Salem Church, in what is now Franklin township, and after four years they moved to the neighborhood of Middleburg, where he first attended school with David Swenck as his teacher. His father valued education very highly, and always insisted upon his children attending school, and our subject, being exceptionally clever, was prepared at an early age to teach. His first school was in Center township, and for three years he taught in country schools during the winter terms for seventeen dollars per month, boarding himself, and for the next two years he taught for twenty dollars per month. From seventeen to twenty-two years of age his time was thus employed during the winter seasons, and in summer he would assist his father upon the farm. He also attended Freeburg Academy for two quarters. After he was twenty-one years of age his father paid him wages for his farm work, and he remained at home until the age of twenty-four. On February 22, 1858, he married Miss Susanna Schaffer, who was born in Limestone township, Union county, in 1832, the daughter of Jacob and Susanna (Frock) Shaffer. He then located upon his father's farm in Limestone township, Union county, which he rented for several years, but in 1867 he removed to Centerville where for four years he followed agricultural pursuits. He then went into mercantile business, and spent twelve years, at times with partners, and some times alone. In 1882, he retired from this line of business with a handsome competence. He owns two farms near Centerville as stated, containing in all 250 acres of farm land, sixty-eight acres of woodland, and eighty-eight acres of mountain land. His saw mill and planing mill at Centerville are both operated by steam and he does a large business in lumber.

In 1892 he remodeled his residence in Centerville, making it one of the most attractive homes in the town. He has four children: Sevilla, who married C. M. Showers, of Centerville; Ella, wife of Dr. R. D. Rothwell, of New Berlin; Alice, now Mrs. J. J. Rowland, of Shenandoah, Penn.; and Sadie, now Mrs. J. D. Dreese, of Chillisquaque, Penn. Mr. Walter has reason to be proud of his daughters, and he has given them unusual educational advantages. In fact, he has always shown himself to be a friend to every improvement in schools, and has done much to encourage better methods in his locality, having served three terms as school director. His sound judgment in business matters causes his advice to be sought on many questions, and his generosity is also called upon at times. He has lost in the neighborhood of twenty thousand dollars through payments on forfeited bail, but he never felt indignant over such losses, however, being thankful that he could meet his obligations. In politics he is a Republican, and, although he has never sought office, he has been elected to a number of positions, serving sixteen years as overseer of the poor, and two terms as triennial assessor, in addition to his work in the interests of the poor. At one time he was a member of the I. O. O. F., and he and his wife are prominent workers in the Lutheran Church, in which he has held the office of trustee.

ROBERT LESHER, a prominent agriculturist of Monroe township, Snyder county, came of a family early established in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

George Lesher, his father, a native of Berks county, came, when a boy, with his parents to Northumberland. His ancestors, who were originally from France, came to this country prior to the Revolutionary war. George Lesher was married to Catherine Robbins, and each attained the age of seventy-three years. To them were born nine children—five sons and four daughters, namely: Robert, the subject of this sketch; Daniel (deceased); Ann, of Lock Haven, widow of Jacob Ulp; Mary, of Northumberland, widow of John Barnhart; George, of New Buffalo; William (deceased); Sarah, who married John Hammer (both deceased); John (deceased); and Charles, a prominent farmer, of Northumberland county.

Robert Lesher was born October 19, 1817, in Northumberland county, two miles west of the borough of Northumberland, and began his education in a subscription school, which he attended for several years, but completed his lit-

erary course in a public school. Until he had attained his majority, he remained upon the home farm, where he spent his winter evenings profitably reading books, which he borrowed from the library of J. C. Horton, Esq., and others. A fondness for reading was early cultivated, and has ever clung to him. At the age of twenty-one he began working in a Northumberland boat-yard, and after working there several years, he left for New York to complete his trade. Being a man of great executive ability and tact, he soon became foreman of a yard in that city. Remaining here sufficiently long to thoroughly acquaint himself with the management of a yard, he returned to Northumberland and launched into business for himself.

After successfully operating a yard in this town for several years, giving employment to upwards of seventy-five men, he started a branch yard in New Buffalo, carrying on the work for a period of twenty-three years. During this time he amassed considerable money, but seeing that in the near future the canal boat would give way to the railroad car, he disposed of his yards and purchased a tract of land in Monroe township, Snyder county, on Blue Hill, a short distance from Northumberland. Returning to the occupation in which he had first been schooled, he became one of the most prosperous agriculturists of the county, purchasing land until he now owns four adjacent farms. Having a fondness for reading makes him a theoretical farmer, as well as a practical one.

In 1844 Robert Lesher was married to Hannah Wells, who bore him three sons—Robert, George and Marks. The wife and mother died July 24, 1852. Hannah Wells was a daughter of John Wells, who was one of the first councilmen of Northumberland borough. Her mother's maiden name was Rebecca Lloyd. A year later Robert Lesher was united in marriage with Sarah Vandling, who was born June 30, 1833. Mrs. Lesher is a daughter of John Vandling, who was a noted school teacher of Central Pennsylvania a half-century ago. He died in the year 1876 at the age of seventy-five years. His grandfather, John Vandling, a native of Germany, came to America when a young man. Her mother, whose maiden name was Susan Douty, was a daughter of John Douty, a prominent farmer of the Keystone State.

The second union of our subject was blessed with fourteen children—six sons and eight daughters—as follows: William, Hannah M., James D., Emma, Sarah T., Anna U. (deceased), Susan V., Charles, John V., Ellis V., Margaret C., David C. (deceased), Lizzie V. and Helen G.



Robert D. Lusher



Sarah Lusher

The members of this family all grew to maturity; Anna U. died at the age of twenty-six years, and David C. at the age of twenty-one years.

As an ardent Democrat, Mr. Leshar takes an active part in political affairs, and was twice his party's candidate for the State Legislature. For fifteen years he served as school director, and was ever faithful to the duties entrusted to him. He gives his earnest support to any and all measures calculated to promote the general welfare of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leshar are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and their straightforward course in life has gained for them the respect and confidence of all who know them.

AMMON M. AURAND. Of small avail would be all the gifts of the good fairies if the perception of their best use and purpose were lacking, and in the successful career of this talented young editor we see the value of the practical, definite ambition that is based upon a keen insight as to one's own proper line of work. Mr. Aurand was born near Adamsburg (Beaver Springs P. O.), Snyder county, September 3, 1870, and is therefore about twenty-seven years of age. He is a son of Samuel F. and Ellen E. (Stumpff) Aurand, who were both of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. His father's parents, Isaac Aurand and wife, are still living, but his mother's parents, John R. Stumpff and wife, died within a few weeks of each other, in the spring of 1881. Young Aurand received only a common-school education, and in 1887, at the age of sixteen years, he commenced the publication of the *Adamsburg Herald*, in a small-sized form. This paper rapidly grew in size, circulation and influence, until now it has the largest circulation of any weekly paper in Snyder, Mifflin or Juniata counties, over two thousand copies being issued every week. In 1893 he started the *American Business Journal*, and in 1896 the *American Monthly Herald*, both of which papers have been very successful, the former having a circulation of 25,000 copies and the latter 20,000 copies per month, extending all over the United States. In 1894 he erected the present substantial Herald building, opposite the P. R. R. depot, Adamsburg, wherein is located one of the most modern and best-equipped newspaper plants in Central Pennsylvania. Mr. Aurand is quite a well-known factor in politics, having been elected a delegate from Snyder county to the Republican National Convention at St. Louis, in 1896, and he also served as secretary of the county committee for several terms.

In 1897 he was appointed postmaster at Beaver Springs.

In 1889 Mr. Aurand was married to Miss Jennie M. Helfrich, daughter of Lewis Helfrich, and one son, Ammon Monroe, Jr., has blessed the union. Such is the short history of a remarkably successful young man, who started in life a poor boy, and has energetically worked his way up to an influential position, and brief as is the account, it conveys a helpful suggestion to every youth who would win a worthy place in life.

DANIEL S. MILLER. "The hand of the diligent maketh rich." So said the wisest of men, and his observation is as true to-day as of old. In the career of this quiet, yet energetic and able citizen, now a leading resident of Kantz, Snyder county, there is much to be learned of practical worldly wisdom, his success in life having come as a reward of well-directed effort.

Mr. Miller was born February 7, 1837, in Washington township, Snyder county, the son of John, and the grandson of Frederick Miller, who settled in Penn township at a very early date. This well-known pioneer was married three times, and by his first wife had the following children: John, Betsy, Polly and Kate. John Miller, our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead in Penn township, and when not engaged in agricultural work his time was spent in learning the miller's trade. He was married in Penn township to Miss Christy Ann Snyder, a native of Philadelphia and the daughter of Adam and Catherine (Beisch) Snyder. After his marriage John Miller engaged in the milling business on Middle creek in Penn township, in partnership with George A. Snyder. Later he took charge of a mill property in Washington township, which had been purchased by his father, and included sixty-two acres of farming land, and, as an old log house stood upon the farm, John Miller removed there with his family. After his father's death he bought the place and improved it very much, building a good brick house which is still standing. He was a large man, of powerful build, and was a most industrious worker, acquiring a handsome fortune, at the time of his death owning two good farms. In early life he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and he and his wife were both consistent members of the Lutheran Church. He died at the age of seventy-seven years and six months, and his wife lived to be more than seventy-five years old, their remains being interred at Salem Church in Penn township. They had five chil-

dren: Edward, a farmer near Kreamer, Penn.; George F., a miller, residing in Washington township, who was drafted in the Union army during the Civil war, but was rejected; Lewis, a farmer in Franklin township, Snyder county, who served during the war as captain of Company F, 131st P. V. I.; Daniel S., our subject; Samuel, who died in Washington township at the age of thirty-seven years; and Frederick, a farmer in Penn township.

The Snyder family, of which our subject's mother was a member, was well known in Philadelphia, where Adam Snyder, our subject's grandfather, owned a grocery store. While visiting New Orleans on a business trip he was taken ill with yellow fever and died, and was buried there. He left a widow and three children: George, a farmer, who died in Salem, Snyder county; Christy Ann, our subject's mother; and Sarah Ann, who married Charles Chamberlain, a carpenter of Selins Grove, and died in Philadelphia while undergoing an operation. Mrs. Snyder married a second husband, a Mr. Miller, at Pricetown, Berks Co., Penn., and there were several children by this union. Later she married a third husband, also named Miller, but there were no children by this marriage. She died in Middle Creek township, Snyder county, aged eighty years.

Mr. Miller's youth was spent at the old home in Washington township, his educational advantages being limited to the schools of that locality. At the age of nineteen he began to learn the bricklayer's trade, which he followed some time. On October 7, 1861, he enlisted at Huntington, Penn., in Company H, 51st P. V. I., and went to the seat of war. He saw some hard fighting, their first battle being at Roanoke Island, and on September 17, 1862, at Antietam, he was wounded in the left hand by a ball, thirty-two pieces of bone being afterward taken out. He has never entirely recovered from this wound, his hand being crippled, but after spending some time in hospitals at different places, mainly in the Patent Office Hospital in Washington, he rejoined his regiment at Knoxville, Tenn., in the fall of 1863. He remained in active service until November 16, 1864, when, his term of enlistment having expired, he returned home. Afterward he was instrumental in raising a company, and could have gone with them as second lieutenant, but he surrendered his place to another. In the spring of 1865 he was employed by the Northern Central Railway Company as a master bricklayer and placed in charge of the construction of buildings along their line between Sunbury and Erie, Penn. While on this work he

was under the direction of men who later gained high positions, such as Mr. Roberts, deceased, formerly president of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and Mr. Thompson, who is now the head of that great company. Altogether, Mr. Miller spent more than seven years in railroad work, being employed for a time on the Lehigh Valley railway. He built a number of shops, and helped to build depots at Pittsburg, Alliance, Ohio, Canton, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Ind., and elsewhere. In 1870 he and his brother Lewis bought a farm at Kantz, Penn., and later Mr. Miller purchased the brother's interest and now owns the entire farm. He also has a tract of land in Washington township and a fine property in Kantz. In the fall of 1888 he built there a handsome brick residence, doing the bricklaying with his own hands. For nearly two years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Kantz, in partnership with Meyer Millner. He stands high in business circles, and is noted for his exclusive devotion to his own affairs, and for his strict honesty in all his dealings with others.

In May, 1870, he married his first wife, Susanna Kister, who was born in Penn township, Snyder county, the daughter of Daniel Kister, a leading citizen of that locality. The two children of this union died in infancy, and in October, 1884, Mrs. Miller breathed her last, her remains being laid to rest in Salem cemetery. On November 1, 1886, Mr. Miller married his second wife, Miss Sarah Meyer, who was born in Miles township, Centre county, and was reared in Brush Valley, near Rebersburg, Centre county, where her parents, John and Catherine (Poorman) Meyer, were prominent residents. Mr. Miller is a Lutheran in religious faith, and his wife is a member of the Reformed Church. He also belongs to the Union Veteran League, and he formerly was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the G. A. R. at Selins Grove. In politics he is Republican, but on public questions, as on all others, he does his own thinking, and at times supports good men outside of his party.

ARTHUR B. SPECHT, of Beavertown, is one of our most enterprising and successful citizens, and is extensively engaged in mercantile business and in manufacturing, his foundry and machine shop at Beavertown being among the largest in this section. His family has been prominently identified with the development of the locality, and his forceful and energetic character is an inheritance from a sturdy pioneer ancestry.

Adam Specht, the grandfather of our subject, came to New Berlin, in 1791, when he was a boy of seven, and was reared to manhood there. He married Catherine Smith, a daughter of Peter Smith, and settled at Beavertown where at that time there were but a few houses. For many years he carried on a pottery business in the town. During the war of 1812, he served as a corporal in Capt. Henry Miller's company, and on November 10, 1814, he was at Marcus Hook, with the regiment commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel George Weirick. His death occurred November 6, 1872, at the age of eighty-eight years, and his wife passed away April 20, 1870, aged eighty-two, their remains being interred in the Beavertown cemetery.

The late Moses Specht, our subject's father, who was one of the leading men of his locality in his day, was born in Beavertown March 4, 1818, and died November 2, 1895, having lived to see his native village grow to an important railroad town. He was practically a self-educated man, as he only attended a subscription school for three terms of three months each, and his teachers were but illy qualified to instruct him, even in the elementary lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic, to which his course was limited. Through private study he gained a fair education, becoming especially skilled as an accountant. Early in life he learned the gunsmith's trade, and for some time he followed it successfully. In 1845 he built a hotel at Beavertown, which he conducted many years, enlarging it as his constantly increasing business demanded. In 1847 he engaged in mercantile business, and in time he had one of the largest stores in the county, his trade extending over a wide territory. The steam tannery, which is now the leading concern at Beavertown, owed its establishment mainly to his foresight and energy. He was one of the principal promoters of the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad, serving as a director during the constructive period. He secured subscriptions for the enterprise to the amount of \$30,000, and then collected and paid the entire sum into the treasury, and he also obtained the gratuitous right of way for eighteen miles of the road, with unincumbered titles to the lands for the location of stations at McClure, Adamsburg, Beavertown, Paxtonville, Middleburg and Kreamer, devoting a whole summer to the work without compensation. In 1879 he took a contract for two miles of the hardest grading on the section then being constructed, and did the work at a cost of \$11,000, putting fifty-eight thousand loads of dirt into one "filling." In addition to all these enterprises, he built a number of houses on con-

tract. In 1850 he built the Lutheran and Reformed Church at Beavertown, the first church edifices in the place, and in 1880 he built the large brick school house there, the directors adopting many improvements in the original plan in accordance with his suggestions. For many years he held the position of express agent at Beavertown, and he was also engaged in the foundry business, and in lumbering, operating a sawmill near his town. Throughout his career he seems to have followed the Biblical injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," his industry and sound judgment being apparently equal to any task. As may be supposed, he was frequently called to serve the community in official positions, and when barely twenty-one years old he was elected constable of old Beaver township, which then consisted of the present townships of Beaver, West Beaver, Spring and Adams. In 1845 he was elected justice of the peace, but he resigned before the expiration of his term. For one term he served as county auditor, and for more than forty years he was one of the auditors of his township, his close scrutiny of the accounts at each annual settlement permitting no suspicious items to pass unchallenged. In 1861, Gov. Curtin appointed him to fill the office of sheriff of Snyder county in the place of Frederick Bause, deceased, and, at the expiration of the term in the fall of 1862, he was elected to the same position, his service proving most satisfactory to the people. His kindly heart led him to use every effort to save the property of those against whom he held executions, yet he never faltered in the performance of any necessary official act. In 1840 he was appointed postmaster at Beavertown, a position which he held almost continuously for more than forty years, serving under every administration except one, during that time.

The funeral of this honored citizen was attended by a large concourse of people, many of whom came from a distance to pay their last tribute of respect. Although he had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight, and had for some time been living in retirement, his sudden death as the result of an apopleptic stroke caused a shock to the community where he had so long been a familiar figure. One who knew him well has said, "We have always found him a courteous and affable friend, a safe and judicious counsellor, who ever had a word of kindly advice in season," and few men have been more deeply missed and mourned than is Moses Specht. His beloved wife, Rachel Bingaman, passed to the unseen world June 28, 1894. Of their three

children, Arthur B. and Miss Louisa reside at Beavertown, and Horace is now deceased.

Arthur B. Specht, the subject proper of this sketch, was born September 19, at 1845, at the old home in Beavertown, where he was educated in the subscription schools of the day, attending only in the winter months. At an early age he began to show remarkable ability as a mechanic, being competent to take charge of the stationary engine in his father's sawmill when he was but twelve years old. He ran this engine for about ten years, and while still a mere boy he constructed a similar machine. When the sawmill was closed, in 1863, he began to clerk in his father's store and also worked in the foundry, learning every detail of the business. In 1865 he became his father's partner in the foundry, and in 1867 he went into business for himself in that line. He built a large machine shop and foundry, equipped with modern machinery, and costing about \$3,000, the plant being second to none in the county. For fifteen years past he has conducted a general store at Beavertown, and his handsome business building cost him in the neighborhood of \$1,200. In 1865, he married Miss Amanda Moyer, who has proved herself an admirable helpmeet in financial affairs, as she successfully conducts a millinery department in connection with the store. They have an elegant home, the finest in the town, which cost about \$3,000 to build, and Mr. Specht also owns another dwelling house which he rents. He is thoroughly progressive in his ideas, and has his own opinions upon the questions of the day. In politics he is a strong Republican, as was his father before him, and he firmly believes in the necessity for maintaining a sound currency. His manners are genial and unassuming, and he makes friends wherever he is known. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and has been a member of the Church for some years. During the Civil war he served as a soldier for two months, enlisting in 1862, in an independent company for State duty at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, and Port Washington. Of his two sons, (1) Lester E., who is employed in the Beavertown offices of the Pennsylvania railroad, married Miss Lillie Gagle, daughter of Wallace Gagle, of Clinton county, and they have two children—Earl and Mack. (2) William, who resides at the home-stand, married Miss Libbie Wetzel, daughter of Judge S. A. Wetzel, of Beavertown.

Mrs. Specht was born and reared at Paxtonville, and her father, the late Henry Moyer, was one of the leading farmers and stock dealers of Snyder county. His birth occurred in Musser Valley, at the present site of Troxelville, his

father, John Moyer, having been an extensive stock dealer in that locality in the early days. Henry Moyer grew to manhood upon a farm and became familiar with all branches of his future business, which he followed until a few years previous to his death, in 1887. He owned 280 acres of land in Franklin township, upon which he made many improvements, building commodious barns and two handsome dwelling houses. He was an excellent citizen, a member of the Reformed Church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His remains now rest in Hassinger's grave-yard, in Franklin township. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Blett, is still living (1897), in her seventy-fifth year, and makes her home in Beaver township, Snyder county. She is a native of Musser Valley, and her father, Michael Blett, was a prominent farmer near Troxelville. Henry and Sarah Moyer had the following children: Katie, who died at an early age; Lydia, wife of Calvin C. Derr, of Franklin township, Snyder county; Amanda, Mrs. Specht; Sarah, wife of Walter Sheck, of Bellona, N. Y.; Samuel, who married Miss Ida Bowersox, and now resides upon a farm in Franklin township; Alice, wife of Jacob Treed, of Beavertown; Adda, wife of Paul Riddley, of Mount Carmel, Penn.; and William, a farmer in Beaver township, Snyder county, who married Miss Annie Middleswarth, daughter of Joseph, and granddaughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth.

J M. BAKER, of Beaver Springs, who is now serving his second term as District Attorney for Snyder county, enjoys the distinction of having been elected to that office with a greater majority than any other person ever elected to office in Snyder county. He is a native of Snyder county, however, having first seen the light November 30, 1861, in West Beaver township, but his youth was spent elsewhere and it was as a comparative stranger that, in 1891, he began to practice his profession in the place of his nativity.

He comes of an excellent family, and on the paternal side is of English descent. His father, Walter Baker, was born in Snyder county, and learned the trade of carpentering and cabinet-making near Middle Creek with David Oker. He followed these lines of business for some time, and although he began life without capital, he is now comfortably situated, owning a fine farm in Decatur township, Mifflin Co., Penn. In 1872 he removed to Dormantown, Penn., where he now resides. He has always taken an interest in local affairs wherever he has resided, and has

several times been elected to office on the Republican ticket. In religious work he is prominent as a member of the Lutheran Church, serving in various offices, and for years he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. His wife, Saloma McClean, who was born in Snyder county, is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Our subject is the eldest of nine children; William M. is a physician at Lewistown, Penn.; Mary died in childhood; Adda C. married E. S. Aurand, of Lewistown; Ira R. is a teacher in Dormantown; Miss Lizzie is also a teacher; Samuel S. teaches in the schools of Dormantown; Elsie and Kirby are at home.

Mr. Baker began his education in the schools of Bannerville, Penn., with W. Y. H. Moyer as his first teacher. As his parents left Snyder county when he was but a boy, he attended for several years in the public schools at Dormanown, and so readily did he learn that, at seventeen, he was licensed to preach. He secured a school in West Beaver township, Snyder county, at twenty dollars per month, and while teaching he devoted his evenings and, in fact, all his spare time to study. Previous to 1877 he had spent much of his time upon a farm, but afterward he worked at the carpenter's trade with his father, and although his occupation was not congenial he spent several summers in that way after he had begun teaching, his object being to secure means to attend school. In 1882 he completed a course in telegraphy in the normal school at Ada, Ohio, but not liking the business he never followed it. In 1884 he entered the scientific course at Ada, Ohio, and was graduated from that department in July, 1886, as a civil engineer. He then returned to Pennsylvania and became a partner with his father in the stave business at Dormantown, and afterward returned to his Alma Mater to study law. Having learned the theory he took up the study of legal practice in the office of Andrew Reed, of Lewistown, and in 1890 was admitted to the Bar. For a short time he remained with his preceptor, but in March, 1891, he located at Beaver Springs, where he has met with unusual success, his practice extending throughout this section. In 1894 he was elected District Attorney, and since January, 1895, he has held that office, being re-elected without opposition in 1897. His abilities are recognized by all parties, his duties being most ably discharged.

Mr. Baker married Miss Mary J. Yeager, daughter of Simon D. and Hannah (Bear) Yeager, well-known residents of Lewistown. Two children were born of this union: Beulah E., who died in infancy, and Walter C., born February 16, 1890, now an interesting boy. Mr.

and Mrs. Baker are prominent in social life, and she is an active member of the Methodist Church. Their home is a very pleasant one, having lately been remodeled, and in addition to this property Mr. Baker also owns three small tracts of land near town. Politically Mr. Baker is a staunch Republican, and socially he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, No. 98, at Beavertown, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Beaver Springs. He was a charter member of the latter society, and has passed through all the chairs; also a member of the Sons of Veterans of McClure, his father having served as a volunteer in the Rebellion.

ISAAC R. ULSH, an honored and highly-esteemed citizen of Adamsburg, Penn., was born on August 10, 1828, in what is now West Beaver township, Snyder county, but which at that time was a part of Union county. His father, Andrew Ulsh, a large, well-proportioned man of powerful build, was born in Pfout's Valley, Perry Co., Penn., in 1785, a son of Henry Ulsh, and, when a young man, came to Snyder county to visit his sister Catharine, wife of Rev. Conrad Walker, one of the pioneer ministers of that county. Here he became acquainted with Miss Barbara Ritter, who afterward became his wife. Her father, John Ritter, gave to each of his children a farm, which was considered a big donation in those days, and, being a thorough and skillful farmer, Andrew Ulsh received a good start in life, eventually becoming well-to-do. Much of his property he divided among his children previous to his death, leaving them in comfortable circumstances. He died April 9, 1864, and his remains were interred in Black Oak Ridge cemetery. His wife, who was born in Lehigh county, Penn., in 1788, and came to Snyder county with her father in 1795, passed away at the age of forty years. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and had the respect of all who knew them. In his political affiliations the father was first a Whig and later a Republican.

Our subject is the youngest of the children born to this worthy couple, the others being as follows: John, who died in Snyder county; Anna, who is the widow of John Orwig, of Bellevue, Ohio, and is still living at the age of eighty-seven; Henry, who died in McClure, Penn.; Catharine, a deaf mute, who died in Adamsburg; Andrew, a resident of Spring township, Snyder county; Joseph, who died in Michigan; Elizabeth, now seventy-five years old, who is the widow of

Charles Kaley, of Wyandot county, Ohio; and Sophia, wife of Joseph Stumpff, of Indiana.

As a farmer boy Isaac R. Ulsh was reared in the township of his nativity, and at an early age he began to aid in the labors of the field and meadow. His educational privileges were quite good for those days, he having attended the schools of Derry township, Mifflin county, Penn., as his father believed in providing his children with the best advantages along that line. He was married November 29, 1849, to Miss Christiana Troxel, who was born in Adams township, Snyder county, September 21, 1828, and was a daughter of John and Susan (Moyer) Troxel. They began their domestic life upon a farm in West Beaver township, Snyder county, to the cultivation and improvement of which Mr. Ulsh devoted his energies until 1881, when he removed to Adamsburg, where he has since found a pleasant home. Mrs. Christiana Ulsh died May 2, 1880, and was laid to rest in the Brick Church cemetery. She was the mother of three children: J. Howard, now a leading druggist of Selins Grove; Sarah J., who died at the age of five years; and William A. T., a farmer of Spring township. For his second wife Mr. Ulsh chose Miss Catharine L. Spigelmyer, of Hartleton, Union Co., Penn., a daughter of Daniel Spigelmyer.

On attaining his majority Mr. Ulsh allied himself with the Whig party, and since its dissolution has been a stalwart Republican. He has been honored with official positions, being school director for some time, and was elected justice of the peace, but resigned after serving one year. An earnest, consistent Christian gentleman, he has for many years been an active member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder. An object of respect by young and old, he is everywhere greeted with affection and esteem, and in his declining years enjoys the reward of a well-spent life, in which he has exerted himself to do good to those around him. His sons are also numbered among the leading and prominent men of the county.

ALFRED SMITH. In these days the idea seems to prevail that the road to wealth must be sought in speculative lines, where speedy returns, if any, may be hoped for, and it is both instructive and pleasant to turn to the story of the man who through steady, safe, industrious work and careful, economical management has won a competence. The subject of this biography, who is now a substantial citizen of Beavertown, began his business career as a day laborer on the Middle

Creek Valley railway, but his ability and fidelity so commended him to his employers that he was promoted to positions of responsibility, and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been in charge of Section No. 11. A shrewd, conservative investment of his earnings has brought a good return, his real-estate holdings being especially valuable.

Mr. Smith is of Scotch descent on the paternal side, his great-grandfather, Adam Smith, having been the first of the family to cross the Atlantic to America. An old Bible, which bears date of 1765, is now a treasured heirloom in our subject's home. Adam Smith (2), the father of our subject, was born December 16, 1786, and early in the present century settled near Troxelville, Snyder county; his wife, Sally, was born December 31, 1788, and they reared a large family of children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: John D., born September 9, 1806, was a farmer in Adams township, Snyder county; Peter, February 1, 1808, is mentioned more fully below; Henry, November 23, 1810, was a merchant and farmer at Adamsburg, Snyder county; Adam, Jr., April 14, 1813, was a farmer near Beavertown; Michael, May 21, 1818, died at an early age; Sarah, April 12, 1820, married John Bicket, and removed to Three Rivers, Mich.; Daniel, October 28, 1824, was a farmer by occupation, and his death occurred at Burnham, Mifflin county; George, September 21, 1826, was a farmer, and died near Troxelville; Isaac, June 21, 1828, is a wholesale merchant in Philadelphia; Delilah, October 5, 1830, married Robert Foster, and died at State College, Pennsylvania.

Peter Smith, our subject's father, was reared near Troxelville, on the old homestead where he first saw the light. He received his education in the subscription schools of the day, and learned the hatter's trade at Mifflinburg. This business he followed at Adamsburg as long as it was profitable, but the advent of manufacturing hats finally destroyed his business. He then bought eighty acres of land, and for a time followed agriculture, but his last days were spent in the town of Adamsburg, his death occurring in 1863. He was a highly respected citizen, in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican. For some time he held office as constable and tax collector. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. His wife, Hannah Hassinger, was born in what is now Spring township, Snyder county, where her father, Jeremiah Hassinger, was a prominent citizen. Three children were born of this union: Wilson, January 30, 1839, died in childhood; Alfred, our subject, was the second in order of birth; Milton F., Sep-

tember 22, 1851, resides in Adamsburg. The mother afterward married a second husband, Abraham Dreese, and her death occurred July 2, 1894, her remains being interred at Adamsburg.

Alfred Smith was born June 8, 1842, at Adamsburg, and received his education there, his first teacher being a Mr. Jamison. The schools of his day were of the subscription order and much inferior to those of the present, and his attendance was restricted to a few months in each winter. At sixteen he began clerking in the store of his uncle, Daniel Smith, at Adamsburg, and later he was employed in the same capacity by Irvin and Isaac Smith at Selins Grove, Joseph Raudenbush, of White Springs, B. L. Raudenbush, of Adamsburg, and Reuben Keller, of the same place. In 1862 he was drafted as a soldier, but as he was the main support of his parents and his father was at the time very ill, he paid his commutation and remained at home. In September, 1867, he began working as a laborer on the Middle Creek Valley railway, now called the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad, which was then being graded, and after working for a time on the grade between Adamsburg and Beavertown he was put in charge of a gang of men. When the work of grading was completed, he was put in charge of some men at Lewistown. The road was finished in October, 1871, but he continued in the employ of the company as a section hand, and in 1874 was given charge of Section No. 11 (then Section No. 10). This position he has held ever since except for a short period from January, 1875, to July, 1876, when the road was lying idle. His honesty and integrity have never been questioned, and no better citizen is to be found. He is no office seeker, but is a steadfast supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

On June 18, 1865, he was married to Miss Mary A. Freed, who was born January 11, 1847, the daughter of Jacob and Susan (Ritzman) Freed, well-known residents of Beavertown. She was the fourth child and second daughter in a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, and her youth was spent in Beavertown. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held the office of trustee since 1891. At one time he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and at present he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at Adamsburg.

and highly respected families of Snyder county, it being founded here by Willis Gordon, a farmer. Among his children was John, the grandfather of our subject, who married Rebecca Haas and died in early life, leaving only one child, Gideon Gordon, our subject's father. The last named was born September 16, 1835, in Perry township, Snyder county, where he was reared until sixteen years of age, obtaining his education in the country schools of the neighborhood. He then learned the carpenter's trade under James Miller, for whom he continued to work as a journeyman for some time. In 1858 he married Miss Sarah Krouse, who was born in Penn township, Snyder county, July 4, 1830, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Walter) Krouse, and four children blessed their union, namely: W. H., of this sketch; Adam, a resident of Selins Grove, Penn.; Clara, wife of Frank Row, of the same place; and George, of Kreamer, Snyder county. After his marriage Gideon Gordon located with his employer in Penn township, but later removed to Kelly township, Union county, where he followed farming for a time. Subsequently he returned to Penn township, Snyder county, and later lived at different times in Middle Creek, Washington and Penn townships until the spring of 1886, when he located in Kreamer, where he still resides. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, is a well-to-do and highly respected citizen, and at one time was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His estimable wife is a Lutheran in religious faith.

W. H. Gordon was born in Penn township, January 6, 1859, and at Kantz began his education under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Mittman. He continued to attend the country schools until laying aside his text books. When quite small he was taken by his parents to Kreamer, and after a short time removed with them to Washington township, Snyder county, remaining under the parental roof until the summer of 1879, which he spent in Cass county, Mich. He returned to Pennsylvania in November, and on the 10th of the following December did his first work on the section as an extra man. On March 4, 1880, he was hired as a regular hand by the S. & L. railroad, and continued as such until August 31, 1881, when he began work in the iron mines in Washington township, Snyder county. During the summers of 1884 and 1885 Mr. Gordon worked with the carpenter gang on the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad, and on October 13th of the latter year, entered the store of J. A. Smith, of Kreamer, where he was employed as clerk until May 4, 1887, when he began as laborer for the mason gang on the railroad. On

WH. GORDON, the well-known section boss on Section No. 14, of the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad, belongs to one of the old

April 9, 1888, he was given work on the wall, doing such jobs at masonry as his experience permitted, and he continued to follow that occupation until January 24, 1892, when he was temporarily in charge of the section gang at Kreamer. On January 27, 1893, he was made boss of Section No. 14, and is now satisfactorily filling that responsible and lucrative position.

On February 22, 1894, Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Lillie Smith, who was born in Middleburg, Penn., November 27, 1861, a daughter of Judge J. A. and Malinda (Walter) Smith. She served as postmaster under both of the administrations of Grover Cleveland. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have been born two children: Guy W., born September 16, 1895; and Mary Izora, born May 9, 1897. Mr. Gordon uses his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of tax collector of his township. His wife is a consistent member of the United Evangelical Church, and he at one time was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They have the best home in Kreamer, which he erected in 1894, and there their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome. Mr. Gordon is steady-going, trustworthy and strictly reliable, and no better type of a thrifty, self-made American citizen can be found in Snyder county.

GEORGE FISHER (deceased), late a citizen of Selins Grove, Snyder county.

So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death—
Thou go, not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

—THANATOPSIS.

The venerable subject of this sketch, who passed to the invisible world on February 6, 1880, was a man whose life and character gave evidence of a quiet but firm belief in the homely virtues of honesty, industry, trustworthiness, and all these qualities which when displayed by humanity have greater influence for good than any spoken words convey. Unassuming in disposition and manner, Mr. Fisher never sought prominence but his devotion to the duties of his appointed sphere won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him, and made his career more truly honorable than that of many who have made themselves conspicuous in the eyes of the world.

Mr. Fisher was born in 1802, at Fisher's

Ferry, Snyder county, and, having grown to manhood there upon a farm, he followed agricultural pursuits until having retired from active business he made his home at Selins Grove where his last days were spent. He was a member of a well-known family, and his grandfather, John Adam Fisher, who came from Germany, was an early settler on the Tulpehocken, and afterward located at what is now known as Fisher's Ferry, on the Isle of Que, Pennsylvania. He had ten children—nine boys and one girl; and among them were John, born in 1773; Benjamin, born May 3, 1775, and Christian, our subject's father, who resided throughout his life upon the Isle of Que and operated a farm which is still owned by his descendants.

For his first wife George Fisher married Rebecca Gemberling, by whom he had eight children, four of whom died in infancy, and four are yet living. Those living to mature years are: Hannah E. married George Herman; Eleanora R. married Frank Walter; Caroline married W. Gemberling; and Calvin L. married Zilla Miller, and died when twenty-four years old; all were farmers. On June 13, 1850, Mr. Fisher married Miss Susan Snyder, by whom he had eight children: (1) Newton S., born April 30, 1851, is in the meat business at Selins Grove. (2) William A., born February 9, 1853, married Miss Margaret Gemberling, and has six children—Susan, Willie, George, Sephoras, Olla and Nelson. (3) Miss Joanna, born October 31, 1854, is at home. (4) Lydia M., born November 6, 1857, died December 10, 1861. (5) George P., born June 9, 1860, married Ettie Seigfried, and has two children—Lillian E. and Helen G. (6) Clara Estella, born July 14, 1862, married John Thompson, and lives in Selins Grove. Their children are—Mary S. and John W. (7) Charles Grant, born September 15, 1864, died August 10, 1865. (8) Mary Alice, born April 29, 1866, was married on June 28, 1892, to Rev. Robert F. Fetteroff, now located at Millersburg, Dauphin county. They have three children—Homer F., Bessie M. and Lulu Esther. The father of this family followed farming as an occupation, though in his younger days he had been extensively engaged in milling. He was prominent in the Republican party, and had served his fellow-citizens as assessor. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he was an officer. Honest in all his dealings, progressive and liberal, and ever the helping friend to the poor and needy.

MRS. SUSAN FISHER, the widow of George Fisher, was born in Northumberland county, April 4, 1826, and is a lady of more than ordi-



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nary mental ability. Her father, Peter Snyder, a prominent agriculturist of Northumberland county, Penn., was either born in this country or came here when a child, and was seventy-seven years of age when he died. Her mother, whose maiden name was Johanna Shipman, was born in New Jersey, and was about seventy years old at her death. Their children were: (1) Marie, who married M. Sober, of Irish Valley, Penn. (2) Elizabeth, who died when sixteen years old. (3) Katie, who died at four. (4) An infant unnamed. (5) Jemima, who (first) married a Mr. Bergstresser, and is now the wife of James Griffith. (6) Sarah Jane, who (first) married a Mr. Speece, and is now the widow of William Thompson. (7) John S. married for his first wife, Miss Weiser, by whom he had children—Anson Lester (deceased), John C. and Luther (twins), and Susan (deceased), (John C. is a physician at Bowling Green, Ohio). For his second wife, he married Kate Gemberling, and they have had three children: Hudson (deceased), Simon, and Philip. (8) Peter (a twin of John), who married a Miss Wolverton. (9) Anthony, a resident of Fayette, Ohio. (10) Susan, Mrs. George Fisher. (11) William, who lives in Northumberland county, and (12) Lydia, who resides in Nebraska.

JOHAN S. RINE is a representative of the fourth generation of the family of that name that for one hundred and thirty years has been prominent in what is now Chapman township, Snyder county. His ancestry can be traced back to Henry Rine, who was born in Germany, about 1747, and in 1768, having crossed the Atlantic to America, located near McKees Half Falls in Chapman township. He built his cabin in the primitive forest, and there developed a farm. Throughout the remainder of his life he lived in that locality. He died about 1817, and was buried in a private cemetery near "Rine's homestead in Chapman township." He had one son and five daughters—John; Mrs. Wyant Neyman; Mrs. Frederick Meiser; Mrs. Linbert; Mrs. Shetterly; and Mrs. Coleman.

John Rine, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in McKees Half Falls. He married Elizabeth Motz, and their children were George, a farmer and distiller, who died in Perry township; Henry, a farmer, who died in Fremont, Penn.; John M., father of our subject; Polly, deceased wife of Henry Fisher; and Mrs. Philip Roush, who is living near Elkhart, Ind.

The mother of this family was buried in a private cemetery, and John Rine afterward mar-

ried a Miss Walter, by whom he had the following children: Jacob, of McAlisterville, Penn.; Benjamin, who is living near Lewisburg, Penn.; Barbara, who first married Samuel Young, and is now Mrs. Gumby, of Indiana; Sallie, wife of Samuel Motz, of Akron, Ohio; Christiana, wife of William Boyer, of Gratztown, Penn. The grandfather lived to be over sixty years of age, and made farming his life work. He was a Democrat in politics, and was long an elder in the Lutheran Church, in which he held membership for many years. He died January 29, 1842, and was buried in the family burying ground.

John M. Rine, father of our subject, was born January 15, 1811, and his educational privileges were limited to a few months' attendance at the district school in the winter. He was reared on the farm, and from the age of eleven years followed the plow. On June 12, 1834, he wedded Mary A. Schnee, who was born in Perry township, Snyder county, a daughter of Philip Schnee. He built a house on the old Rine homestead, and for fifteen years followed the tanner's trade. His business interests have ever been prosecuted with energy, and in consequence have been crowned with success. In connection with his tanning operations he also carried on farming, and, in partnership with Daniel Leese, embarked in merchandising. Not long afterward he bought out his partner, and conducted a successful business until 1877. He purchased of his father's estate the land on which he now lives, and has since become the owner of valuable property. He also operated two canal boats on the Pennsylvania canal, and, though now eighty-six years of age, he yet superintends his extensive business interests. In politics he has always been a staunch Democrat, and has served as auditor, but has never been an office-seeker. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as elder, deacon and trustee, and has contributed very liberally to its support. His life has been a very honorable and upright one, and, through the long years of his earth's pilgrimage, he has maintained a character that has won for him the high regard of all. He has been very devoted to his family, and in 1883 he erected a suitable monument to mark the last resting place of his ancestors. John M. Rine, by his first wife, had ten children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of J. C. Franklin, of Fremont, Neb.; Henry S., of Cass county, Mich.; Sarah, wife of J. G. Snyder, of Beavertown, Penn.; Catharine, wife of Adam Wentzel, of Landisburg, Perry Co., Penn.; John S.; Lydia, wife of Charles Coleman, of Gratztown, Penn.; Philip S., of Fremont, Neb.; Susan, wife of Addison Watts, of Bristol, Ind.; George S., of Sny-

der county; Benjamin S., a merchant of Juniata county. The mother of this family died February 18, 1865, and was buried in Chapman township. The father was again married, February 20, 1868, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth Klingler, who was born November 26, 1820, and died November 13, 1881. On October 15, 1882, Mr. Rine married Mrs. Wetzel, widow of Abram Wetzel. She was born in Lykens Valley, Penn., December 9, 1825, and is still living.

John S. Rine, whose name introduces this review, is one of Snyder county's most substantial merchants, and a wide-awake, liberal and public-spirited man, whose value in a community is almost inestimable. His life thus far has been spent in McKees Half Falls, where he was born November 10, 1847. He attended school but for about two months each year, as his services were needed by his father, and he worked at farming, tanning and merchandising. His father believed in giving his children a practical business training, thus fitting them for life's responsible duties, and under his wise guidance Mr. Rine learned to successfully control business affairs. On account of his small stature he worked in the store more than his other brothers, and continued as a clerk in his father's establishment until April, 1877, when he bought out the business and became a merchant on his own account. He remained at the old stand until 1885, in which year he purchased the store of Philip Hilbish, of McKees Half Falls, conducting operations there until in 1887, when he erected his present commodious and substantial store room and ware house. This is three stories in height, and is one of the finest business blocks in the city. In 1889 he erected four residences, which he now rents, and in 1893 he built his present palatial home, one of the finest in Snyder county, supplied with all modern conveniences, such as are seldom seen in a country town. His store is stocked with an excellent line of goods, and he commands a very liberal share of the public patronage. In addition to his extensive mercantile interests, Mr. Rine deals in coal, cross ties and lumber, and his trade in the latter commodity has been very extensive and lucrative. He also carries on farming on a large scale, and operates several canal boats.

In February, 1874, Mr. Rine was married to Miss Helena Bingaman, a native of Northumberland county, Penn., and a daughter of Jacob Bingaman. She was a most estimable lady and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. She died October 21, 1896, and was laid to rest in Hall's Church cemetery. Mr. Rine has seven

children: William B., who is of the sixth generation of the family residing at McKees Half Falls; George B.; Albert B.; Mary B.; Laura A.; John M.; and Ella R. On December 29, 1897, Mr. Rine was again married, his choice being Miss Maggie H. Bowman, of New Buffalo, Perry county, Penn. Mr. Rine takes no active part in politics, save in an attempt to secure the best men for office, regardless of party affiliations. He has served as tax collector and as school director, and is a warm friend of the cause of education, doing all in his power to promote the interests of the schools in his locality. He has served for fifteen years as deacon of the Lutheran Church, and is one of the most liberal contributors to and active members of the Church at this point. He was once a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. In all the relations of life his course has been such as commend him to the public confidence and support. His business methods are above question, and his opinions are usually considered of authority on matters of finance. He is a most kind and indulgent father and a faithful friend, is very prominent in trade circles, and his acquaintance is by no means local.

SAMUEL BOLLINGER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who is now living retired in Kreamer, Snyder county, was for many years one of the trusted employees of the Lewiston & Sunbury railroad, being section boss of Section No. 14. He is an excellent example of a self-made man, having started out in life for himself a poor but industrious boy, and has risen to the highest type of citizenship, and accumulated a comfortable amount of this world's goods. That for twenty years he was retained as foreman on Section No. 14 by one of the world's greatest and most systematic railroad companies, plainly testifies to his capability and the reliance placed in him.

Mr. Bollinger was born in Washington township, Snyder county, February 4, 1842, a son of Henry and Catharine (Duck) Bollinger. The mother was also a native of Snyder county, and a daughter of Joseph Duck. Throughout his life Henry Bollinger worked as a common laborer, and became the owner of a small tract of land in Middle Creek township, Snyder county, where he died at the age of seventy-six. In politics he was a Republican. His wife is living at the ripe old age of eighty-two. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight reached years of maturity, namely: John, who was killed in the Civil war; Jacob, a resident of Middle Creek

township; William, of Northumberland county, Penn.; Henry; Harrison, of Northumberland county; Millard F., of Kreamer, Penn.; Mary, who became the wife of Ezra Roush, and died in Washington township, Snyder county; and Catharine, wife of Daniel Nogle, of New York State.

The educational opportunities of our subject were such as the primitive schools of his section afforded during his boyhood, and were not of the best. He was but a small child when his parents removed to Middle Creek township, Snyder county, and when about sixteen he went to Northumberland county, where he worked for different farmers until enlisting in the Union service, in August, 1862. He became a member of Company C, 136th P. V. I., and was wounded in his first engagement, at Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. He was taken to the hospital near Washington, D. C., and after his recovery was sent home, reaching his father-in-law's place in Northumberland county, where his wife was staying, July 4, 1863. He was married in that county June 22, 1862, to Miss Martha A. Farley, who was born there June 21, 1836, and is a daughter of William and Deborah (Wolverton) Farley. She was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools.

After his return from the army, Mr. Bollinger began housekeeping in Montour county, Penn., where he was employed at driving a team and other light work, as the wound in his right leg was still troublesome. For several years he continued to make his home in that county, and then came to what is now Kreamer, Snyder county, where in 1872 he secured work as a section hand on the Sunbury & Lewistown railroad. A few months later he was promoted to foreman, and continued to hold that position until January, 1893, when he resigned and has since lived retired. He erected his excellent home in Kreamer, where he and his wife are spending their declining years in ease and quiet, surrounded by many friends and acquaintances who have for them the highest regard. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger, namely: Mary E. and Catharine R., who died in infancy; Agnes D., now the wife of John Mitchell, of Renovo, Penn.; William H., who died in Kreamer at the age of twenty-four years; and Minerva C., who died in infancy. The parents are earnest and faithful members of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Bollinger is now serving as trustee and exhorter. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally affiliates with Captain Rine Post No. 365, G. A. R., of Middleburg. He is now serving as treasurer of the Middle Creek township school board. A man

whose word is considered as good as his bond, and whose integrity is never questioned, he stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

F A. BINGAMAN, who has attained to a proud position in commercial circles, is the architect of his own fortunes, and he has builded wisely and well. His life illustrates in no uncertain manner what can be accomplished through determined and honorable purpose, and without the aid of wealth or influential friends at the outset of one's business career. His course commends him to the confidence and respect of all, and he is a highly esteemed and valued citizen of Port Trevorton.

Mr. Bingaman was born in Georgetown, Penn., October 9, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Angeline (Heintzelman) Bingaman. His father usually followed farming, but was a natural mechanic and worked at the carpenter's trade to some extent. He was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and died in Georgetown during the early childhood of our subject. His wife was born near Klingerstown, Penn., and was a second time married, becoming the wife of Samuel Lenhart, of Georgetown, with whom she removed to Ohio, but afterward returned to Pennsylvania. She is now the wife of Henry Houseworth, of Buchanan, Mich. By her first marriage her children were: Helena, who married John S. Rine, and died at McKees Half Falls; F. A.; and K. P., of Port Trevorton. By her second marriage she had one son, William T. S., now of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

F. A. Bingaman, after his father's death, went to live with his uncle, Alexander Bingaman, and subsequently made his home with his paternal grandmother. He received but common-school privileges, and when fourteen years of age his guardian bound him out to a farmer near Berrysburg, but as he could not endure the abuse of his employer, he after six months ran away. Many difficulties and hardships beset his path in his boyhood, but with persevering energy he made the best of his opportunities. Later he accompanied his widowed mother to Shamokin, where he worked in the coal mines until the mine was shut down, after which he drove a delivery wagon for a short time. He then returned with his mother to Northumberland county, and at Hickory Corners followed any honest employment that he could get, whereby to aid in the support in the family, being employed as a hostler at Selins Grove, afterward working on the canal and at general labor at McKees Half Falls,

and in the coal mines at Shamokin, where he and his brother kept bachelor's hall for a few months. About 1879 he began clerking for J. S. Rine at McKees Half Falls, and during much of the time for seven years was in the employ of that gentleman. In the meantime, however, he invested in a canal boat, which he operated for several years. In the summer of 1893 he became associated with J. D. Bogar in several business operations. They do a milling business, deal in grain, flour and feed, have a mill at Herndon with a capacity of 115 barrels of flour per day, own an implement store in Port Trevorton, and operate two ferries across the Susquehanna river. Thus Mr. Bingaman has steadily increased his field of operations until he now has a very extensive business and is ranked among the foremost representatives of commercial interests in his section of the county.

In 1880 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bingaman and Miss Lizzie Zell, a native of Lancaster county, Penn. They were married in Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Penn., and their home is now blessed by three interesting children: Clara; Emma H. and Annie V. The parents are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Bingaman has served as trustee, and as secretary of the Sunday-school. He was also elected Sunday-school superintendent, but declined to fill that position. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and has served as township auditor, but prefers to devote his time and energies to his business, in which he has met with signal success. The obstacles in his path he has overcome by determined purpose, and has resolutely worked his way to the front ranks among the prominent business men of the county.

M U. KISTNER, the successful traveling salesman through eleven States for the Bonney Vise & Tool Works of Philadelphia, is descended from an old Pennsylvania family. Born August 7, 1842, near Hughesville, Lycoming Co., Penn., Mr. Kistner is the son of Benjamin and Mary C. (Ulsh) Kistner, the former of whom was a native of Berks county, born in 1807, and the latter, of Lycoming county, born in 1819. The father was by occupation a lumberman and distiller, and a man of considerable business tact and ability. He made a good citizen, and held the esteem of the community in which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1892; his wife, who yet survives, is a most estimable woman. To this marriage were born the following named children: Carrie, Emma, Cyrus P., Charles E., Jennie and Harry U., our subject, all deceased,

excepting the first and last named. In his religious views the father of these was a Lutheran; politically he was identified with the Republican party.

H. U. Kistner was taught early in life to be industrious. At the age of thirteen years he drove a team for his father in his lumber operations. He attended the public schools and also subscription schools of his locality, and when seventeen began teaching, which he continued for six consecutive terms, at intervals attending college at Selins Grove. In 1862 he entered the United States service, enlisting in Company I, 13th Regiment State Militia, under command of Capt. George Webb, as an emergency man; however, the command served only a short time. Again, in 1863, on Gen. Lee's army invading Pennsylvania, he became a member of Company E, 37th Regiment of emergency men, called out by the Governor. In the spring of 1864, he studied telegraphy for one term at Muncy, Penn., and in the following fall went to Iowa, where he taught school one term. He then entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railroad Co. as operator. After remaining in their employ some time he went to Boone, Iowa, where he became the first operator and ticket agent at that point, remaining with the railroad company some three years, then, at his father's request, he resigned his position and returned to Selins Grove, Penn., where, in company with his father, he opened a general store. The two carried on the business for five years, when the son purchased the father's interest, and for six years continued the business alone. Owing to poor health he sold out and moved to Borden-town, N. J., and there went into the machine and foundry business, among other things manufacturing engines. After following this line of business for a time, he made a change and manufactured "novelties." Later he sold out and became a salesman for a New York firm one year, when he made a change, entering the employ of the firm with which he is now connected. He is a genial and affable man, possessing the requisites of the successful salesman he is. He is also of an inventive turn, and has taken out several patents, among them a saw set, harness or hitching snap and a combination tool, comprising some thirteen different tools. Politically he is a Republican, and religiously he is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

On September 5, 1871, he was married to Annie C. Hummel, a daughter of John Hummel, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume. Five children have blessed this union, namely: Charlotte E., Mildred Irene; John D.,

Christine H. and Benjamin H. G. After a residence of fourteen years at Bordentown, N. J., the parents returned to Selins Grove.

GEORGE S. RINE belongs to a family of long and honorable identification with the interests of Snyder county, and is a worthy representative of the name. He occupies to-day a leading place in mercantile circles, and is a respected representative of the trade interests of McKees Half Falls.

Mr. Rine was born at that place, May 9, 1854, and is a son of John M. and Polly (Schnee) Rine. He attended the Rohrer school, and acquired there the greater part of his education. In early life he was initiated into the labors of the farm, and remained at home continuously until twenty-two years of age, when he took a trip through the West, visiting in Michigan, Nebraska and other States. He sought there a location, but his father insisted on his returning to Pennsylvania, and he acceded to this request. For several years thereafter he operated the home farm, and in 1885 he embarked in merchandising at his father's old place of business. There he carried on operations until 1895, when he erected his present large business block, 45 x 52 feet. He is a merchant of whom any community might be proud. Progressive and enterprising he fully meets the public demand by carrying first-class goods, and his honorable dealing and courteous treatment have secured to him a liberal patronage. He is a man of considerable business ability, who has not limited his dealings to one line of trade, and he now owns and operates two canal boats and also operates four others. He carries on farming, and in all branches of his business displays an energy and sagacity that has brought to him success.

On October 9, 1886, Mr. Rine was married to Miss Hattie Musser, a daughter of John and Mary (Gaman) Musser. They have four children: Gertrude M., Minnie A., Sarah C. and Samuel M., and the family circle yet remains unbroken. They hold an enviable position in society, and their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality. In politics Mr. Rine is a Democrat, but, like others of the family, is more widely known in connection with his business interests than for any active part he takes in political affairs. He is, however, serving as township auditor in the seventh year of his incumbency. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, in which he is now filling the office of trustee, and of the Sunday-school he has served as superintendent.

JACOB A. AIGLER, of Beavertown, Snyder county, is one of the most successful educators of this section, and is also prominent in public affairs, being a leading worker in the local Republican organization. Possessing an active and intelligent mind, well-stored with information, he naturally wields much influence in his community, while his genial manner attracts the friendship of all classes.

He was born at Beavertown, May 13, 1861, and belongs to an old pioneer family of that locality. His great-grandfather, Jacob Aigler, was a native of Germany, but came to Pennsylvania in early manhood and settled in Berks county, where he spent his remaining years in agriculture. Jacob Aigler, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in Berks county, but on reaching manhood removed to what is now Beaver township, Snyder county (then a portion of Northumberland county), and purchased a large tract of land, which he improved for a homestead. He owned another extensive estate in the Tuscarora Valley, in Juniata county, and was widely known as a successful and enterprising citizen. In politics he was a staunch Old-line Whig, and he and his wife were both consistent members of the Lutheran Church. This estimable lady, whose maiden name was Esther Klose, was a native of the township where he made his permanent home. They had fourteen children, three of whom died in infancy. The others were: Amos, deceased, formerly a resident of Bellevue, Ohio; Joel, deceased; Reuben, our subject's father; Lydia, wife of J. P. Wetzel; Jacob, a resident of Bellevue, Ohio; Hattie, wife of Henry Eisenhower; Sarah, wife of Henry Wagner, of St. Joseph county, Mich.; Abner, a resident of Beavertown; Matilda, wife of William Kline, of St. Joseph county, Mich.; Mary, wife of Frank Stettler, of the same locality, and Sophia, who married Isaac Boush.

Reuben Aigler, the father of our subject, was born at the old homestead, December 14, 1818, and received a good education for that time in the subscription schools of the vicinity, learning to read and write both in English and in German. Choosing agriculture as an occupation, he remained at the homestead, for many years working the place on shares for his father. In 1860 he bought sixty acres, which he operated about fourteen years, making many improvements and building a barn and a handsome frame residence. In the meantime he built an attractive and comfortable dwelling house at Beavertown, and in 1874 he retired from active business and settled there to spend his last years, his death occurring October 10, 1893. In his early life he

was a staunch Whig, but when the Republican party was organized, he became identified with it, and always remained a firm supporter of its doctrines. He was an uncompromising foe to slavery, and during the Civil war served ten months as a soldier in Company G, 172nd P. V. I., under Captain Smith. In 1845 he was married in Beaver township to Miss Mary Eisenhower, who was born January 17, 1827, in Washington township, Snyder county, then Union county, and whose father, Abraham Eisenhower, was a well-known farmer of Franklin township. She survives him, and is still an honored member of the Lutheran church at Beavertown, in which he was for many years a deacon and elder. He never seemed anxious for public office, but took keen interest in all movements that promised to benefit the community, and gave special attention to educational affairs, serving for some time as a school director. Our subject was the youngest of four children. Calvin, the eldest, died at an early age. Jerome F. is mentioned more fully below. Ellen J. married Frank Beaver, of Beavertown.

His parents being fully aware of the advantage of an education, Mr. Aigler was given the best opportunities that the neighborhood afforded, being allowed to attend school in the summer as well as in winter. After some years of study in the public schools of Beavertown, he entered the academy at Freeburg, where he spent several terms under the able instruction of Prof. D. S. Boyer and Major Dill. When twenty-one years old he took charge of the Bobb school in Beaver township, where he taught successfully for five terms, and later he taught ten years in Beavertown and one year in Spring township, Snyder county. He also conducted a summer school for boys and girls in Beavertown, and his ability as an instructor and disciplinarian are widely recognized. His judgment is sought in various important interests, and he is a stockholder and director in the Beavertown Opera House Company. As a member of the Republican County Committee, he has done much to forward the work of his party, and he also belongs to the Republican Club of Beavertown, in which he has held the office of president. For six years he served as assessor of Snyder county. He owns a pleasant home at Beavertown, built by himself, and he and his wife are prominent in the best social circles of the city. He was married June 4, 1885, to Miss Mary C. Greenhoe, a native of Spring township, Snyder county, and a daughter of Reuben Greenhoe, a prosperous farmer of Beaver township. They have one daughter, Jennie E., another child having died in infancy.

Mrs. Aigler is an active and efficient worker in the Sunday-school, and our subject takes deep interest in the various activities of the Lutheran Church at Beavertown, of which he is also a member. Fraternally, Mr. Aigler belongs to the P. O. S. of A., and is now the district president for Snyder county.

JEROME F., our subject's brother, was born April 29, 1847, and has always resided at the old homestead, his education having been obtained in the local schools. He assisted his father in the farm work until 1874, when he took charge of the place on shares, but in 1894 he purchased it, and has since been conducting it on his own account. He has made many improvements, and is regarded as an able and successful manager. As a citizen he stands high in the esteem of the community, and for five years he has served as an elder in the Lutheran Church at Beavertown. He is an ardent Republican, and while he is not an office seeker he was at one time assistant assessor of his township. On December 7, 1875, he was married in Beaver township to Miss Lucy Boush, a native of that township, and a daughter of David Boush. Her brother, Dr. C. W. Boush, is a successful physician at McClure, Pennsylvania.

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GEORGE M. SHINDEL, of Middleburg, is one of the most popular men in Snyder county, as is shown by his long continued service in some of the chief offices in the gift of the people of that locality.

He belongs to a good old German family which has been identified with Pennsylvania from an early date. The first ancestor of whom we have a definite account was Conrad Shindel, who was born in Gemmelsbach, Germany, in 1678. His son, John Conrad Shindel, the next in the line of descent, was married on January 2, 1710, at Gemmelsbach, to Susannah Trexler, of Airtebach, Germany, who was baptized October 18, 1685. They made their home at Airtebach, and on February 28, 1732, a son, John Peter Shindel, was born to them there. He married Marie M. Gebhart, and in 1751, emigrated to Pennsylvania, locating at Lebanon, where he died May 29, 1784. John Peter Shindel (2), our subject's great-grandfather, was born at Lebanon October 3, 1787, and on June 4, 1812, removed to Sun-

bury, Penn., where he passed his remaining years, his death occurring October 26, 1853. He married Susannah McCulloch, and had a son, John Peter Shindel (3), our subject's grandfather, who was born July 25, 1810, at Lebanon, and preached for many years in Lutheran Churches in Union and Snyder counties, dying March 16, 1888, at Middleburg; he was twice married, first, to Miss Mary Sophia Young, and, second, to Miss Sallie Gobin. By the first union he had five children: John Y., our subject's father; Maria L., wife of John P. Cronmiller, deceased; and Elizabeth B., who married T. J. Smith, an attorney of Middleburg, now deceased, and two who died young. By the second marriage there were two children: Miss Martha E. and Edward G.

Dr. John Y. Shindel, the father of our subject, first saw the light at Sunbury, June 26, 1834, and in early manhood entered the medical profession, which he has followed with marked success. During the Civil war he served ably as a surgeon in the Union army. He began his practice at Bannerville, Penn., but later settled at Middleburg, where he built up a large and lucrative practice and also conducted a drug store for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Ada M. Moatz, was born in that town July 24, 1839, and is still living. They had two children, of whom our subject was the elder. The other, Mary Sophia, died when about eight months old.

Mr. Shindel entered upon his mortal career on February 4, 1859, at Middleburg, and was educated there, his public-school course being supplemented by instruction under private tutors. At the age of fifteen he began to assist his father in the drug store, and five years were spent in that occupation. Later he was employed as a clerk in the county offices, and so well did his work commend him to the public that in 1891 he was elected register and recorder of the county. This office he held for two terms and in February, 1897, as his second term drew to a close, he was nominated for prothonotary, a most unusual honor, as ordinarily two consecutive terms are all that can be conceded to any one man in the county, but he was, nevertheless, elected November 2, 1897, for three years by a majority of 1,070 against one of the most popular Democrats in the county.

On January 16, 1879, Mr. Shindel married Miss Alice S. Isenhart, who was born February 4, 1861, the daughter of Daniel Isenhart, now a well-known resident of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and at one time, from 1876 to 1879, the sheriff of Snyder county. To this union has been born one son: William H., born October 17, 1879, now a student at Susquehanna University at

Selins Grove. Mr. Shindel is a member of the Odd Fellows, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

HURLEY ROMIG, whose efficiency and popularity well fit him for the discharge of his duties as agent on the Sunbury & Lewistown Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad at McClure, was born in Beaver Springs, Snyder county, November 5, 1873. He is a representative of one of Pennsylvania's early families. His grandfather, Samuel Romig, was born in Union county, now Snyder county, and throughout his life followed the occupation of farming in Beaver Springs, where he died in 1881. He was twice married, his second wife being the grandmother of our subject.

Ephraim Romig, the father, was born in Beaver Springs, obtained his education in the public schools, and throughout his life has followed the art of photography, conducting a gallery in his native town. He has a wide acquaintance there, and his many excellencies of character commend him to the confidence and good will of all. He married Susan Adda Schroyer, who was born in West Beaver township, Snyder county, a daughter of Henry Schroyer, a harness maker of Middleburg, that county. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and in his political faith the father is a Democrat. They now have two children: Hurley, and Clymer, now assistant postmaster at Beaver Springs.

Hurley Romig attended the public schools of his native town, and at the age of fifteen years entered the printing office of the *Weekly Herald* at Beaver Springs in the capacity of "devil." For three years he was there employed, and then took up the study of telegraphy in the railroad office at that point. When he had thoroughly mastered the business he was given the position of night operator at Selins Grove, serving for six months, after which he was day operator for three years. On the expiration of that period he was appointed station agent and telegraph operator at McClure, in 1895, and has since creditably and faithfully filled that position, winning the approval of the railroad company and the commendation of the traveling public. In connection with his duties he is serving as agent for the Adams Express Company.

On March 7, 1895, in McClure, Mr. Romig was united in marriage to Miss Tessie P. Baker, a native of McClure. They have a very pleasant home which Mr. Romig purchased at a cost of more than \$1,000, and to which he has added

many excellent improvements. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, secretary of the Sunday-school, and an earnest worker in the cause of Christianity. His political support is given the Democracy. With unquestioned fidelity he serves the interests of the company by which he is employed, and in all the relations of life he is true and faithful to the trust reposed in him.

NER B. MIDDLESWARTH, a leading citizen of McClure, Snyder county, is one of the county's successful business men, being identified with mercantile and manufacturing interests in his locality. He is also prominent in political affairs and has held various offices, including that of sheriff of Snyder county, and at present he is serving as postmaster at McClure.

Mr. Middleswarth's military record commends him to every true American, as he enlisted in the Union army when a young man of twenty, and took part in some of the noted battles of the Civil war. Mr. Middleswarth is a member of a well-known family of this section, and was born January 28, 1844, in West Beaver township, Snyder county, where he attended school in his early years. His education was completed at Adamsburg, and he taught school for two terms, but afterward he engaged in farming with his father at the homestead. On August 27, 1864, he enlisted, at Adamsburg, in Company I, 148th P. V. I., under Col. J. H. Stover and Capt. L. C. Edmunds, and was mustered into service at Harrisburg in the following month, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He held the rank of corporal, and among the engagements in which he participated we may mention those at Hatcher's Run and Boyden Plank Road in 1864, Fort Steadman, the final struggle at Petersburg, and the operations around Richmond, ending with the surrender of Lee. While at Petersburg he was taken ill, and for about a month he lay in a hospital at City Point, Va. He was present at the Grand Review at Washington, and at its close was transferred to Harrisburg, where he was mustered out. On returning home he again took up the work of farming, and in 1866 he and his brother Isaac went into partnership in the management of the homestead. A few years later the estate was divided, and Squire Middleswarth conducted his share alone for some time. In the meantime he was active in local affairs as a Republican, and from 1873 to 1879 he held the office of county auditor. From 1874 to 1884 he served as justice of the peace, performing one marriage ceremony during that term. In 1884 he was elected

sheriff, receiving a handsome majority over his opponent. After serving three years with credit he retired and located at McClure, where he engaged in the real-estate business, building several dwelling houses at a cost of more than five thousand dollars. In 1894 he formed a partnership with H. C. Ulsh in a general mercantile business, which, they have since conducted successfully. The Squire is the founder of the Water Company of McClure, of which he is now the secretary. He is also secretary of the Cemetery Association of the same city, which office he has held nine years. Notwithstanding his extensive business interests, he has not lost his liking for political work or his influence in public affairs, and in June, 1897, he was appointed postmaster at McClure.

In religious faith Mr. Middleswarth is a Lutheran, and for many years he has been an elder in the Church. Since 1872 he has served almost constantly as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and established and organized the first Sunday-school teachers' meeting ever held in McClure. He is also prominent in the Christian Endeavor Society, of which he was twice chosen president. He takes great interest in the G. A. R., and has been Second Commander of Capt. M. Smith Post No. 355, and Commander of Capt. Ryan Post No. 364, at Middleburg. In 1896 he was made secretary of the Juniata Valley Veterans Association, at the meeting held in Huntingdon county, and in 1897 he was instrumental in making the Encampment at McClure a grand success, and he was elected vice-president of said association for 1898.

On August 30, 1864, our subject was married, at Middleburg, to his first wife, Amelia Dreese, daughter of Abraham Dreese, a prominent farmer of Beaver township, Snyder county. She died February 11, 1892, leaving one child, Laura S., now the wife of Howard A. Ulsh, a stove manufacturer of Centre county. On July 7, 1895, Mr. Middleswarth married Miss Maggie E. Peters, a native of Armagh township, Mifflin county, and a daughter of Isaac Peters, a well-known agriculturist of that locality. The family is prominent socially, and Mr. Middleswarth can always be relied upon to assist in any progressive movement in his locality.

His ability, energy and public spirit may be said to be family traits, as the Middleswarths have been noted for the qualities that go to the making of good citizens, and have led in social, political, and business life, in this section, from an early date. They are of Scotch-Irish descent. John Middleswarth, our subject's great-grandfather, came from New Jersey in 1792 with his



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wife, Martha, and several children, locating near Beavertown, where he purchased a large tract of land. He built a log house in the midst of the forest, and made his home there, being one of the first permanent residents of that vicinity. His remains now rest in the cemetery at Adamsburg. Hon. Ner Middleswarth, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New Jersey, and was about ten years old when he accompanied his parents to this State. He was reared as a pioneer farmer's boy, amid rough yet wholesome surroundings, and in all his life had but three months' schooling. Possessing an unusually active and acute mind and much force of character, he managed to acquire an excellent education and spoke both English and German fluently. As he owned a large amount of land he followed agriculture throughout his life, but he was also interested in mercantile business at Port Ann and Beaver Furnace, and owned and operated a distillery and a gristmill. He was the founder of the Beaver furnace, and continued for many years to be the principal stockholder in the enterprise. In 1812 he enlisted as the captain of a company which he had raised, and went into service against the British with the 8th Pennsylvania Rifles under Col. Irwin. In 1814 he raised another company, which was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Uhl in Gen. Cadwalader's division, and was stationed at Marcus Hook. His long and honorable career as a legislator began in 1815 when he was elected on the Whig ticket to represent his locality at Harrisburg. He served thirteen terms, and twice was chosen Speaker of the Lower House. In 1848 he was elected to the State Senate, and later he became the choice of his district as a member of the XXXIIIrd Congress, in which he served with ability and fidelity. For five years he was associate judge of Snyder county, and at one time he was a candidate for the office of canal commissioner, being defeated on purely partisan grounds. He was well known among the leading politicians of his day, and was certainly one of the foremost citizens of this section. During the Anti-Mason agitation he took a prominent part against the society, and, in fact, his influence was a strong factor in every movement that arose while he was in public life. His wife, Christiana Swartzline, was born in central Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. They had twelve children: John (deceased), Moses (deceased), Abner (deceased), Abraham K. and Aaron J. (twins), Jacob, Merib, Mary, Martha, Eliza, Sarah and Matilda. The father died at Beavertown on June 2, 1865, and the mother passed away in 1862.

Capt. Abraham Kelley Middleswarth, our subject's father, was born January 22, 1815, in what is now Beaver township, Snyder county, and is at present living in retirement at McClure, Penn. He was educated in the country schools near his home, acquiring a good knowledge of the English branches. He has made farming his occupation, having remained at the homestead until 1838, when he located in West Beaver township and began to work on his own account. He was very successful, and at one time possessed more than 800 acres of land in four farms, upon which he built several dwelling houses and barns and made other substantial improvements. Much of his attention was given to stock raising, and he was always fond of horses. Since 1866 he has left his business to younger hands, and an honored old age, quiet, peaceful and blessed with affection, crowns a worthy life. He has held in a high degree the esteem of his fellow-citizens, and has served with credit in several offices, including those of school director, township assessor and county commissioner. Politically, he was a Whig in early life, but, like all the members of his family, he became identified with the Republican party on its organization, and he has ever since been a steadfast supporter of its doctrines. For many years he has been a leading member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has held various offices and at one time was an elder. At present he does not belong to any fraternal order, but he was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F.

On January 16, 1836, Capt. Middleswarth was married, in Beaver township, Snyder county, to Miss Elizabeth Bubb, a native of that township, born in 1817. Her parents, Peter and Wilhelmina (Hassinger) Bubb, were well-known residents of that locality; her father, who was of German descent, was a prosperous farmer. Five children have blessed this union: Delilah, wife of John Felker, of McClure; Isaac, who is engaged in the sawmill business in the same town; Ner B., our subject; Elvina, wife of George Benfer, of McClure; and Sarah Clementine Shindle, who married William M. Bratton, also of McClure.

DANIEL OTT. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, as he was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural and political interests of Snyder county. He has not only made the best use of his opportunities, but has thoroughly enjoyed life, and now in his declining years has laid aside all business cares

and devotes considerable time to traveling, in which he has ever taken great delight.

In Penn township, where he still makes his home, Mr. Ott was born May 27, 1820, a son of Daniel and Esther (Hummell) Ott, the former a native of Chester county, Penn. George Ott, the paternal grandfather, was the progenitor of the family in this locality, and took up 400 acres of wild land in Snyder county, building his log cabin near Penn's creek. He lived to about eighty years of age, and at his death was buried by the side of his wife in Selins Grove cemetery. They had two sons and four daughters, of whom Frederick died in Lycoming county at the age of eighty. He never used glasses, as his eyesight was unimpaired at the time of his death. The daughters all married, and all died in Snyder county except one, who passed away in Summit county, Ohio. Daniel Ott, Sr., was about seven years old when brought by his parents to what is now Snyder county, was reared as a farmer boy, and on reaching manhood married Esther Hummell, daughter of Jacob Hummell, a farmer of Monroe township, Snyder county. They located on the old Ott homestead, where they continued to live for many years, and where the mother died in 1831. The father's death occurred in Selins Grove, when in his sixty-eighth year, and he was laid by the side of his wife in the cemetery of that place. In connection with his farm work, for several years he conducted the Ott Tavern, with the sign of the "Black Horse." It was first established in 1820, and was one of the best known hostleries in this section, it being the favorite stopping place for teamsters and drovers in those early days. In early life the father was a Whig in politics and later a Republican; in his Church relations, he was a Lutheran.

To Daniel and Esther (Hummell) Ott were born the following children: Jacob, who died in Selins Grove; George, who died in Elkhart county, Ind.; Samuel, who died in Penn township, Snyder county; Daniel, of this sketch; William, who died when young; Lydia, wife of Jack Gaugler, of Selins Grove; and Henry, who died in December, 1897. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Ott married her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth (Hummell) Hettrich, and by her had one daughter, Elizabeth, now the wife of Daniel Gaugler, of Berrien, Mich. By her former marriage Mrs. Ott had six children. She survived her second husband, and was buried in Selins Grove.

During his boyhood Daniel Ott, Jr., lived some distance from Selins Grove, where the nearest school was conducted, and therefore his educational privileges were limited. Although

he never attended school but one month, he has become a well-informed man, gaining that excellent knowledge which only travel and close observation can bring. He has been called upon to settle up estates and perform other business which requires education, and by his own methods and rules most satisfactorily discharged those duties. Not until after he had attained his majority was he able to speak a word of English.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Ott began learning the shoemaker's trade under the direction of Rich Lloyd, of Selins Grove, and during his two-years' apprenticeship received not a cent of pay, and furnished his own clothes. He then began the battle of life for himself, and for seven years worked as a "tramp" shoemaker, walking first to Indianapolis, Ind. When he started out he was a green German boy with no education, and ignorant of the ways of the world, his only faculty seemed his ability to defend himself, and, although small in stature, was often victorious in hand-to-hand contests with boys much larger than himself. After traveling over a large portion of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, he returned to Selins Grove.

In May, 1848, Mr. Ott was married to Miss Elizabeth Long, who was born near Selins Grove, December 20, 1824, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Fetter) Long, farming people. Her paternal grandfather was Jacob Long, who came to this region from Berks county, Penn. Mrs. Ott was the oldest daughter and second child in a family of six children, three sons and three daughters. By her marriage she became the mother of six children—Esther L., now Mrs. Franklin Good, of Selins Grove; Mary C., wife of Peter Long, of that place; Adda, wife of Luther Landis, a miller of Goldburg, York Co., Penn.; Gertie I., wife of Frank Mater, of Selins Grove; and two sons, who died in infancy.

During his early business career, in addition to work at his trade, Mr. Ott would take any employment by which he could earn an honest dollar, and at his marriage had saved over \$500, but had spent three times that amount for wholesome pleasures. Locating at Selins Grove, he served as constable for three years, having jurisdiction over the whole county, and, on the expiration of his term, removed to his present farm on Penn's creek, in Penn township, locating here in 1853. His place comprised thirty-three acres of the home farm, which he had purchased of his father, but was improved with no buildings. He erected a pleasant dwelling, good barns and out-buildings, and continued the cultivation and improvement of his land until 1871, since which time he has practically lived retired. As his

financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm until it now comprises 125 acres of rich and arable land. Throughout his entire life he has continued to indulge his love of travel and hunting, and has visited every county in Pennsylvania, much of New York, and all of Ohio. He has also traveled extensively over Indiana, Illinois, along Cedar river, in Iowa, and over Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Indian Territory and Texas. In the last named State he hunted buffalo and other big game, and has at his home the mounted head of an immense buffalo which he killed there. Mr. Ott has also visited many of the Eastern and Southern States, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, and witnessed the grand review at Washington, D. C., in 1865. In connection with his farming operations, Mr. Ott was for some years interested in buying and selling horses and cattle, bringing several droves of the former from the west at an early day. Although still well preserved, he does not engage in any active labor, but enjoys life to the utmost, and, possessing a retentive memory and being a good conversationalist, he can relate many interesting events which have occurred in the course of his travels. He usually gives his support to the men and measures of the Republican party, but is not strictly partisan at local elections, and has creditably filled a number of township offices, being assessor for six years, and overseer of the poor five years. He and his wife are both prominent and active members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served in a number of official positions, and is now elder. His is indeed a happy old age, and he well deserves the success and pleasure that he has gained, for his life has ever been such as to win the commendation of all who know him.

JO. WAGNER, M. D. "All lives that are in the best sense worth the living," says a well-known writer, "are so by virtue of being true to their own polarity. There is undoubtedly a certain line of life, a certain definite, however dimly defined, path predestined for each, and that achievement which we are accustomed to call success is simply the result of the vision that sees, and the energy that follows this hidden but divine leading." In the success attending the efforts of this well-known physician and surgeon, who for years has been a leading practitioner at Beaver Springs, Snyder county, we see an illustration of this truth. So strong was his desire to follow the direction of his special gifts,

that he turned from the offer of a certain competence as a farmer, and making his own way through college entered his chosen profession.

Dr. Wagner was born June 9, 1855, in Jackson township, Snyder county, near Kratzerville, where his father, Y. H. Wagner, still resides. His mother, whose maiden name was Susanna Hahn, was a daughter of that well-known pioneer, Capt. John Hahn. The Doctor attended school in Kratzerville, and although his opportunities were inferior to those of the present day, he made such good use of them that before he was sixteen he was prepared to teach, his first school being in the Brouse school house in his native township. He was always devoted to his studies, and more than once his excess in application to his books caused illness. After teaching for a short time he pursued his studies in Professor Noetling's select school at Selins Grove, and thus prepared for better work as a teacher. He then secured a school at Kratzerville, and while there began to read medicine with Dr. P. Hermann, as from childhood he had a desire to enter the medical profession. His father did not sympathize with this ambition, as he desired our subject, being the only son, to take the farm, and consequently the young man had to make his own living while carrying out his plans; hence, before entering medical college, he taught for several terms near Middleburg, in West Beaver township, as well as at Evendale, in an independent school district. In the fall of 1877 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., and after one term was obliged to resume the work of teaching in order to replenish his pocketbook. By close economy he managed to save enough in one year of teaching to take him through another term at college, and on March 3, 1880, he received his degree of M. D., having completed a full course. It happened that his preceptor was ill with pneumonia at the time, and during March, April and May, 1880, our subject took charge of his practice at Kratzerville. On August 2, 1880, he located at Adamsburg, and being an entire stranger, failure was freely predicted for him, but he succeeded from the start, notwithstanding the fact that the most difficult cases in the locality were given him, including chronic ailments pronounced hopeless by others. Success in these brought him new patients, and at the present time he enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice which is solely due to his own skill and ability. He allows nothing to take his attention from his work, and in addition to his practice he has, since 1889, been interested in the drug business. He formerly carried on

dentistry, but at present does nothing in that line except to extract teeth.

He married Miss Mary E. Gross, of Beaver-town, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Benfer) Gross, and one child, Otto G., born November 22, 1889, brightens their home. The Doctor owns a pleasant residence in Beaver Springs, built by himself, and he also owns an excellent farm of fifty acres in the same vicinity. Dr. Wagner and his wife are prominent members of the Reformed Church, and he is a charter member of Beaver Springs Castle No. 423. K. G. E., in which he is past chief and is now serving the fourth term as M. of R. As might be supposed, he is identified with the various professional organizations, and he belongs to Snyder County Medical Society, in which he is now, and has been for a number of years, secretary and treasurer, succeeding J. Y. Shindel. He is also a permanent member of the State Medical Society. He takes keen interest in public questions, and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has never sought political honors.

HENRY MOYER, an agriculturist, was born October 28, 1827, in Penn township, Snyder county, on the farm where he now resides. His father, William Moyer, was born on the same farm, November 15, 1801, and was a son of John Moyer, who was born in Berks county, Penn., May 27, 1771. The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, and became the founder of the family in America. He was liberally educated in his native land, and in this country became a successful teacher. He died in Berks county.

John Moyer, the grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker, and located at the present home of our subject when the land was in its primitive condition. The mighty denizens of the forest fell before the stroke of his sturdy axe, and acre after acre was thus cleared and made ready for cultivation. Turkeys, deer and other wild game furnished the table with meat, and the experiences of the family were those that usually fall to the lot of the pioneer. The grandfather there continued to make his home until his death, September 17, 1865. He married Anna Margaret Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania, April 17, 1771, and came to Snyder county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer were married in 1794, and had four children: Samuel, who died in Penn township; Elizabeth, wife of John Gemberling, of Selins Grove; Catharine, wife of John Gemberling, a relative of the husband of Elizabeth, and

died in Penn township, and William, father of our subject. The parents of this family were members of the Lutheran Church; the grandfather of our subject was over ninety-four years of age at time of his death. His wife died January 5, 1847.

William Moyer was reared on the old home farm, and was married March 21, 1825, to Margaret Fisher, who was born at Fisher's Ferry, December 24, 1803, a daughter of Christian and Hannah Fisher. Their children are: Henry; Lydia, who was born October 10, 1830, and died August 3, 1850; and Susannah, who was born October 8, 1833, and died September 8, 1863, the wife of Robert W. Kern. The father of this family was a gunsmith, and followed that trade until returning to the old homestead to assume the management of the farm. He was a leading member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. He died January 4, 1867, and his wife passed away December 26, 1888.

Henry Moyer, of this review, began his education in Salem, under the direction of Joseph Weigle. For two terms he engaged in teaching in Penn township, and when a young man secured a clerkship in the store of Davis & Schnure, at Selins Grove. He now owns a valuable farm, and gives his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1896 he remodeled his barn, and has upon the place an excellent set of buildings. A fine peach orchard and many other kinds of fruit add to the value of the place, and few men are better informed on horticulture than he.

On March 27, 1860, Mr. Moyer was married to Miss Mary D. Degel, who was born at Lahn, Bavaria, April 11, 1838, a daughter of John George and Barbara (Schubert) Moyer. She came to the United States in 1853, reaching New York after a voyage of eight weeks. She has in this country one brother, John F., residing at Northumberland, Penn. The children of our subject and his wife are as follows: John F., born August 3, 1860, now a farmer of Juniata county, Penn.; David W., born March 10, 1862, operating his father's farm; Charles A., born March 23, 1864, a merchant of Spring Mills, Centre Co., Penn.; Mary A., born April 17, 1866, widow of Dr. G. P. Miller, living with her father; Anna M., born April 29, 1867, wife of Prof. J. I. Woodruff; Sarah J., born September 23, 1868, wife of Dr. J. W. Seip, of Erie, Penn.; Clara E., who was born December 13, 1870, and died November 24, 1889; Cora V., who was born December 21, 1873, and is the wife of Charles Gable, of Selins Grove; an infant

daughter, who was born January 7, 1876, and died April 21, 1876; Della A., who was born September 23, 1879, and lives in Erie, Penn.; and Verna E., who was born August 2, 1881.

Mr. Moyer is a zealous advocate of Republican principles, has served in various township offices, was township clerk for a number of years, and is now auditor of Penn township. He discharges his duties with marked fidelity, being ever true and faithful to the trust reposed in him. He is one of the leading members of Salem Church, was trustee for a number of years, and is now trustee and a member of the building committee, having in charge the erection of a new house of worship in Salem. He was also superintendent of the Sunday-school for some time. His life, honorable and upright at all times, commends him to the confidence and respect of all, and he is one of the leading citizens of Penn township.

REBUBEN DREESE. Few citizens of this section enjoy to as high a degree the esteem and confidence of the people as does this well-known agriculturist of Spring township, Snyder county. He enjoys the distinction of being the third Democrat ever elected to the office of sheriff in Snyder county, and he has held other positions of public trust, including that of county treasurer, the only Democrat ever elected treasurer.

The Dreese family in Snyder county is descended from three brothers, Jacob, Peter and John, who came from Berks county, Penn., at an early day. John, who was known as "Big John," became very wealthy, and bequeathed a tract of land to the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, his bequest causing much litigation in later years. Peter married, and left numerous descendants. Jacob, our subject's father, was born December 15, 1786, and during boyhood was bound out to a Mr. Fetterolf, with whom he learned the blacksmith's trade. This business he followed for many years at Adamsburg, where he also owned and operated a farm, which is now owned by our subject. His brother, "Big John," left him considerable property, and his own industry and ability enabled him to acquire a handsome competence. He owned large tracts of land, but, as he died before the war, it did not bring as high a price in the settlement of the estate as it would have done later. He was a stanch Whig in politics, and in religious faith was a Lutheran, being an active member of the Church and holding office at various times. He died October 1, 1854, as the result of an accident.

He was walking on the sidewalk in Adamsburg when he was run over by a colt whose driver was using no bridle. When his injuries were examined it was found that his neck was broken. His wife, Catherine Smith, who was born December 6, 1788, died September 7, 1863, and both were buried at Adamsburg. Notwithstanding their advanced years they preserved their health remarkably, and Mrs. Dreese was known far and wide as a nurse, being always found ready to administer to the needs of the sick and helpless. No matter what the disease or ailment, she remained without hesitation at the bedside of the sufferer as long as her assistance was needed, and her kind heart was shown in many other ways, baskets of food and articles of clothing being often sent from her home to the poor. She was a daughter of Johan Adam Smith, of Troxelville, who was at one time a very wealthy land owner, but in later life met with financial reverses. Our subject was the youngest in a family of nine children: Christina, who married, first, Samuel Aurand, and, second, John Felker, died in Spring township, Snyder county; Henry died near Adamsburg; Abraham, a farmer and blacksmith, died in Spring township; Mary married Philip Benfer, and died in Kratzville; Elizabeth married Adam Specht, and died in Adamsburg; Isaac died in Michigan; Amelia married Michael Beaver, and now resides in Beavertown; Leah is the widow of John Fike, of Juniata county, Penn. Although the father was of but medium height, most of his sons were tall, being nearly six feet. Several of them followed the blacksmith's trade, having learned it in their father's shop in Adamsburg, where four fires were kept burning continuously.

Squire Dreese was born October 17, 1830, at Adamsburg, and was educated there in the subscription schools of that date; the free schools being founded in time for him to attend only one winter. The school apparatus as well as the methods of instruction were quite primitive, and he learned to write on paper made near Adamsburg, an old-fashioned quill pen being used. At eighteen years of age he left home, and going to Milroy, Penn., he learned the blacksmith's trade, receiving thirty dollars in cash for his two-years' work as an apprentice. Two weeks were allowed him in harvest time, however, in which he could earn money at hay making to supplement his scanty wages. After completing his apprenticeship he worked for a time at Reedsville, Penn., at very low wages, and then returned to Adamsburg and established a shop of his own where the creamery now

stands. On March 11, 1852, he was married at New Berlin to his first wife, Miss Matilda Saltzman, who was born October 1st, 1831, the daughter of William and Catherine Saltzman. After his marriage Mr. Dreese engaged in farming but retained the tools and other equipment of his blacksmith shop in order to do his own work. He now owns two valuable farms adjoining Beaver Springs, and has sold off several town lots in Adamsburg. For some years past he has lived a semi-retired life, but he still oversees his farm in a general way. In 1881 he built an elegant brick residence, and other substantial improvements have made his homestead one of the best in the locality. In 1893 he laid out a cemetery on one of his farms, which now belongs to the Adamsburg Cemetery Association.

His first wife died July 27, 1869, and was buried at Adamsburg, and on January 30, 1870, he formed a second matrimonial union, with Mrs. Kate (Steininger) Barbin, the widow of Henry Barbin. She was born March 3, 1838, near Middleburg, and was the daughter of John and Sarah (Aurand) Steininger. She had two children by her first marriage—Sarah C., now deceased, and Phebe L. Mr. Dreese had five children by his first marriage: (1) Allen, born January 1, 1853, died when ten days old. (2) Milton, born January 1, 1854, died Sept. 8, 1875, while a student in the college at Kutztown, Penn.; he lacked but thirteen weeks of completing his course there, and intended to enter the medical profession. (3) Lucy M., born June 6, 1856, died April 15, 1859. (4) Albright, born October 1, 1857, is a farmer in Spring township; he married Anna Greenhoe, and has had three children—Homer, deceased; Catherine M. and Myron G. (5) James D., born February 15, 1860, is also a farmer in Spring township. He married Laura Stroup, by whom he had two children, Mary and Carrie, and after her death wedded Emma Baker. By his second marriage Mr. Dreese has one son, Henry J.; born May 30, 1877, who now resides at home.

In business circles Mr. Dreese's sound judgment is held in high esteem, and he is a director in the Beavertown Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He holds stock in the First National Bank of Middleburg, and is interested in a number of financial enterprises. His political career is a notable one. He has been a Democrat since "Know-Nothing" times, and from his youth has taken an active part in public affairs. He was supervisor in Beaver township for one term and in Spring township for two terms. He has given especial attention to educational matters, serving several times as school director. In 1878 he

was elected county treasurer, and served three years, and in 1887 he was elected to the office of sheriff, defeating Daniel Bolender, a very popular Republican. During his term of service Mr. Dreese resided for three years in Middleburg. It had been a custom with his predecessors in office to remove the accounts at the expiration of their terms, but Mr. Dreese left his records of receipts in the office for the inspection of his constituents, an innovation which was highly appreciated by the people. This scrupulous honesty is doubtless a factor in his popularity, and it is closely related to another admirable trait, that of absolute fidelity to his friends. He is a liberal supporter of religious movements, and is an active member of the Lutheran Church, serving on the building committee when the new edifice was built at Adamsburg. For more than thirty years he has held office in the Church either as deacon, elder or trustee, his service being interrupted only by his residence in Middleburg. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

J G. MOYER, Esq. Among the early settlers in Berks county, Penn., were the ancestors of the Meyer or Moyer family, who came from Germany during the Colonial period to make homes for themselves in the forests of the New World. They secured a large tract of land, and, with true German thrift and industry, transformed the wilderness into productive farm lands. As the locality became more thickly settled, their descendants found their opportunities for acquiring property somewhat restricted, and, moved by the same spirit which had caused their forefathers to leave the Fatherland, they followed the advancing line of settlement and became pioneers in other regions.

The first of the family to settle in what is now Snyder county was Jacob Meyer, the grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name appears above, and the old gristmill known as Meyer's mill, located in Musser's Valley, three miles east of Troxelville, was built by him soon after his arrival. He purchased an extensive tract of land, and in addition to his milling interests and the care of his homestead, he conducted a tannery for many years. Nor was he indifferent to public affairs, for he gave freely of his time and thought to the various local movements which resulted in the establishment of political, religious and educational institutions in the new settlement, and at times he served as a township official. He died about 1853. His wife, Christina, bore him sixteen children, among whom was a son, John, our subject's father, who was

born February 10, 1802, and became one of the leading residents of that locality. During early manhood John Meyer was engaged for nine years in hauling merchandise between Philadelphia and Musser's Valley, railroads being then unknown. Later he became interested in the tanning business and had a large trade throughout central Pennsylvania, but in 1875 he sold out to a son, J. J. S. Moyer, now a resident of Salem, Oregon, and the last ten years of his life were spent in well-earned leisure. He was a Democrat in politics, and for years was a leading member of the Lutheran Church, in which he held office. His public spirit was shown in many ways, his desire to see local affairs properly administered leading him to sacrifice his private interests at times in order to accept office, and his services as school director and supervisor extend over many years. He died suddenly on June 19, 1885, leaving a fine estate. He married Miss Catherine Bingman, who was born June 25, 1808, in Berks county and was reared in the family of a Mr. Udree. She died after a lingering illness, and the remains of both now rest in the Union cemetery in Musser's Valley. They had eleven children, of whom our subject was the youngest: (1) Gudilla, born August 20, 1830, married Isaac Krebs, and died in Adams township, Snyder county. (2) Amelia married Henry Wagner, and died in Adams township. (3) John, born February 23, 1834, died in Beavertown. (4) Henrietta, born December 17, 1835, married Nathan Fetterolf, and died in Troxelville. (5) Susanna, born December 10, 1837, married Josiah Kline and died in Adams township. (6) Miss Neoriah, born November 2, 1839, is still living. (7) John J. died in childhood. (8) Catherine, born April 24, 1844, is the widow of Josiah Kline. (9) Yost H., born February 28, 1846, is a farmer in Adams township. (10) John J., born April 28, 1848, is a contractor residing in Salem, Oregon.

J. G. Moyer began his education in a school house which formerly occupied a site about a half mile east of Troxelville. He afterward attended Union Seminary at New Berlin, and on leaving school he taught for a few months, and, in 1868, he entered upon his business career as a clerk for Capt. G. H. Hassenplug, in Musser's Valley, at \$7.00 per month. He remained there nearly three years, and then, forming a partnership with Mr. Swartz, he carried on a general store business at Troxelville. In 1873 he purchased his partner's interest, and his business increased so rapidly that in 1875 he built a handsome two-and-a-half-story brick block, which he still owns. In 1878 he retired from mer-

cantile life to engage in the lumber business in partnership with William B. Baum, of New Berlin. They manufactured railroad ties, and lumber of all kinds, and have an extensive trade throughout New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut, one day's shipment reaching as high as forty-seven thousand feet. They own large tracts of timber land in Snyder and Mifflin counties, and at one time had sawmills at different points on the Sunbury and Lewistown railroad. In 1887 Mr. Moyer began to conduct the business for himself, and in 1892 he began the manufacture of staves and heads, in which business he is now the leader in Snyder county, and in June, 1897, he took an order for one hundred car-loads of these and similar goods. As a business man, Mr. Moyer is shrewd and farsighted, and he has already acquired a handsome fortune. He employs a large number of workmen, and his various enterprises distribute large sums of money. He owns an excellent farm in Adams township, Snyder county, and since the spring of 1886 he has resided in Adamsburg, where he has a handsome home. He has an interesting family, to which he is devoted. On May 3, 1873, he was married at Troxelville, by Rev. W. R. Wieand, to Miss Maggie J. Swartz, daughter of Elias R. and Christina (Bingman) Swartz, and granddaughter of Daniel Swartz, a pioneer farmer of Snyder county. Another relative was Squire George Swartz, who was a well-known justice of the peace in the early days. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer have had three children: Miss Perie Pruelle, born October 18, 1874, a graduate of Mechanicsburg College, and who now lives at home. Miss Victoria May, born April 12, 1876, at home; and Franklin Guy, born January 13, 1878, who died June 15, 1881. Socially, Mr. Moyer is a member of the K. G. E. at Beaver Springs, and he and his wife are both identified with St. Luke's Church (Evangelical Lutheran) at Troxelville, and, in 1880, when the new edifice was built, he was secretary and treasurer of the building committee, and secured many large contributions for the work. He finds time also for the duties of citizenship, and has held several offices including that of township auditor. On March 30, 1880, he was commissioned justice of the peace, and his ability and impartiality so commended him to the people that he was re-elected at the end of the term.

JOHAN S. SMITH, a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of Snyder county, is the owner of two valuable farms, and although he is now living in retirement at Beavertown, he

was for many years an active and successful agriculturist. At the age of seventy-seven years, he can look back over an interesting period of our history, and his vigorous mind and attentive memory make his conversation most instructive and entertaining. His family has been identified with Snyder county since pioneer time, his grandfather, Adam Smith, having come from one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania at a very early day to settle near Troxelville, where he acquired a large tract of land. He died there leaving several children, among whom were three sons—Adam, George and Daniel—and three daughters—Catherine, who married Jacob Dreese; Mollie, who married Daniel Grimm; and Bevy, who married John Smith.

George Smith, our subject's father, was born in Snyder county in 1789, and always resided at the old homestead. He died in May, 1822, from the effects of a kick in the stomach from a horse. The injury was not at first considered dangerous, but death resulted in a few days. He was buried in Musser Valley Cemetery. He was a tall man, an excellent farmer, and his fine qualities of character caused him to be greatly respected among his associates. His wife, Elizabeth Steininger, who was born in what is now Adams township, Snyder county, in 1800, was a daughter of Dabolt Steininger, a well-known pioneer. Our subject was the only child of this marriage. The widow afterward married Daniel Klose, by whom she had the following children: Leah, Lizzie, Sarah, the twins, Amelia and Daniel (the latter a Lutheran preacher in Arizona), Marietta, George, James, Jerry and Alfred. Early in 1850 Daniel Klose and his family removed to the vicinity of Three Rivers, Mich., where he owned a large tract of land and carried on agricultural operations until his death. Mrs. Klose died there at an advanced age.

Mr. Smith was born March 6, 1821, at the old home near Troxelville. He was left fatherless at the early age of fourteen months, but fortunately his mother's second husband supplied his loss, proving to be a kindly and judicious advisor and friend. As the schools of that day were of an inferior sort, and the work at home often interfered with his attendance, Mr. Smith's education has been almost wholly self-acquired. Often he spent less than a month in study during one year of his boyhood, but his own deprivations have made him an earnest supporter of better school privileges for the rising generation. Farm work was then done by hand, and our subject found plenty to do at home, where he remained until 1843, except for a short period when he was employed in a brick

yard at Lewistown, his father promising him \$150 if he would assist him until he was twenty-one. In 1843 Mr. Smith married Miss Martha Middleswarth, who was born September 11, 1823, the daughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth, one of the most distinguished citizens of Clinton county. For one year after his marriage, Mr. Smith took charge of the homestead for one-third of the crop, his stepfather visiting Illinois, in the meantime. In the spring of 1845, Mr. Smith located near Beavertown on a farm belonging to his father-in-law, where he spent two years, and he then removed to Musser's Valley, and for fifteen years had charge of another of his father-in-law's estates. He then purchased a farm below Beavertown, and after residing there ten years he turned the active work of management to younger hands, and removed to Beavertown where he purchased property in an unfinished condition, and made himself a comfortable home.

Although Mr. Smith takes much interest in local improvement, his influence has been exerted in quiet ways. Politically he was formerly a Whig and is now a Republican, and while a staunch supporter of his party he has never shown a disposition to seek official honors. He was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for many years has been a prominent worker in the Lutheran Church, serving continuously as elder. He has six children, all of whom occupy honorable and useful positions in life: A. M., is a well-known physician of Beaver Springs; George, is a hotel keeper at the same place; Ner and John D. reside in Newton, Kans.; Adda married A. H. Bowersox, of Beavertown; and Rebecca is the wife of George Thomas, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

AUGUSTUS SPRINGMAN, one of the wealthiest land owners of Washington township, Snyder county, is of German birth and his career furnishes an apt illustration of the energy, industry and foresight which characterize his race. His early life was spent in the hard school of poverty, and few histories present so sharp a contrast as his memory holds of good and ill fortune.

Mr. Springman was born March 4, 1827, near Neisse, Prussia, the son of Joseph and Hedewick (Krouse) Springman. The mother died during his childhood, leaving two sons, John and Augustus, and two daughters, Annie and Maria. His father married a second time, and by this union there were two children, Emmons and Caroline. In 1840 the father died, and, as the family was

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left in limited circumstances, young Augustus found himself practically without a home. For two years he hired out to watch sheep, receiving the sum of two dollars per year in cash for his services, and later he was hired by farmers at the rate of eight dollars per year. After a time he secured a position as a waiter in the household of Herr Herman Humbold, a wealthy resident of Frederickseck, Prussia, who lived in grand style (the suit of clothes which Mr. Springman wore while in his service cost five hundred dollars). In 1851 the ambitious youth went to Berlin to seek employment, and after a long and discouraging effort was obliged to take a place in a soap factory at four dollars per month. Although his employer was very wealthy, our subject often went hungry as the help was compelled to live upon what was left after the family had eaten, and it is not strange that he should decide to leave the situation and endeavor to find another. This plan proved a failure as he was arrested by the police and locked up, and on his release he started to walk to his old home, a distance of two hundred miles. Before he reached his destination he endured many hardships, being so nearly famished at times that he was glad to gather up and eat things that the farmers had thrown away as useless. But this sad period was not his first experience, as, previous to going to Berlin, he had been in such straits that during the hard times of 1848 he had bought the sweepings from a grist-mill floor and baked it into bread rather than starve. His thoughts must have turned to America as a land of better opportunities many times during his years of suffering and scantily rewarded toil, and in February, 1853, he took passage from Bremen to Baltimore, Md., being the first emigrant from his native place. He had received from his brother the sum of fifty-five dollars as his share of his father's estate, and out of this he paid forty-five dollars for his fare and necessary outfit. Surely no one ever started more blindly upon so long a journey as he did, not knowing a word of English, and had no idea of any special place to settle or work to attempt, but he had youth and health in his favor, and his habits of industry and temperance promised well for him. On landing in Baltimore in the last of March, 1853, after a long and stormy voyage, he found himself with but \$2.51 in his pocket, and while wandering about the city trying to decide what to do, he threw up his cane which he had brought from the Fatherland, and in accordance with an old German custom, looked to see the direction that the head might take as an indication of his future course. Fortunately a kind-hearted German saw him, and was prompted to

ask him where he desired to go. Mr. Springman replied that he did not know the name of the place. His new friend mentioned several cities, and on hearing the name of Harrisburg, our subject decided that he would go there, and was shown the way to the depot. Laying all his money on the window sill before the ticket agent, he stated that he wished to go to Harrisburg, but as the agent did not understand him the said new friend stepped forward and repeated his request in English. The agent pushed the money back saying that there was not enough to pay for a ticket to Harrisburg, and the friend at once made up the required amount and gave it to Mr. Springman, who has never since seen or heard of him. When Mr. Springman arrived at Harrisburg he had one cent, and as he had had nothing to eat since the previous day he was in a serious predicament. Finding a man who could talk German, he learned the way to a German hotel, but he met with a discouraging reception as the proprietor ordered him out of the house when he began to explain his circumstances. However, he secured some breakfast and a room by depositing his watch and some of his clothing, and then he started out in search of work. For a time he was unsuccessful, and his misfortunes seemed to reach a desperate stage when a fire destroyed most of his clothing, but at last a change came as if fate had wearied of persecuting so persistent and courageous a soul. He was employed to unload a raft of lumber, for which he was to receive sixteen dollars, it being considered a two-weeks' task. By working almost all day and almost all night he managed to finish the work in three days, and the same man then gave him another raft to unload for seventeen dollars. His work was entirely satisfactory, and after this he had no difficulty in obtaining all he could do, so that within two weeks after going to Harrisburg he had fifty dollars in cash over and above his expenses and the cost of replacing his clothes. Later he worked his passage on a boat to the Red Bank furnace near Danville, Penn., where he secured steady employment. His fellow-laborers, who were Irish, did every thing in their power to make his stay disagreeable and to bring about his discharge, but he kept quietly on with his tasks, paying as little attention as possible to annoyances. Finally some of the workmen became so abusive that he was compelled to give them a sound beating, and not long afterward he was warned that a plot had been made against his life. His reputation for strength and bravery being well-established, his assailants did not dare to attack him single-handed, and they came upon him four to one.

He was prepared, however, and used a piece of crowbar to such good purpose that one of the cowardly antagonists was badly hurt and the others fled in fear. Mr. Springman decided that he could no longer remain with his unfriendly companions, and asked his employer, a Mr. Wood, for a recommendation, but when the state of affairs became known he was made a boss, and his most active enemies were severely reprimanded. Two and a half years at this place enabled him to save seven hundred dollars, and he then went to Danville, Penn., where he obtained similar employment. He next engaged in peddling, in which he was at first unsuccessful, losing all his money, but with his usual persistence he kept on and in time he made up for his losses. During this period he took a course in Freeburg Academy under the instruction of Prof. D. S. Boyer, learning certain business forms and calculations, and acquiring the ability to read and write English.

While passing through Juniata county on one of his business trips, Augustus Springman became acquainted with Miss Josephine Burd, of that county, who was born July 2, 1842, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (McCoy) Burd, and, on March 15, 1860, they were united in marriage. She was the granddaughter of James Burd, who resided near Mifflin, Juniata county. James Burd was a son of Col. James Burd, who was the third son of Edward Burd, a gentleman who lived on his estate of Ormiston, near Edinburgh, Scotland, by his wife, Jean Haliburton, daughter of George Haliburton, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Col. Burd was born at Ormiston in 1726, and came to this country long antecedent to the Revolutionary war, and was for many years in the military service of the province of Pennsylvania, being one of its most noted military men during the French and Indian war, and commanded the Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment of Provincial troops. He completed the building of Fort Augusta at Shamokin now Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Penn., in 1756-1757; he was with the Forbes expedition, and was in command at Fort Pitt and participated in the construction of other forts, building of roads and other important matters of that time. He was married in Philadelphia, in 1748, to Sarah Shippen, daughter of Edward Shippen, and sister of Chief Justice Edward Shippen, and had ten children: Sarah married Judge Jasper Geates, of Lancaster; Edward married Elizabeth Shippen, of Philadelphia; Jean married George Patterson, of Juniata county; Mary Shippen married Peter Grubb, of Lancaster; Margaret married Jacob Hubley, of Lancaster; James married

Elizabeth Baker; Joseph married (first) Kitty Cochran, and (second) Harriet Bailey. The others died young and unmarried. James, after his marriage to Elizabeth Baker, removed to Juniata county, Pennsylvania. His family consisted of Edward, Joseph and Allen. Joseph, grandson of Col. James Burd, married Margaret McCoy, and had five children: Edward died when seventeen years of age; Elizabeth intermarried with Dr. Sol. Page, of Kansas; Josephine married Augustus Springman; Dr. J. Patterson Burd, of Philadelphia, married Elizabeth Bordley Twiggs Shippen, daughter of Edward Shippen, of Philadelphia; and Joseph S. Burd, of Sunbury, married Eleanor Frank.*

Mrs. Springman brought her husband a fine fortune, which he has managed with great ability, increasing it largely. He located at Freeburg, where he purchased a home and engaged in the real-estate business, and also dealt in horses and cattle. In 1865 he bought the Mengas farm, where he resided one year. In 1866 he bought the Glass farm, and built a fine residence in Freeburg. The years 1871 and 1872 were spent at Sunbury, Penn., in conducting a flour and feed store and gristmill. On disposing of his interests there he returned to Freeburg and purchased the farm on which he now resides. At present he owns more than 820 acres of farming land, representing an outlay of about \$50,000, and he also has three pieces of property at Freeburg and a business block at Selins Grove. At four different times he has laid out additions to Freeburg, and his influence has been a helpful factor in the development of the town. On May 2, 1886, he laid out Evergreen cemetery at that place on his own land. Although uniformly successful in his undertakings he has lost money at times, and a few years ago, having guaranteed the right of way for a proposed railway through his part of the county, he was obliged to pay out \$8,000, as some of the other guarantors had become insolvent and could not meet their pledges. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has been a Congressional delegate, and has represented Snyder county as a conferee in the district convention. For four years he was overseer of the poor, and he has served several times as judge of elections. He and his estimable wife united many years ago with the Lutheran Church at Freeburg, to which he has contributed liberally, not only in money but in time, serving at present as trustee.

Notwithstanding his early hardships, Mr. Springman is well preserved and enjoys vigorous health. He has made good use of his means since fortune smiled upon him, as he is not

a believer in unnecessary self-denials. He has traveled extensively, and in 1867 he and his wife visited his native land, spending some time at his old home. They were cordially greeted by his friends and relatives, who came from all directions to see him. While on their railway trips they traveled first class, as became wealthy Americans citizens, and on one occasion, when going from Bremen to Berlin, they occupied a compartment with a haughty German general, who was so rude as to stare at Mr. Springman through his eye-glass. This act was finally resented in an effective way by Mr. Springman, who got out his field-glass, and surveyed the general through it. The officer became furiously angry, but Mr. Springman was in no way disconcerted as he felt that an American citizen was quite as good as any German general. He returned to his adopted country more proud than ever of our institutions and ideals.

On July 7, 1892, Mrs. Springman passed to the unseen life at the age of fifty years and five days. Her remains were interred in Evergreen Cemetery, where a beautiful and costly monument bears lasting witness of the love and devotion of her husband. Of their five children, all are well settled in life, each occupying a handsome property belonging to our subject, who is a most generous and affectionate parent. Margaret, born November 20, 1861, married John Strayer, of Washington township, Snyder county, and they have one child, Blanche. (2) Laura, born May 4, 1864, married Robert Packnicke, of Washington township, and they have two children—Josephine and Frances. (3) Ida, born August 24, 1866, married John Kessler, of Selins Grove, and they have three children—Charles A., Carrie E., and Leon S. (4) Irene, born February 21, 1868, married William Gemberling, of Selins Grove, and they have three children—Clarence, Burd, and Marie. (5) Joseph B., born September 18, 1873, is now a farmer in Washington township. He married Laura J. Diehl, and has two children—Josephine and Ralph A.

WILLIAM DREESE, county commissioner for Snyder county, is a well-known agriculturist and stock raiser residing near Beavertown, and his popularity among his fellow-citizens is due to their recognition of his sterling qualities of character. He bears an honorable military record also, having entered the Union army as a mere boy of seventeen, and he may justly be regarded as a representative American.

He was born December 25, 1846, in Beaver

township, Snyder county (now Spring township), and is a grandson of that noted pioneer, Jacob Dreese, who came from Berks county, Penn., to Snyder county, at an early day, accompanied by two brothers, Peter and John. Peter married, and left a large family. John, who was known as "Big John," became the owner of a large tract of land, and a bequest to the Lutheran and Reformed Churches caused much litigation after his death. Jacob Dreese was born in 1786, and during boyhood was bound out to a Mr. Fetterolf, with whom he learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed for many years at Adamsburg, his shop containing four forges. He also owned and operated a farm, and was considered a wealthy man for that time. In politics he was a Whig and he belonged to the Lutheran Church, in which he held various offices and was a prominent worker. While walking on a sidewalk at Adamsburg, he was injured by a run-away colt whose rider was using no bridle, and died October 1, 1854. His wife, Catherine Smith, who was born December 6, 1788, and died September 7, 1863, was greatly beloved for her kindness to the sick and to the poor, many a helpless sufferer having been nursed back to health by her. Her father, Johan Adam Smith, of Troxelville, Penn., was at one time the owner of a large amount of land, but he met with reverses in later life. Nine children were born to Jacob and Catherine Dreese: Christiana, who married, first, Samuel Aurand, and, second, John Felker, died in Snyder county; Henry died near Adamsburg; Abraham, a farmer and blacksmith, died in Snyder county; Mary, Mrs. Benfer, now deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Adam Specht, died in Adamsburg; Isaac is mentioned more fully below; Amelia married Michael Beaver, and now resides in Beavertown; Leah, widow of John Fike, resides in Juniata county; and Reuben is a prominent agriculturist of Spring township, Snyder county.

Isaac Dreese, our subject's father, was born in 1817, in what is now Spring township, Snyder county, then a part of Union county, and was reared upon a farm. In early manhood he married Miss Mary Beaver, a native of Beaver township, Snyder county, which was named after her father, Jacob Beaver, one of the most extensive land owners of this section in his day. Three children were born of this marriage, of whom our subject is now the only survivor, the others, Irvin and Amanda, having died in childhood. The mother died in 1848, and about 1851 the father moved to Michigan, and located upon a farm in Osceola county, where he made his home until his death in 1883. In 1862 he was married

to Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, a native of Michigan, by whom he had one son, Nelson, who is now a farmer in Osceola county, Mich. Isaac Dreese was an excellent citizen, a member of the Lutheran Church, and a firm believer in progress. His allegiance was given to the Republican party in the early days of that organization, and he spent three years in a Michigan regiment during the Civil war, taking part in the famous campaign under Sherman from "Atlanta to the sea." When only a year and a half old our subject was bereft of a mother's love, and as he was but five years old when his father went West, he missed the fostering care of both parents. He was reared by his grandfather, Jacob Beaver, with whom he remained until twenty-one, his education being obtained in the common schools of Beaver township. As he could attend only in winter, his opportunities for learning were meagre, but it was mainly by his diligent use of his spare moments that he managed to secure a good practical knowledge of the English branches. At the age of seventeen he enlisted at Middleburg as a private in Company B, 184th P. V. I., under Col. Storer and Capt. Abner Brown, his regiment being attached to the First Brigade, Second Division, of the Second Army Corps. He spent ten months in the service, and took part in several battles, including the engagements at Petersburg and Hatcher's Run. After his return he continued to assist his grandfather until 1867, when he went to Michigan, when he was employed at farm labor for two years. He then came back to his native county, and in Beaver township rented a farm belonging to Aaron Middleswarth, and after fifteen years at that place he removed to the Isle of Que, near Selins Grove, where for seven years he conducted a farm for F. J. Schoch. In 1895 he took possession of his present homestead of eighty-three acres, which has cost him over four thousand dollars, including improvements. It is a fine estate, well adapted to stock raising and general farming, and Mr. Dreese has also made a decided success of horticulture, as a speciality.

In April, 1870, Mr. Dreese was married in Beaver township to Miss Sarah Middleswarth, a daughter of Aaron, and a granddaughter of Hon. Ner Middleswarth, who was one of the leading men of this section in his day. Eleven children have blessed this union, of whom two, Laura J. and Lizzie J., died in childhood, and one died in infancy unnamed. The others are Lester, a farmer near Selins Grove; Kate, wife of J. R. Foster; Annie; Carrie; Sarah; William; John; and Frank. The family is identified with the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Dreese is a

prominent worker, and has held the office of deacon. He also belongs to the P. O. S. of A. of Beavertown. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in 1896 he was elected county commissioner by the largest majority given to any one on the ticket. His able and faithful service in this position has won the admiration of all classes in the community, irrespective of party, and his name is frequently mentioned in connection with other official posts of even wider responsibility.

JESSE SHAMBACH. On a beautiful farm near Middleburg, Snyder county, this venerable gentleman, now more than seventy years of age, is passing the afternoon of life surrounded by a loving family and a host of friends. His estimable wife, with whom he has spent fifty-five years of wedded happiness, has also passed the allotted three-score years and ten, but she still takes delight in her accustomed activities in the home. Their kindness and generosity have made them beloved throughout the community, and their house has been a center of generous hospitality during all the years of their united lives.

Mr. Shambach was born August 30, 1822, in Center township, Snyder county, and is of German descent, his great-grandfather, George Shambach, having come to America at an early day. George Shambach (2), our subject's grandfather, settled in what is now Snyder county in pioneer times and engaged in farming. His family consisted of six children, Christian Shambach, our subject's father, being the youngest son. Christian Shambach was born in Montgomery county, but was married in Snyder county to his first wife, Miss Mary Walter, the daughter of David Walter, a Revolutionary soldier, who is now buried in Salem cemetery in Snyder county, being the only one of the heroes of the war of independence to be interred there. After his marriage Christian Shambach settled upon a farm and in connection with his agricultural work he followed the wagon maker's trade. He was a robust man, possessing great vitality, and did much hard work in his day. After he was seventy-six years old he made two wagons as an example to younger workers. His first wife died in 1837 and was buried in Middleburg, and he afterward married Mrs. Elizabeth (Bechtel) Bilger, widow of Isaac Bilger. They were members of the Reformed Church, and Mr. Shambach took a prominent part in local affairs, being in early life a Whig and later on a Republican. He died at the age of eighty-eight years and three

months, and was buried at Middleburg. By his first wife he had the following children: Daniel, who lives in the State of Indiana; David and George, residents of Paxtonville, Penn.; Mary, widow of Aaron Snyder, of Indiana; Jesse, our subject; Isaac, who resides in Indiana; Jacob, a resident of Perrysville, Ohio; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Benjamin Loos, of Center township; John, a resident of Adamsburg; William, now residing in Franklin township; Lydia, widow of Reuben Fisher, of Port Trevorton, Penn.; and Henry, who died at Louisville, Ky., while serving as a soldier in the Union army. By the second marriage there were four children: Harriet, now Mrs. Philip Amig, of Washington township; Aaron, who died at the age of thirty years; Sevilla, now Mrs. Derr, of Northumberland county, Penn.; and Sarah, who died in childhood. This family is probably unequaled for longevity, thirteen children being still living, and the average age of eleven of them is seventy-two years.

Mr. Shambach obtained his early education in the subscription schools near his home, his first teacher being Henry Smith. Two months in each winter were considered a liberal allowance for study in those days, and the schools were decidedly inferior to those of to-day. He last attended the school of Salem Church, the building having now disappeared. During boyhood he learned the wagon maker's trade with his father and assisted in the farm work, remaining at home until his marriage on September 11, 1842, to Miss Sophia Fry. She was born in Center township, in 1825, the daughter of John and Wilhelmina (Walter) Fry, and their marriage occurred at New Berlin. They made their home for a year upon a farm belonging to Mr. Fry. Mr. Shambach then bought a small farm of thirty-seven acres, to which he afterward added fifty acres and then sixty-four acres, and with later additions it now comprises about 335 acres. Since 1857 he has occupied his present comfortable residence. As a farmer he is considered one of the most successful in his locality, and he has been quite extensively engaged in horse raising, some excellent specimens of horse flesh having come from his farm. He is a good judge of horses, and in his dealings with others has always been strictly honest, never misrepresenting any animal that was offered for sale, even when the sums involved amounted to five or six thousand dollars. His integrity has never been questioned; his word on any matter is taken as conclusive. Like all of his family, he is vigorous, physically and mentally, and as he himself enjoys life he desires that all around him should do

so. The weary traveler has always found a kindly welcome at his home, it being Mr. Shambach's invariable rule to entertain strangers with cheerful hospitality. He and his wife have had a numerous family, as follows: Franklin, a blacksmith, died in Indiana; Nathan is a blacksmith at Port Trevorton, Penn.; Phares was formerly a blacksmith, but is now a farmer in Center township; Lavina married Jackson Bailey, of Center township; Joshua, a minister in the Evangelical Church, is stationed at Mazeppa, Penn.; Amandus is a blacksmith at Middleburg; Ellen married Isaiah Walter, of Centerville; Miss Wilhelmina resides in Altoona; Abbie married Jonathan Bingaman, and died in Center township; Elmer is a farmer in Center township; Willis resides in Union county, and Emma died at the age of twelve years.

Politically, Mr. Shambach was first a Whig, and, later, a Republican. He has never been anxious for public office, but has served as school director and tax collector. He and his wife are both members of the United Evangelical Church, and for twenty-five years he served as sexton. He has also been class leader for many years and at present is a trustee. He takes much interest in religious affairs, giving substantial contributions to various worthy movements under the auspices of the Church.

GOTTLOB SCHRAY. Many of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of Snyder county have come from the land beyond the sea, and especially is this true of the many who have left their homes in the German Empire and sought a new abode in this land of freedom. Among these quite a prominent figure is Mr. Schray, who owns and operates a valuable farm in Union township. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, December 11, 1839, a son of Jacob and Louisa Schray. The father, who was a contractor, died leaving a widow and ten children, six sons and four daughters, in very limited circumstances, and, as the mother was unable to provide for their support, the family was soon scattered.

Joseph, an elder brother of our subject, had previously come to the United States, and he asked to have some of the boys come to the New World. Accordingly, Gottlob, with his sister Carolina, started for America, leaving Havre, France, on the "Humboldt," which was fifty-eight days in reaching the harbor of New York. In that city the sister remained and is still living, being now the widow John Ernst. Our subject, who could not speak a word of English, went at

once to Reading, Penn., where his brother owned a twenty-acre vineyard, in which Gottlob was cruelly compelled to work as hard as any slave. He had been led to believe that life here was nearly all pleasure, but during his four-years' stay with his brother he was forced to work early and late, receiving no wages or clothes, and those which his excellent mother had given him were worn to rags in that time. He was not aware of how he ought to be treated, but was several times advised to leave his brother by those who took an interest in him, and finally decided to do so. Making a small bundle of his clothes, then mostly rags, he threw them out of the window and jumped out himself. Mr. Schray secured work with a tanner, Michael Miller, at Strausstown, eight miles from Reading, and with him remained for fifteen years, at first receiving \$60 per year. Soon mastering the business, the second year he was advanced by the death of one of the employees to a position where \$30 per month was paid, and this amount seemed a fortune to him, it being "more money than he had ever heard of." Steady, industrious and economical, he had saved, on leaving his employer, \$2,500, and with this he secured a start in life. Later he worked for Benjamin Parvin for eight years in his tannery four miles above Reading, and here also accumulated considerable, as he worked almost day and night. Mr. Parvin was old, his sons were in the army, and an arrangement was made with our subject, whereby he was to receive a certain amount of the profit, which caused him to work the harder.

In the meantime about 1863, Mr. Schray had married, Miss Rebecca Strauss becoming his wife. She was born at Strausstown, Berks Co., Penn., and was a daughter of William Strauss, in whose honor the village was named. She died at that place, leaving two children: James, now a railroad engineer living at Little Rock, Ark.; and Sally, wife of James Rathfore, of Union township, Snyder county. In 1873 Mr. Schray came to Snyder county, and purchased his present farm in Chapman township, of John Bittner, and here has since made his home. The year after his arrival his house was destroyed by fire, and he erected his present comfortable residence; while on July 16, 1895, his barn was struck by lightning, and in the following year was replaced by the excellent one now seen upon his place. On coming here he brought with him \$6,000 in cash tied in his handkerchief, but this did not represent his entire capital as he had lived frugally and industriously, and had saved considerable. Although he was entirely unfamiliar with the occupation of farming, and many

predicted failure, his tact, skill and observation assisted him, and he soon prospered in his new undertaking.

In March, 1870, Mr. Schray was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Bittner, a native of Germany, and a daughter of John Bittner, who, on coming to America first located in Philadelphia, later removed to Bern township, Berks county, and finally to Union township, Snyder county. He and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna M. Kilmer, both died in Union township and were buried in Keiser cemetery. Mrs. Schray, who was one of their five children, was born August 18, 1835, was their only daughter, and was fourteen years of age when they crossed the Atlantic. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: Lizzie, who was burned to death at the time the house was destroyed by fire; Katy, now the wife of Amman Sechrist, of Verdilla, Penn.; and Charles W. and Lizzie, both at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Schray are both earnest members of the Reformed Church, in which he has held office for nine consecutive years. He is an excellent example of a self-made man, and is today one of the representative and prominent farmers of Union township. His knowledge of English is self-acquired, as he never attended school after coming to this country, but, being naturally intelligent and a great reader, he has kept well posted on the topics of the day, and is a close observer of men and events. He is a man of keen foresight, sound judgment and rare business ability, has never been ill a day in his life, and possesses that tireless energy that is sure to win success. Of unquestioned integrity and honor, he has gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and no man in Snyder county is more deserving the high regard in which he is held, or the success that he has achieved, than Gottlob Schray.

F H. AND JOHN H. SUFFEL are substantial and progressive farmers of Chapman township, who represent a family that has for nearly one hundred years been identified with this locality. The grandfather, John Suffel, a native of Germany, located in Chapman township in pioneer days, followed farming and here reared his family of six children, namely: John, who died in Chapman township at the age of fifty-six years; Peter, deceased; Jacob; Molly, wife of Abel Herrold; Elizabeth; and Catharine, wife of John Leech.

Jacob Suffel was born on the old family homestead in 1810, and in early life worked on the

Pennsylvania canal, which lies along the farm. When a young man he married Catharine Herold, who was born in Chapman township in 1817, a representative of a prominent pioneer family of the county. They became the parents of the following named: F. H., born December 26, 1840; John H., born November 15, 1842; Sarah, wife of Jerome Moyer, of Chapman township; Louisa, who lives with her widowed mother on the old homestead; Mary, wife of J. R. Moyer, of Chapman township; and James. The father of this family was a Democrat, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. He made farming his life work, became the owner of the old homestead by purchasing the interests of the other heirs, and at his death left a comfortable competence to his family. His widow is still living at the old place.

F. H. Suffel is now part owner of the farm. His educational privileges were limited to the four-months' term of the country schools. He possesses much mechanical skill, and, although he has never served an apprenticeship, can duplicate almost anything in carpenter work. He married Miss Catharine Burris, a native of Perry county, Penn., and their children are: Carrie, wife of Charles Lehman, of Millersburg, Penn.; Lizzie, wife of Edward Dunkelberger, of Shamokin, Penn.; Sallie, Edith, Bessie and Jacob P., at home. Mr. Suffel is a Democrat in politics, and contributes liberally to the support of the United Brethren Church, of which his wife is a member. His business interests are well managed, and success has in consequence attended his efforts. From early manhood he operated canal boats, and in this way he has formed an extensive acquaintance from the sea shore to the northern terminus of the canal on either branch of the Susquehanna. He is now associated with his brother in the ownership and operation of the home farm, and is a man of sterling worth, of unquestioned probity in business and of high standing in social circles.

John H. Suffel, who conned his lessons while sitting on slab benches in the country school house, was early trained to habits of industry and economy, and, like his brother, is numbered among the substantial farmers of the community. In 1872 they erected what was at one time the finest country home in Snyder county, and both have resided therein since. They purchased of the other heirs their interests in the old homestead, and now have a valuable farm property of seventy-eight acres, which is under a high state of cultivation, and improved with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century. John H. Suffel was united

in marriage to Miss Barbara Moyer, a native of Chapman township, and a daughter of Benjamin Moyer. Having no children of their own, they adopted a son, David Roush, who lived with them between the ages of six and twenty-two years. Mr. Suffel impressed him with the advantage and necessity of having a good education, and provided him with more than average privileges in that direction. John H. Suffel, like his brother, is a staunch advocate of the Democracy, but is not an office-seeker. He commands the respect of all by an upright life, and stands high in the community in which he has always made his home.

ENOS KLINGLER. Among the leading and representative agriculturists of Snyder county, stalwart and sturdy tillers of the soil, there is none who stands a more prominent figure than the gentleman whose name begins this article. His home, which is in Penn township, is a pleasant and substantial one, and is known far and wide for the open hospitality and geniality of its inmates.

Mr. Klingler made his appearance on the stage of life December 12, 1829, in Penn township, at the home of his parents, Benjamin and Barbara (Benfer) Klingler. The father was born in what was then Northumberland county, Penn., but is now Jackson township, Snyder county, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Hawk) Klingler, who came from the lower counties of the State to this region, where the grandfather followed the occupation of farming until called from this life. The father of our subject grew to manhood in his native county, and was married there to Miss Benfer, who was also born in Jackson township, the daughter of a farmer. They continued to reside there for a number of years, but spent their last days in Penn township, the father dying at the age of fifty, the mother at the age of seventy, and both were buried at Kratzerville.

Enos Klingler is one of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys. He attended the subscription schools, to which his father was a liberal contributor, and during his youth learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of Daniel Oldt and John Moyer. When about twenty-seven years of age he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Oldt, a daughter of David Oldt, and for one year they made their home with his widowed mother. Mr. Klingler continued to work at his trade, and soon after his marriage purchased a farm in Jackson township, and with his brother bought from his father's

place a small tract in Penn township, becoming the owner of this before he had attained his majority. On March 28, 1892, he removed to his present farm in Penn township, which was known as the Isaac Luck farm, and is now the owner of nearly 550 acres of rich and arable lands divided into four farms and improved with good and substantial buildings. He is one of the most prosperous, enterprising and reliable farmers of Snyder county, and the success that he has achieved is due almost entirely to his own efforts and those of his estimable wife.

To this worthy couple have been born the following children: B. F., now a farmer of Penn township; David, an agriculturist of La Grange county, Ind.; John, a farmer of Union county, Penn.; Charles, Samuel and William, all at home; Barbara, widow of John Miller, of Elkhart, Ind.; Mary E., wife of B. F. Klingler, of Elkhart; Emma, who died at that place; Hattie, now Mrs. William Maurer, of Dry Valley, Union Co., Penn.; Catharine, wife of Newton Stettler, of Penn township, Snyder county; Sarah J., wife of Jacob Benfer, of Kramer, Snyder county; and Agnes C. and Anna M., both at home. The family is one of which the parents take a just pride, and they are now all filling honorable positions in life. Although a Democrat in politics, Mr. Klingler is not strictly partisan, but selects the best man in many instances, regardless of party affiliations. Before he had attained his majority he was chosen a member of the grand jury, an honor rarely conferred upon a minor. He cast his first vote at Selins Grove. He is a leading member of the Reformed contingent at Salem Church, with which he has been officially connected for many years, and is at present treasurer and a member of the building committee for the new house of worship. As a citizen he is one which any community might be proud to possess; honest, upright and honorable in all his dealings, he has won the respect and esteem of all who know him.

JOHAN A. MOYER. It is ever of interest to note the methods that have been followed by the successful business man, to analyze his character, and see what are the elements that have enabled him to pass others on the highway of life, and soon reach the goal of prosperity. Such a history contains incentives and lessons of value, setting forth an example that others may follow. A like history is that of Mr. Moyer, one of the leading farmers of Chapman township.

He was born in Freeburg, Penn., January 16, 1823, a son of Philip Moyer, who was born in

the same place, January 1, 1800. The latter was reared there, and in his youth learned the hatter's trade. In the fall of 1828 he located near Liverpool, Penn., where he began conducting a tavern, and later to Dry Sawmill, about three miles above Liverpool. In 1831 he removed to the canal, a mile and a quarter above McKees Half Falls, where he conducted the "Seven Stars Tavern" for a number of years, after which he made his home on a small tract of land in Chapman township, which he had previously purchased, and which continued to be his place of residence until his death in 1856. His first wife was Barbara Bickle, who died in 1831, and their children were Luzetta, who was twice married, and died in Chapman township; John A.; William, who died in Fremont, Penn.; Edward, who died in Springfield, Ohio; and Absalom, of Chapman township. Philip Moyer married Julia A. Bickle, a sister of his first wife, and they have two children, who died in early life. His third wife bore the maiden name of Susan Kantz, and their children are Mrs. Sarah Tilton, widow, of Chicago, Ill.; Jerome, of Union township, Snyder county; Amelia, who married John Cole, and died in Port Trevorton; William, who died in Chapman township; and Mary, wife of John D. Bogar, of Port Trevorton.

John A. Moyer, whose name introduces this review, was a small child when his parents went to Liverpool. He attended school at the Dry Sawmill, where instruction was given in the "three R's," but advanced little beyond that. At the age of eighteen he began learning the saddler's trade under the direction of Isaac Neyman, of New Berlin, serving a two-and-a-half-years' apprenticeship, during which time all the money he had was what he could earn by two weeks' work in the harvest field, that length of time being given him by his employer. When his term was ended, he followed his trade in the winter and worked on the canal in summer. He was married December 19, 1850, to Miss Louisa Pepper, who was born January 13, 1831. He then located in Port Trevorton, where he lived for five years, during which time he was part owner of the boat, "Maria O. Sayrs." His present farm he purchased of his father, and since 1860 he has not followed boating with the exception of the season of 1867. When working on the canal he owned four mules that he drove for more than twenty years. These mules made fourteen trips from Lock Haven to Philadelphia, a distance of 540 miles, in one summer. Mr. Moyer cared for the faithful beasts until they died, and only a few hours before the last one was killed refused a good price for it. To farm-

ing he has given the greater part of his time and attention for many years, and his systematic and energetic labors in the way of plowing, planting and harvesting have brought to him a comfortable competence. Entirely through his own efforts he has accumulated a capital that now largely enables him to live retired.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moyer were born ten children, but only three reached adult age. Edward W., who was born September 5, 1854, married Saloma V. Reichenbach, and is a farmer of Chapman township; Mary E., born June 22, 1858, is the wife of George F. Wolfe, of the same township; Barbara A., born May 20, 1861, is the wife of Franklin Zerbe, of Chapman township. The mother of this family died in February, 1870. Mr. Moyer was again married, in 1875, his second union being with Catherine, a daughter of George and Polly (Shaffer) Steffe, born May 30, 1841, in Washington township, Snyder county. The children of the second marriage are Mary L., wife of Leonard Ulsh, of Shamokin, Penn.; Alba, wife of John Stroub, of Herndon, Penn.; Dolly A., wife of Levi Carlin, of Chapman township; and Philip, who died at the age of twelve years. In his political adherency Mr. Moyer is a staunch Democrat, supporting each Presidential candidate of the party since casting his first vote for James K. Polk. He has several times served as school director. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Society, and both he and his wife belong to the Reformed Church, in which he is now serving as elder. By extensive reading and observation he has become a well informed man, and possessing an excellent memory is enabled to draw on his knowledge to enrich his conversation. All who know him esteem him for his sterling worth, and commend him for his well-spent life and successful business career.

A A. HUMMEL, of Kratzerville, Snyder county, a well-known druggist and manufacturer of carbonated beverages, is one of the successful business men of his section, and owns valuable property in different places, including the "Central Hotel" at New Berlin. He comes of an excellent ancestry, and on the paternal side is descended from a pioneer, who came up the Susquehanna river soon after the Revolutionary war and settled in Monroe township, Snyder county. His family, which consisted of six sons and three daughters, accompanied him, and their descendants are now numerous. Among the sons was Frederick A. Hummel, our subject's great-grandfather, who was born in Berks county, Penn., and died in Monroe township, Snyder county. Samuel Hum-

mel, the grandfather of our subject, was born at the new home in Monroe township, Snyder county, and became a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in Union township, Union county, at the age of sixty-six, and his remains were interred at Kratzerville. His wife, Catherine Slough, was a native of Union county. They had the following children: Elizabeth, who married Barney Weaver, both now deceased; Miss Lida, who resides with her brother Jonathan; Isaac, our subject's father; William, who was accidentally shot and killed while hunting; Miss Sarah, now residing with her brother Jonathan; Jonathan, a well-known citizen of Union township, Union county; and Frank, a farmer near Freeport, Illinois.

Isaac Hummel, the father of our subject, was born January 21, 1822, at the old homestead in Union township, Union county, and followed farming until 1889, when he retired. Although he was at one time quite well-to-do, he has met with reverses, and now makes his home with our subject. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he has always taken a keen interest in the questions of the day. On June 1, 1847, he married Miss Martha J. Pope, who was born October 25, 1820, in Greenwood township, Columbia county, Penn., and is still living. She is a member of the Evangelical Church, but our subject's father is a Lutheran in religious faith. Of the six children of this worthy couple, our subject is the only survivor. Jackson died at the age of six years; William at the age of ten; Simon at the age of six; and the twins, who died in infancy, were not named.

Thomas Pope, the great-grandfather of our subject on the maternal side, was born in Massachusetts, and married Miss Mary Wilhelm, a native of Maryland, and a daughter of William Wilhelm, who came from Germany. Their son Fredrick, who was named in honor of the Prussian king, became a farmer in Northampton county, Penn., but his last years were spent in retirement, his death occurring at the age of eighty-seven. He married Miss Elizabeth A. Vallerchamp, who died at the age of eighty-two. Their children were Simon, a pattern maker at Williamsport, Penn.; Martha J., our subject's mother; Watson, who died when nine years old; Fredrick, who died at the age of twenty-three; W., who died at ten years; Azima, a farmer in Kansas; Nelson, a farmer in Missouri; Jackson, who is connected with a machine shop at Millersburg, Penn.; and Sarah A., who died in girlhood. The Vallerchamp family is of French origin, and our subject's great-great-grandfather in this line, who died in the city of Paris, was a nobleman of

rank and influence in the court of the King. Simon Peter Vallerchamp, our subject's great-grandfather, came to America with LaFayette during the Revolutionary war, and was twice shot while serving in the cause of freedom. At Philadelphia he met and married Miss Jennie Perton, and their son, our subject's grandfather, resided at Philadelphia where he owned a handsome estate with a large park.

A. A. Hummel first saw the light November 27, 1851, in Greenwood township, Columbia county, Penn., and his boyhood was spent upon a farm. Although he now possesses an exceptionally fine physique, he passed through several critical illnesses in early life, and but for the skillful and untiring care of his mother he could not have survived. When he was six years old, he fell from a hay wagon which passed over him, cutting his head. He had only partially recovered from this injury, being not yet out of danger, when his parents took him out riding in order to give him the stimulus of fresh air and new scenes. On their return home his father left the carriage to pen up some cattle, when the horses ran away. The mother was holding the boy in her arms and both were thrown out, the latter being picked up for dead, as the stitches in his previous wound had all bursted, while other injuries were received. His mother sewed the wounds up again, and for nine days and nights kept him in her arms, tending him so devotedly that he finally recovered. He attended the local schools until he reached the age of eighteen, when he entered Central Pennsylvania College and took a three-years' course. He then taught for one winter at Chestnut Ridge, Snyder county, and in the following spring became a student at Pennsylvania College in New Berlin. At the close of his first term there (in June, 1872), he returned home, and for three years was confined to his bed with cerebro-spinal meningitis, a disease from which few ever completely recover. During his convalescence he attended lectures under Dr. Larison, of Bucknell College, but his ill health prevented him from taking a full course. He is a mechanical genius, being able to make almost anything, and he became interested in watch repairing which he continued for some time as a regular business. He makes elegant cabinets, and has manufactured many keys and similar articles. While at Bucknell College he made a complete set of keys for the institution to replace some which had been lost. In 1880 he opened his present drug store with the thought that he could at least be sure of one good customer. himself, as his health at the time was very poor, and he has made a suc-

cess of the business from the start, while carrying on his other branches of work. In politics Mr. Hummel is a Republican, but he is not an office seeker. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and is in sympathy with any movement that promises to benefit the community.

On March 4, 1873, he married Miss Alice Trutt, and their home is brightened by nine children: Josephine, Jessie I., Jennie E., Clara M., Elmer A., Laura A., Sadie E., Oliver W., and Claud. Mrs. Hummel was born October 23, 1855, at Kratzerville, the daughter of Daniel R., and granddaughter of Peter and Polly (Reichley) Trutt. Her father, who was born in Union county, was a carpenter for many years, but is now living in retirement on a farm in Union township, Union county. His wife, Elizabeth Kratzer, who died at Kratzerville in May, 1893, at the age of fifty-seven, was born at that town, and was a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Fertig) Kratzer. The mortal remains of all now repose in the family burial plot at Kratzerville. Mrs. Hummel was the eldest of a family of nine children, the others being Amanda, wife of Noah Leitzel, a clerk at Northumberland, Penn.; Ada, wife of George Meacle, a railway foreman at Winfield, Penn.; Joan, who married Elmer Heizer, a clerk in a drug store at Bethlehem, Penn.; Oliver D., a dentist in Philadelphia; Miss Clara, who resides with her father at the farm; Mary, wife of Charles Herald, of Jackson township, Snyder county; Irene, who married Lewis Solomons, a machinist at Williamsport, Penn.; and Miss Jennie, who is at home with her father.

WH. SNYDER. If the honor of being the representative farmer of Middle Creek township, Snyder county, could consistently be given to any one man, it surely would fall to our subject, whose career as an agriculturist would furnish ample evidence of his deserving it, coming as he did to the township, buying a large tract of land, and going heavily in debt for a place, where before him others had failed. By his excellent management and industry, he reversed the order of things, and succeeded in the fullest sense of the word. He is a man of much natural intellectual ability, but had very limited opportunities for obtaining an education. His knowledge has mostly been acquired in the school of experience, and he has become a man of unusual business foresight and tact, as his career will show.

Mr. Snyder was born in Dauphin county, Penn., May 9, 1842, and is a son of George and

Sally Snyder, who later removed to a place near Herndon, in Northumberland county, Penn., where the father died at the age of eighty-two, and the mother at eighty-six. By occupation the former was an agriculturist. Of their seven children, our subject is the second son and third child. All his brothers are farmers, and either live in Dauphin or Northumberland counties. In the country schools Mr. Snyder's meager education was obtained, but at the age of seventeen his hearing began to fail, and has since been defective, this affliction greatly handicapping him in his school training. On February 6, 1870, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Elizabeth Snyder, who was born in Northumberland county, in February, 1848, the daughter of Gottfried and Anna Snyder. They have become the parents of three children: Ida, now the wife of George Aurand, of Middle Creek township, Snyder county; and James and Daniel, both at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Snyder located on a farm in Northumberland county, which his father owned, and operated the same for ten years, but in 1880 came to Middle Creek township, Snyder county. He purchased his present fine farm in April, 1896, but had to go heavily in debt for it. The place comprises 270 acres of land, and was known as the old Hubler farm. Being a shrewd and systematic business man, he has met with excellent success in his undertakings, and is now the largest land owner of any resident farmer in Middle Creek township. He stands high as a citizen, and ranks second to none as a progressive and skillful agriculturist. Honest, straightforward and reliable in all things, he has gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life. Politically, he is a Democrat, and religiously is a member of the Reformed Church, while his wife affiliates with the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE F. MILLER, whose honorable identification with the business interests of Washington township, Snyder county, has made him one of its leading and influential citizens, was born September 3, 1832, and is the second son and child, who lived to adult age, of John and Christy Ann (Snyder) Miller. He pursued his studies in the log school house which stood on the bank of the creek not far from the homestead, the school being conducted on the subscription plan. At the age of fourteen his school days were over, and he entered his father's saw-mill, learning the trade. He afterward worked for Joseph Kleckner, of New Berlin, receiving \$21 for three months' service. In the spring of

1849 he returned to his father's mill in Washington township, where he remained for several consecutive years, after which he went to the West, traveling through Ohio and Indiana for a few weeks. Returning then to Pennsylvania, he became a student in the academy at Freeburg under Professors Whitman and McFarland, and later was employed in a mill about one mile from Adamsburg.

On February 18, 1857, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Isabella Dreese, who was born at Adamsburg, December 12, 1837, a daughter of Henry and Polly (Amig) Dreese, the former a native of Adamsburg, and the latter of Juniata county, Penn. The paternal and maternal grandfathers were Jacob Dreese and Philip Amig, respectively. Mrs. Miller was the eldest of a family of six children, the others being Philip, of Penn township, Snyder county; Harrison, of Missouri; Banks and Jacob, who are living in Adamsburg; and Mary, wife of William Klose, of Adamsburg. The father of this family was a farmer, and owned a substantial home. He ranked high as a citizen, and all who knew him esteemed him for his sterling worth.

After his marriage Mr. Miller resided near Adamsburg until the spring of 1858, when he returned to Washington township, living in the old brick house on his father's farm and working in the mill. In 1880 he purchased of his father his present home; he has remodeled all of the buildings, and has a nice brick residence and other excellent improvements upon the place. He continued in the milling business until 1882, when he retired to private life with a comfortable competence which was acquired through his honest toil. The home of Mr and Mrs. Miller was blessed with six children: Christina, who died at the age of three years; Daniel W., who died at the age of twelve years; Adda L., who married William Roush, and died in Washington township, Snyder county; Mellie, wife of B. F. Harley, of Freeburg; John H., who is clerking in Freeburg; and Charles H., a bright and scholarly young man, who engaged in teaching when only sixteen years of age.

In October, 1862, Mr. Miller was drafted for service in the Union army, and was assigned to Company I, 172nd P. V. I. He was sworn into the service at Harrisburg, but afterward was taken ill, and on account of his sickness was discharged. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and has been called upon to fill a number of public offices of honor and trust. He served as overseer of the poor in Washington township, and in 1865 was elected county treasurer, acceptably filling that office for two years.

He and his wife hold membership with the Lutheran Church in Freeburg, in which Mr. Miller served as trustee and is now elder. He has always taken a very active part in Church work, contributes liberally to its support, and earnestly advocates all measures for the benefit of humanity.

SAMUEL BRUNNER, a substantial citizen of Center township, Snyder county, is a prosperous agriculturist whose success is the result of his own hard work and judicious management. He holds in a marked degree the esteem of his associates, his strict integrity and his unassuming manners winning the good will of all. During the Civil war he served sixteen months as a soldier, having been drafted as a member of Company K, 105th P. V. I., and at the battle of the Wilderness he was wounded in the left leg so seriously that he still suffers excruciating pain at times.

He was born March 15, 1832, in the township where he now resides, and was the youngest son and ninth child in a family of ten (five boys and five girls) who were born to John and Polly Brunner. His father was a German by descent, but was a native of Berks county, Penn., and for many years he lived near Centerville, where he engaged in farming and in the cooper's trade. In early years he affiliated with the Whig party, but later he became a Republican. His death occurred at the age of seventy, and his estimable wife, who was born in Center township, Snyder county, lived to be more than eighty years old. Our subject received only a country school education and had but a poor start in business life, as his parents found their means too limited to enable them to provide for their numerous family. He learned the details of farming and of the cooper's trade with his father, and on reaching manhood was employed for some time away from home. When in his twenty-third year, he married Miss Amanda Boyer, daughter of Elias Boyer, and located in Musser's Valley, where he worked as a day laborer. Later he returned home, as his aged father wished him to take charge of the farm under an arrangement which would enable him to purchase the place from the other heirs when the father should pass away. Some years later he sold the property and bought another farm in the same township, where his family resided during his trip to Three Rivers, Mich., on business. On coming back to Pennsylvania he purchased his present farm (in 1867) from Rev. Jacob Farnsworth. The buildings were poor, but Mr. Brunner has since erected a new residence and remodelled the

barn, while other improvements add to the attractiveness of the place, which contains 115 acres of good land.

Mr. and Mrs Brunner have had a large family, several of their children having died in infancy. Of the survivors, Phoebe is now the wife of Franklin Bubb, of Bradford, Penn.; Elias resides in Centerville; John settled in Nebraska; Jane married John Kreamer, of Middle Creek township, Snyder county; Alice married Elmer Zechman, of Middleburg, Penn.; Catherine resides at Centerville; Sadie married Allen Bowersox, of Center township; Adam resides in Nebraska; Henry is a physician at Trevorton, Penn.; William settled in Michigan; Peter lives in Nebraska; and Miss Susan is at home. As an intelligent citizen Mr. Brunner takes keen interest in all the questions of the day. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and his loyalty does not depend in the least upon a hope of official place or power, being based upon principle. His influence is given in a quiet but effective way to any progressive movement, and he is especially friendly to the cause of education, as he believes it to be for the best interests of this republic that its citizens should have the most thorough training for the duties of citizenship. While he is not a member of any Church, he is a sincere follower of the moral precepts of the lowly Nazarene, and his religion is practiced seven days in the week.

AUGUSTUS STROUB has for more than half a century resided in Chapman township, Snyder county, and his name is identified with the best interests by reason of his active co-operation in all affairs that he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. His own record is unblemished, and the probity of his business life is an example well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Stroub was born in Chapman township, August 28, 1844, and is a son of Jonathan and Catharine (Hendricks) Stroub. He attended the schools of the neighborhood, and early became familiar with the labors of the farm. At the age of sixteen he began working as a farm hand for others, but gave his earnings to his father through the two succeeding years. He was determined and faithful in his duties, and his services were therefore always in demand. After his marriage he rented land of his father-in-law, subsequently lived near McKees Half Falls, and continued to rent land at different places until March, 1873, when he removed to his present farm, which he had purchased in the fall of 1872. It comprised seventy-five acres, on which was a log house, but

in 1880 that building was replaced by his present substantial and comfortable residence. He has given farming his undivided attention, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place well indicates the careful supervision of the owner.

At the age of twenty-two, Mr. Stroub was united in marriage to Miss Sallie A. Sechrist, a native of Chapman township, and a daughter of John and Annie (Fisher) Sechrist. To them have been born the following children—John A., who attended school in Freeburg until his sixteenth year, after which he engaged in teaching, is now a merchant of Herndon, and married Alba Moyer, by whom he has one child, Maxwell; William H. is now a clerk in Mt. Carmel, Penn.; Foster, Gertrude and Annie C. are all at home.

Mr. Stroub gives his political support to the Democratic party, and has served as assessor, school director and judge of elections. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he was treasurer for many years and is now secretary. He was formerly superintendent of the Sunday-school, and at the present time is serving as one of its teachers. He is faithful and true to all the duties of public and private life, and his career is one which reflects honor upon the family to which he belongs.

A W. ENGLE. Among the energetic, progressive and representative business men of Snyder county is numbered this gentleman, who is the only male descendant of Solomon Engle, who was one of the most conspicuous figures in this section of the State during the first half of the 19th century. He was a school teacher, and became very widely known. He also served as justice of the peace, and his fidelity to duty in every relation of life won him the high regard of all with whom he came in contact.

William C. Engle, father of our subject, was reared in Beavertown, and in his early manhood traveled over the country as a peddler, carrying his stock in a wagon. He afterward learned the molder's trade in Specht's foundry in Beavertown, and followed that pursuit until failing health caused him to abandon it. He was twice married. He married Barbara Eisenhower, and they had one child, now deceased. After the death of his first wife he wedded Rebecca, daughter of Jacob Klose, and they had three children, but our subject is the only one now living, James and John having both died in childhood. The father was a Whig in early life, but afterward became a Republican. He died at the early age of thirty-two years, but his widow still survives,

at the age of seventy, and makes her home with her son.

A. W. Engle was educated in the district school at Beavertown, Isaac Rothrock being his first teacher. Great improvement has been made in the schools since that time, and no one is more heartily in favor of this than he. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to Simon Benfer, a carpenter, working for thirty-five cents per day, and often putting in sixteen hours. When he had thoroughly mastered the business he began contracting and building on his own account. In February, 1891, he purchased a portable sawmill and complete outfit, and has since engaged in business along that line. He now has a well-equipped sawmill, in 1895 put in operation a planing-mill, and in 1896 added a chopping-mill. He erected a substantial and commodious building in Beavertown, and is now doing an extensive and successful business. He owns 500 acres of mountain land, forty-seven acres of farming land and seven lots in Beavertown, and also erected a very pleasant home there. Mr. Engle was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie A. Shambach, a daughter of John and Catherine (Aurand) Shambach. They now have three children—John W., Charles A. and Mary, all of whom are living. The mother of this family is a member of the Reformed Church, and a most estimable lady. Mr. Engle gives his political support to the Republican party, is a staunch advocate of its principles, and has served for four years as supervisor. He takes a commendable interest in everything pertaining to the county's welfare, and is rated high among its business men, whose honorable methods commend them to the confidence of all.

J S. YEARICK, a well-known resident of Kratzerville, Snyder county, is extensively engaged in the manufacture of flour, operating a mill in Jackson township, Snyder county. For some years he was identified with the mercantile interests of Kratzerville and he has a high standing in business circles in his locality.

He is of German descent on the paternal side, the first of the family to come to America being his great-grandfather, who was a sailor by occupation, and who spent his last days at Mifflinburg, Penn. Henry Yearick, our subject's grandfather, married and passed his life in Union county. The late Samuel R. Yearick, the father of our subject, was born at Mifflinburg, but spent the greater part of his active life at Kratzerville, where he was regarded as a leader in business

affairs and in political movements, being appointed as the first postmaster at the place. From 1851 to 1866 he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, but his later years were spent in retirement, his death occurring July 14, 1889, at the age of sixty-four years, eight months and ten days. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Sassaman, was born in 1829, in Monroe township, Snyder county, the daughter of Jonas Sassaman, who came from Lehigh county, Penn., when a young man, to make his permanent home in Snyder county, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Our subject was the eldest of a family of four children, the others being Emma, who married Amos Harman, a clerk in a store at Elkhart, Ind.; Alice, wife of M. K. Hassinger, a farmer in Snyder county; and Laura, who married William Knouse, a workman in a mill at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Yearick was born at Kratzerville August 30, 1852, and was educated there. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-six, helping his father in the store in the meantime. On leaving home he engaged in mercantile business on his own account, continuing until January 8, 1896, when his establishment was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$2,400. Two years prior to this calamity he had taken charge of a gristmill in Jackson township, and he has ever since operated it successfully. As a good citizen he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and for eight years past he has served as school director. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Selins Grove, and Lafayette Lodge No. 164, F. & A. M., at the same city. He belongs to the United Evangelical Church, and his sympathies are always readily enlisted in favor of any worthy cause.

On March 12, 1870, he was married at Kratzerville to Miss Harriet Benfer, and four children have blessed the union. (1) Henry, who is employed in the mill, married Miss Regina Good, and resides at Kratzerville. (2) Samuel H. married Miss Mollie Harman, and has one child, Marion R. (3) Howard, who is employed in the mill, and (4) Miss Maggie B., both reside at home. Mrs. Yearick was born in Union county, but her parents, Philip and Magdalena (Dreese) Benfer, removed later to Snyder county, where they remained, her father conducting the mill now operated by our subject. To Philip Benfer and his wife eight children were born: Isaac, a farmer in Monroe township, Snyder county; Abraham, a policeman at Warsaw, Ind.; Mary, wife of Robert Bause, a farmer in Snyder county; Miss Catherine; Amelia, wife of Henry Wetzel, a farmer of

Snyder county; Harriet, Mrs. Yearick; Elizabeth, wife of Harris Price, a farmer in Northumberland county; and Sarah, who married J. H. Ferdig, a farmer in Kansas.

SAMUEL KNOUSE, of Center township, Snyder county, is one of the substantial citizens of his locality, and his homestead of three hundred acres near Middleswarth gives evidence of business-like management. While he has made his own way in the world, he has not been unduly avaricious, having enjoyed life as he went along, balancing his occasional losses by his uniform gains. Fair in his methods at all times he has never intentionally harmed any one, and as a neighbor and citizen he is held in the highest esteem.

Mr. Knouse was born March 17, 1841, in Penn township, Snyder county. David Knouse, his father, was a native of Jackson township, Snyder county, and lived there during the greater portion of his life, purchasing the old homestead and engaging in farming as an occupation. He had a poor start in early years, and for a time he followed the shoemaker's trade, but later he confined his work in this line to keeping his own family shod. He married Miss Sally Maurer, daughter of Jacob Maurer, and before settling at his old home he resided for one year in West Beaver township, Snyder county. His death occurred when he was aged seventy-four years, and the remains of both him and his wife were interred at Kratzerville. In religious faith David Knouse was a Lutheran, and in his later years he was a supporter of the principles of the Republican party on the political issues of the time. Our subject was one of eight children, the others being Polly, Hannah, Susan, Jacob, Sarah, Peter, and David.

As the son of a busy farmer Mr. Knouse had but limited opportunities for schooling, the work in his early days continuing far into the winter season on account of a lack of machinery. The schools, too, were inferior to those of the present, and his disadvantages in this respect have made him a hearty advocate of a better system. His first independent employment was in a sawmill, and by careful economy he saved enough money to engage in lumbering on his own account, his operations being begun in Montour county. When he was in his twenty-third year he married Miss Mary Brouse, a native of Jackson township, Snyder county, and a daughter of Henry Brouse, a well-known citizen. Mr. Knouse then located in Northumberland county upon a rented farm, and in addition to his agricultural

work he engaged in hauling timber from the woods to the railroad on contract. His experience in lumbering covers nearly every branch of the business, his last venture being in Snyder county. During his residence in Montour county he purchased a farm, but in 1877 he bought his present homestead, which was previously known as the old "Matter farm." At three different times he has added to his original purchase until it has reached its present handsome proportions, and his improvements are of a liberal and substantial sort. On October 2, 1896, his house was destroyed by fire, but a new one was completed in the following year.

In private life Mr. Knouse is most exemplary, and his family find in him a kind and indulgent father. He and his wife have reared six children: Sarah, now Mrs. George Krebs, of Adams township, Snyder county; Emma, widow of William Swartz; Wilson, a railroad brakeman, residing in Northumberland county, Penn.; Alice, who married Thomas Voneida, of Union county; Miss Lizzie and Miss Ida, who are now at home. Politically, Mr. Knouse is a steadfast Republican, but he has never been an office seeker, the only position he has held being that of school director. He and his wife are both members of the Reformed Church, and at one time he served as elder in that society. His family stands well socially, and he is identified with all the movements that tend to promote the best interests of his neighborhood.

PHARES HERMAN. Among the well-to-do and successful farmers of Snyder county, who have accumulated a competency through their own exertions and economy, and who are carrying on the business of farming in a manner which draws forth praise from every one, is the subject of this biographical notice, who resides in Penn township, and who is now a popular member of the board of county commissioners.

In the township where he still continues to live, Mr. Herman was born January 19, 1840, a son of Frederick and Mary (Kratzer) Herman, both natives of Snyder county, the former born in Penn township, and the later near Kratzer-ville. In early life the father learned the weaver's trade, at which he continued to work in connection with farming, and, although he began his business career in very limited circumstances, he secured a good home and comfortable living. He died at the age of seventy-five, his wife when over sixty, and both were laid to rest at Kratzer-ville. To this worthy couple came the following children: Simon, now a resident of New Berlin,

Penn.; Jacob, who died in Penn township, Snyder county, in the fall of 1896; George, a carpenter and farmer of Mifflin county, Penn.; Philip, of Kratzer-ville; Frank, of Michigan; Frederick, who was married and is now deceased; Phares; John, a resident of Michigan; Peter, who was married and is now deceased; Mary A., the wife of Harrison Row, of Penn township; and Harriet, wife of George Brouse, of Jackson township, Snyder county. The parents were both consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

Mr. Herman pursued his studies in the Herman school, but his privileges along that line were very meagre, as he never attended school more than a year during his life. As the family was large, and his services were not needed at home, he began to earn his own livelihood at a very early age, at first receiving only \$4 per month. When only thirteen he was able to cradle grain, and could do a man's work. At sixteen he began learning the mason's trade under Elias Ritter, of Jackson township, Snyder county, who gave him fifty cents per day for his year's work. The second year of his apprenticeship was under another tutor, who paid him \$1 per day, and at the end of that time they formed a partnership and continued operations together for some time.

On March 11, 1860, Mr. Herman was married in New Berlin to Miss Margaret Klingler, who was born in Penn township, Snyder county, February 8, 1844, and is the second child and daughter in the family of four children of Samuel and Susanna (Fetter) Klingler. She had one brother and two sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Herman have become the parents of six children, namely: Harrison F., now a resident of Wyandot county, Ohio; Mary, who wedded I. F. Laudenslager, and died February 12, 1895, leaving one child, Florence; Percival A., a railroad telegraph operator of Sunbury, Penn.; Jane, who died in childhood; Milton P., who is attending Selins Grove College, and resides at home; and Anna S., at home. Borrowing money to go to housekeeping, Mr. Herman located in Jackson township, Snyder county, after his marriage, but during the war was drafted and became a member of Company F, 172nd P. V. I., under Captain Harrison. The day after the regiment was organized at Middleburg, they proceeded to Harrisburg, where they were equipped for service and sent to Washington, D. C., and subsequently to Fortress Monroe. On being mustered out Mr. Herman returned to his home in August, 1862, and for a time worked at his trade. Later he purchased ten acres of land in Jackson township, on which he erected good buildings and

continued to live until 1874, when he sold and purchased of Henry Ott eighteen acres of his present farm in Penn township. The buildings were all poor and the house was of logs, but it continued to be the home of the family until his present comfortable residence was erected in 1882. The last work Mr. Herman did at his trade was when he laid the wall for his house. His substantial barn was built in 1894. His farm now comprises forty-two acres of valuable land under a high state of cultivation and well improved, and besides his own residence there is another house upon the place, which he rents. In connection with general farming he has extensively engaged in the manufacture of lime since locating here, and this business has proved a profitable source of income.

Mr. Herman's sympathies are with the Democratic party, but he often votes for the man whom he regards as best qualified to fill the office, no matter to which party he belongs. In the fall of 1893 he was elected county commissioner, and so acceptable were his services that in 1896 he was re-elected. He is often called Honest Phares Herman, a title of which he may be justly proud, and which he has well earned, as his life has ever been one of the strictest integrity. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, while his estimable wife holds membership in the Reformed Church. Their sterling worth and many excellencies of character have won for them a host of warm friends and acquaintances.

EW. TOOL, M. D. Man's success is not measured by the heights to which he has climbed, but by the depth from which he has risen. No man in Snyder county is more deserving of praise and commendation for an honorable and useful life than Dr. Tool, who from very humble surroundings has risen to a proud place among the medical fraternity of this section of the State. He has also won distinctive honors in statescraft, and in all life's relations has gained the esteem and good will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

Dr. Tool was born on Staten Island, June 28, 1851, a son of William and Margaret (Lee) Tool. His father was born in Ireland, and was a son of Edward Tool, who brought his family to America, and died in this country when more than eighty years of age. William Tool married Miss Lee, a native of New Jersey, and supported his family by day's labor. They had four children: E. W.; Daniel, an expert mechanic and building inspector of New York; Mary, wife of Philip Smith, of New York; and William, of Sunbury,

Penn. Both the parents of this family died in 1863 of cerebro-spinal meningitis. They left their children destitute of all means of support, and for a time they were cared for by the authorities. Dr. Tool was afterward bound out to a dairy farmer, doing chores and other such work as his strength would permit, being then but twelve years of age. Later he went to the home of his uncle in Wilkes Barre, Penn., and was set to work at picking slate in the quarry. He was afterward made a mule driver in the mines, and a year later began working at the molder's trade, which he followed for two years and eight months. When fifteen years of age he could put up twelve car wheels per day. His wages all went to his uncle, from whom he received very harsh and unkind treatment. On one occasion when his cousins had trampled a field of grain he felt that he would come in for a share of the punishment, although he was innocent of the wrong, and this caused him to run away from home. Night was approaching, and he had no possessions save the scanty clothing on his back. That night he slept in a trough, from which the canal mules were fed, and in the morning he applied for a position as driver of a passing canal boat, and was accepted. He followed that business through the season of 1866, and in the following winter carried mail across the river bridge between Port Trevorton and Herndon. In 1867 he engaged in boating on the Juniata canal for Abraham Favinger, of Newport, and in the winter worked on a farm for his board. He often had to rise at two o'clock in the morning to go to Selins Grove, worked until late at night, and had but two poor meals per day. He was employed as a farm hand until 1868, when the Reading Railway Company purchased the Port Trevorton bridge, and he was appointed collector of tolls, in addition to which he carried the mail across the bridge, receiving for this service his board and clothing.

In April, 1869, Dr. Tool entered the employ of Hon. W. G. Herold, with whom he remained for some time, working at various labors. Subsequently he was captain on the canal boat, "General Washington," which plied the West Branch canal, and later was captain on the boat "B. B. Martin." His next service was in a sawmill, and he mastered every detail of that business, from firing the engine to filing the saws. His labors there were ended, however, when, in the fall of 1874, the mill was destroyed by fire. Seeking other employment, he took charge of the coal office in Port Trevorton belonging to Mr. Herold, but, though twenty-three years of age, he could not figure the cost of the coal, for his education

had ended at the age of twelve years. Thus realizing the necessity of further school privileges, he entered the Missionary Institute at Selins Grove, and later attended Prof. Noetling's Normal School at that place, pursuing his studies through the winter season. He thus prepared for teaching, and later taught the Scholl school, in Union township, Snyder county. He worked on the canal in summer and continued teaching in the winter season, being for five years employed in the Narrows school. At Port Trevorton, his last school, he was employed at an advance of \$5 per month over the former teachers. In his educational work he was very successful, and did much for the schools with which he was connected. Dr. Tool took up the study of medicine under Dr. J. W. Sheets, of Selins Grove, and while reading there acted as hostler and general utility man for his board. In the fall of 1879 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, practicing the strictest economy in order to continue his education there. He had Dr. M. L. Focht, of Lewisburg, as a room mate, and each alternate week he did the cooking and sweeping, the two men studying, cooking and sleeping in one room. He was graduated in 1881, and at once began practice in Freeburg, where he has met with most creditable success, winning a large and lucrative patronage. He has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine, and his skill has won him enviable renown.

In May, 1882, Dr. Tool married Miss Jennie Mertz, of Freeburg, daughter of P. P. Mertz, ex-county commissioner of Snyder county. They have two children: Clarence E. and Susan E. Their home is noted for its hospitality, and in social circles they hold an enviable position. Dr. Tool is a charter member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Freeburg. He was reared in the Catholic faith by his parents, but became a Protestant, and is now a member of the Reformed Church, as is one of his brothers. He belongs to the Odd Fellows Society, and in politics is a staunch Republican, taking a deep and commendable interest in the success of his party, for which he has labored assiduously. He is now school director of his district, was county commissioner one term, chairman of the county central committee in 1886, 1888 and 1889, and in the latter year was appointed examining surgeon on the Sunbury pension board, but resigned on his election to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1890, which office he held for two terms, and was one of the most acceptable members that Snyder county has ever sent to the Legislature. He has also served as vice-president of

Freeburg Academy. That he is a man of strong character is shown by his splendid accomplishments; that he is a man of true worth is attested by his large circle of friends. The history of Snyder county bears the impress of his strong individuality, and his life is well worthy of emulation by those who know him.

A M. SHAMBAUGH*, a well-known citizen of Middleburg, Snyder county, is a self-made man whose career will be of interest to all who appreciate the sterling qualities of industry, energy and foresight. He was born April 18, 1858, in Center township, Snyder county, the son of Jesse and Sophia (Fry) Shambaugh,* who now reside upon the old homestead near Middleburg. The family is of German origin, and the first to come to this country was our subject's great-great-grandfather, George Shambaugh.* George Shambaugh (2)*, the great-grandfather of our subject, became a pioneer farmer of the section now known as Snyder county, and his descendants are numerous in that locality. His youngest son, Christian Shambaugh*, our subject's grandfather, married, first, Miss Mary Walter, daughter of David Walter, a Revolutionary soldier, and, second, Mrs. Elizabeth (Bechtel) Bilger. By the first union he had twelve children, among whom was our subject's father, and by the second he had four, and of this large family thirteen are now living.

Farm work during Mr. Shambaugh's* boyhood was not made light by the use of machinery, as it is at this day, and the threshing season extended far into the winter. He greatly desired an education, but as a dutiful son he remained at home, giving his assistance cheerfully to his parents. In the fall of 1873, he began to learn the blacksmith's trade at Middleburg, receiving \$50 for two years, with a vacation of four weeks in each year during harvest in which to earn a little extra money. After completing his apprenticeship he returned to the farm for a year, and then went to Indiana, where he was employed for some time by a railroad company at a point a few miles south of Fort Wayne. While there he met with misfortune, the first finger on his right hand being crushed. This was in 1875, and soon afterward he came back home to engage in hauling grain and lumber to Mifflinburg for his father. Later he worked for two years as a farm hand, and by close economy throughout all these years of toil he managed to save enough money to buy a farm near Middleburg, paying \$1,500 for it. On April 15, 1878, he was married in Middle-

* Name is more frequently spelled Shambach.

burg to Miss Ada Smith, a native of that place, and a daughter of Harry and Amelia (Stahlnecker) Smith. After his marriage Mr. Shambaugh* located upon his farm, but he sold it subsequently at a small advance and built his present elegant residence in Middleburg. In 1882 he was employed in driving a team and firing a sawmill at Shamokin, but in the latter part of the year he returned to Middleburg, and the following winter was spent in hauling logs in the vicinity of Beavertown. In 1883 he worked for eight months on the Lewisburg & Sunbury railroad. During the erection of the Snyder county jail, in 1886, he was employed around the building as a blacksmith, and in 1887 he opened a shop in Middleburg, where he has since continued his trade with the exception of two years spent in Clinton county. He now has a good business, keeping two hands at work most of the time, and lately he has built an addition to his shop.

He takes much interest in public questions, and is active in municipal affairs, having served as a member of the city council and as tax collector.

WH. HERBSTER, senior member of the mercantile firm of Herbster & Felker, of McClure, was born near Lewistown, in Mifflin county, December 9, 1867. His grandfather, Daniel Herbster, spent his entire life in central Pennsylvania, and was a farmer by occupation. His father, Jeremiah Herbster, was born in Union county, now Snyder county, and acquired a good education. He lost his father when only seven years of age, and has made his own way in the world since that time. Beginning life as a farm hand, he followed that pursuit until he had attained his majority. He spent several years on a farm in Union county, and afterward came to Snyder county, purchasing a farm of eighty-seven acres near Adamsburg, where he still resides. He has made many excellent improvements upon the place, and in connection with the cultivation of his land is engaged in stock raising. In his business dealings he is methodical and honorable, and is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of the county. He gives his political support to the Democracy, and in his religious faith is a Lutheran. In Snyder county he married Barbara A. Oldt, a native of that county, whose death occurred in 1890. He has since married Mrs. Thompson and is still living on the home farm.

Mr. Herbster is the father of thirteen children, all born of the first union, namely: Sarah, wife of David Middleswarth, a merchant of Trox-

elville, Penn.; John, of Yeagertown, Penn.; George, a merchant of Cleveland, Ohio; W. H.; Lydia A., wife of William Snook, of Mifflin county; Charles, deceased; Lizzie, wife of Ammon Beaver, of Beavertown, Penn.; Jacob C., a teacher of Snyder county; Cora, at home; James, of Snyder county; Alvin and Herbert, at home; and Mary, who died in infancy.

To the schools of Adamsburg and Middleburg, Penn., W. H. Herbster is indebted for his educational privileges. At an early age he started out in life for himself and has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that the success that he has achieved is the just reward of his labors. He worked as a farm hand for five years through the summer months for a salary of \$10 per month, and in the winter attended school. He afterward engaged in teaching for several terms in Snyder county, and entered upon his mercantile experience as a clerk in the store in Middle Creek. For two years he was employed by A. A. Ulsh, and then entered his brother George's store in Lewistown, where he continued until 1885, when he came to McClure and purchased an interest in the store of F. P. Decker. That partnership continued for two years, when Mr. Decker sold out to William Felker, and the firm of Herbster & Felker has since conducted a large and profitable business. They carry a well selected stock, and receive from the public a liberal patronage.

On January 9, 1896, Mr. Herbster was married near Middle Creek, Snyder county, to Annetta Knepp, who was born in Selins Grove, a daughter of Edward Knepp, a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Lewistown. Mr. Herbster was reared in the faith of the Democratic party, but his mature judgment endorsed Republican principles, and he is a staunch advocate of that political organization. His business record is most commendable, for from an early age he has steadily worked his way upward, achieving success by perseverance, industry and honorable dealing.

BF. HARLEY. The motto "merit always commands its reward" is well exemplified in the career of the subject of this sketch, who is now a prosperous and leading merchant of Freeburg, Penn. Since an early age he has made his own way in the world, and for many years not only provided for his own maintenance but also aided in the support of the family. Mr. Harley was born in Delaware township, Juniata county, Penn., June 12, 1863, a son of Philip and Debbie (Anderson) Harley. The father is

still living in that county, but the mother is now deceased. In their family were seven children, three sons and four daughters. Our subject acquired his education in the public school near his boyhood home, and continued to reside in his native township until 1890, assisting his parents, who were in limited circumstances and needed his help.

At East Salem, Penn., Mr. Harley obtained his first ideas of mercantile business as a clerk in the store of C. G. Winey, where he received \$9 per month. By close attention he soon learned the best business methods, and being economical was able to save a part of his wages. After a few years spent with his brother, W. E. Harley, at McAlisterville, Penn., he began business for himself in a general store, which he sold on his removal to Adamsburg, Snyder county. There he became a member of the firm of Harley, Bashor & Co., which continued business under that style for three years, when it became Harley & Bashor, but the partnership was finally dissolved. For a short interval Mr. Harley was interested in no business, but in November, 1896, came to Freeburg, where he purchased the general mercantile establishment of Milton Strayer. He at once increased the stock, and became the leading merchant of the place.

On October 16, 1894, Mr. Harley was united in marriage to Miss Mellie Miller, of Washington township, Snyder county, a daughter of George and Isabella (Dreese) Miller. She is descended from one of the oldest and most highly respected pioneer families of Snyder county. Although not a politician, Mr. Harley is a staunch member of the Republican party, and was at one time also an active member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a rising young merchant, and one whose present position—that of the leading business man of his town—has been secured by his own effort. While but a recent arrival in Freeburg, he has already gained the confidence of the people and secured a liberal share of the public patronage by his fair and honorable dealings.

REV. W. H. HILBISH, pastor of Christ Evangelical Church of McClure, was born near Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Penn., October 28, 1867, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary A. Hilbish. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Hilbish, was born in Northampton county, Penn., March 24, 1818, and followed the occupations of farming and wagon-making in pursuit of fortune. His last days were spent in retirement in Shamokin, where he died February

8, 1885. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bahnee, and was a native of Northumberland county, died in Shamokin, January 8, 1897, at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of five children: Catharine, Mary, Benjamin, Hannah and Sarah. Mr. Hilbish was a member of the Reformed Church, and was a worthy man, who had the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

The father of our subject was born and educated in Northumberland county, where he learned the stone mason's trade. He is now a contractor and builder, and has made his home in Shamokin since 1873, being a representative of its leading industrial interests. He was married there, and became the father of two children: W. H., and Benjamin F., who is now a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Long Island. He was educated in Dixon Seminary, and also in a theological seminary in New Jersey. The father holds membership in the Lutheran Church, is a liberal contributor to its support, is a very charitable and benevolent man, whose many excellencies of character have gained him the high regard of all.

Rev. W. H. Hilbish obtained his primary education in Shamokin, and, after his graduation from the grammar schools, entered the office of the Shamokin *Times*, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1886 he matriculated in the Susquehanna University of Selins Grove, where he was graduated in 1889. He pursued this course preparatory to the study of theology, and entered the Theological College at Selins Grove, where he was graduated in 1892. Being ordained as a minister of the Lutheran Church, his first pastorate, covering one year, was at Lariatsville, Lycoming Co., Penn., and on the expiration of that period he went to Roaring Springs, Blair county, where he remained for a year and a half. Since 1895 he has ministered to the spiritual needs of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of McClure, St. Samuel Church in Decatur, Mifflin county, and St. Paul's Church in West Beaver township, Snyder county, also in Troxelville. Under his able supervision the work of these Churches has been carried forward very successfully, and he has established Christian Endeavor Societies in McClure and Troxelville. He is a man of scholarly attainments, a clear reasoner and an able speaker, and as preacher and pastor is quite popular with his people.

On Christmas Day, 1890, Mr. Hilbish was married, in Selins Grove, to Sarah Elizabeth Lutz, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Jacob Yutzky. She is a daughter of William J. and Jane (Sears) Lutz, whose family

numbered five children, but Mrs. Hilbish and Eyer D., who is attending school, are the only survivors. Mrs. Hilbish has proved to her husband a very able helpmeet in his work, and is greatly beloved by the congregation. Two children grace their union—Harry Paul, born December 25, 1891; and William Bruce, born November 16, 1895. Mr. Hilbish is a member of McClure Lodge No. 770, I. O. O. F., in which he is now serving as noble grand, and is also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. His political support is usually given the Prohibition party. He is a man of kindly nature and broad humanitarian principles, generous and kindly, and by example, as well as by precept, indicates to others the way of life.

B P. STROUB, merchant, farmer and postmaster of Pallas, is one of the most progressive, public-spirited and valued citizens of Washington township, Snyder county. He was born in that township, September 22, 1852, a son of Jonathan and Catharine (Hendricks) Stroub. His father was born in what is now Union township, and there still resides. He was twice married, and by the first union had three children: Augustus, a farmer of Chapman township, Snyder county; B. P.; and Alice, wife of Edward Hackenburg, of Center township, Snyder county. The mother of this family died, and was buried in Grubbs Church cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Stroub chose Barbara Steffen, and by this union three children were born: Agnes, wife of Edgar Reish, of Port Trevorton; Saloma, wife of Milton Shaffer, of Chapman township, Snyder county; and Francis, at home.

B. P. Stroub was only six years of age at the time of his mother's death. During his early childhood his father removed to Chapman township, where he was reared to manhood. He pursued his education in the Houtz school house, and later prepared for teaching in the Freeburg Academy under Maj. Dill, a prominent educator of this section of the State. After studying there for two terms he taught school for some time, being for two terms teacher of the Reichenbach school in Washington township, and one term of the Houtz school, in which he began his own education. At the age of twenty-two he was married, and located at Pallas, where he entered his father-in-law's store as a clerk. In 1876, when Mr. Eisenhart was elected sheriff, Mr. Stroub and Percival Reichenbach bought out the store, and under the firm name of Stroub & Reichenbach continued business until 1879. In that year our subject became sole proprietor, and

has since conducted one of the best country stores in Snyder county; he has a large and well-assorted stock, and his fair dealing and earnest desire to please his customers has secured to him a liberal patronage. He is also extensively engaged in farming, and superintends the operation of 170 acres of land; in 1879 he was commissioned postmaster of Pallas, and has held that office continuously since through the various administrations.

Mr. Stroub was united in marriage to Miss Clara Eisenhart, a native of Pallas, and a daughter of Daniel Eisenhart, ex-sheriff of Snyder county, now a resident of Shamokin. They have five children: Harvey, a farmer; Walter D., Jennie S., Grover C. and Sarah E.; and lost their two oldest, Laura, who died at the age of seventeen years, and William V., who died at the age of four years. Mr. Stroub has greatly remodeled his home, and now has one of the good residences in Washington township. His family is very popular in this section of Snyder county, occupying an enviable position in social circles.

In politics Mr. Stroub is a Democrat, and, though not an active politician, is deeply interested in the growth and success of his party. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, has served as deacon, and is now trustee. His wife is a member of the Reformed Church. He is a substantial citizen, who has been the architect of his own fortune. The persevering pursuit of an honorable purpose has brought to him a merited success, and his straightforward business methods have commended him to the confidence and regard of all.

JOHAN TROXELL (deceased) was for many years one of the leading citizens of Snyder county, and left the impress of his strong individuality upon its public life, his name being ineffaceably traced upon its records. He was born in what is now Beavertown, Snyder (then Union) county, in 1800, and was a son of John Troxell, a farmer. His school privileges were rather limited, and he began life for himself at a very early age, working as a farm hand until his marriage. He then rented land near Beaver Springs, and for several years also operated a gristmill. He then purchased 300 acres of land, on which Troxelville now stands. He had no money, but he arranged to pay for the place on the installment plan, and for years struggled and labored hard to clear off the indebtedness. At length he had it free from all incumbrance. He erected a good residence and barn, placed the

land under a high state of cultivation, and, in course of time, made it one of the most valuable farms of the neighborhood. He possessed most excellent business and executive ability, discrimination and sound judgment, and by his well-directed efforts became one of the wealthiest farmers and most highly respected citizens in his section of Snyder county.

It was on his land that the town of Troxelville was laid out. The town was named in his honor, and he built the first house there, while his son-in-law, W. B. Bann, conducted the first store and was the first postmaster. It lies under the shadow of Jack Mountain, and has become a very thrifty and enterprising place. It stands as a monument to the memory of its founder, who in 1852 retired from farming and built for himself a fine frame dwelling there, where he resided for sixteen years, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He passed away in 1868, and was buried in Troxelville cemetery.

In public affairs Mr. Troxell took a deep interest, and did all in his power to advance the welfare and prosperity of the community with which he was connected. He was a candidate for county commissioner of Union county on the Democratic ticket, and ran far ahead of his party, but lost the election by fifty votes. He belonged to the Reformed Church, served as its deacon and was secretary of the Sunday-school. A valued citizen, the entire community mourned his death, and he is yet remembered by those who were his friends in life.

Mr. Troxell was married in Beaver township to Susan Moyer, a native of that township, and a daughter of John Moyer, a distiller and farmer. Eleven children were born to them: Elizabeth, wife of J. P. Smith, of Middleburg; Sarah J., wife of William Baum, of New Berlin, Union county; S. Delilah; Isaac N., a merchant of Philadelphia; Christina A., deceased wife of Isaac Ulsh; Samuel and John M., both deceased; Catherine, deceased wife of Absalom Snyder; Mary and Robert, who died in childhood; and one who died in infancy. The mother of this family departed this life in 1849, and Mr. Troxell afterward married Lydia Keller, widow of Joseph Wedman, of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

S. DELILAH TROXELL, who resides in the home at Troxelville, was born in Beaver township, January 5, 1844, and her early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by study in Middlesburg, and in Union Seminary at New Berlin. She taught school for nine years in Snyder county, and for years was a teacher in the German schools in Strausstown, Berks county. She was extremely successful in

that work, and her superior ability enabled her to command excellent wages.

On account of her father's illness she abandoned teaching, and spent two years at the bedside of her father, attending to his wants, and carefully ministering to him until his eyes were closed in death. She has since acted as her brother's housekeeper. She devotes much of her time to Church and charitable work, is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, was for twenty-five years a teacher in the German Sunday-school in Troxelville, and for twelve years has been president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

CHARLES W. BOUSH, M. D., a successful and prominent physician and surgeon of McClure, is a native of Snyder county, born in Beavertown on May 4, 1868. His grandfather, John Boush, was born on the River Rhine, in Germany, and when a young man crossed the Atlantic to make his home in the land of the free. He took up his residence in what was then known as Union county, Penn., but is now Beavertown, Snyder county, where he successfully engaged in teaching school for many years, being one of the first German teachers in the locality. He also did some manual work, but devoted the greater part of his time and attention to his profession. In politics he was an Old-line Whig, and in religious belief was a Lutheran. He was married in Union county to a Miss Jones, who was of Welsh descent, and they became the parents of ten children: Isabella, deceased; Sophia, widow of John Arbogast, who was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad; Libby, a widow; Mrs. Shoneis; Mary; Amelia; David F.; Elizabeth; and two who died in childhood. The grandfather died in Snyder county in 1853, and his wife passed away in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

David F. Boush, the Doctor's father, received only a German education, and became quite a good German writer. He has made farming his life work, and now owns a fine farm of 120 acres in Beavertown, improved with good buildings, a fine apple orchard, and all modern conveniences and accessories. Since 1891, however, he has laid aside all business cares, and is now living retired. During the dark days of the Rebellion he was a private in Company I, 184th P. V. I., under Capt. L. C. Edmonds, and served for one year and nine months, during which time he participated in a number of battles, but was never wounded. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty, and is now suffering from a stroke of paralysis brought on by

his exposure in the war. He is a deacon and active member of the Lutheran Church, is a strong Republican in politics, and is widely and favorably known throughout Snyder county.

In Beavertown David F. Boush was married to Miss Lycetta Kern, a native of that place, a daughter of an agriculturist of Beaver township, Snyder county. Twelve children were born to this worthy couple: Isaac, a resident of Beavertown; Adamanda; Lucy, wife of Jerome Aigler, of Beaver township; Ellen, wife of Marks Huffnagle, of Union county; Rachel, widow of Amos Snook, of McClure; Albert and Vinarva, both deceased; David Lincoln, who died in childhood; Clarissa and Alice, at home; Charles W., of this sketch; and Elmer, a traveling salesman of New York. The parents still reside on the old homestead in Beavertown.

Dr. Boush acquired his literary education in the district schools of Beavertown, and later taught the high school of that place for one year. During his boyhood and youth he assisted in the work of the home farm, and on leaving the parental roof worked as a farm hand in Union county for one year. For three years he read medicine under the direction of Dr. W. M. Baker, of Beavertown, and, having saved a little money, and by the help of friends, in the fall of 1890 he entered Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, where he spent two terms. Later he took a course of lectures at the Medical University of Baltimore, where he graduated in March, 1893, and the same year passed the State board examination at the Pittsburg Western Pennsylvania College. In June, 1893, he opened an office in McClure, and soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice.

In the fall of the same year, in that place, Dr. Boush was married to Miss Lizzie M. Smith, a native of McClure, and a daughter of Henry N. Smith, a well-known blacksmith of McClure, who is of German descent. To them were born two children: James E., and Carrie, now deceased.

The Doctor takes quite an active interest in civic societies, is a member of McClure Lodge No. 770, I. O. O. F.; is a charter member of the Sons of Veterans, Camp No. 65, of which he was captain two years; and belongs to Camp No. 98, P. O. S. of A.; and Eden Conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophs, No. 60. He is also a prominent and influential member of the Snyder County Medical Society, and is deputy inspector for the State Board of Health. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party, is a member of the standing committee, and is secretary of the school board. In the Lutheran

Church he holds membership, and is an active worker in both Church and Sunday-school. The Doctor and his wife have a beautiful home in McClure, and there hospitality reigns supreme, their many friends always being sure of a hearty welcome. As a physician and surgeon, the Doctor is a man of deep research and careful investigation, and his skill and ability has won him a liberal support. Prominence in his profession comes through merit alone, and the position which Dr. Boush has attained attests his superiority.

REBUBEN J. SMITH, a retired farmer living in Bannerville, Snyder county, was born near Adamsburg, Snyder Co., Penn., January 27, 1835.

Jacob Smith, father of our subject, was born and reared in the southern part of the state, and learned the weaver's trade, which he followed through the winter months, while in the summer he engaged in farming. Removing to central Pennsylvania, he located in what is now Spring township, Snyder county, where he purchased a farm, on which he made his home for a number of years. He afterward bought a farm of 130 acres in West Beaver township, which he improved with a fine bank barn and buildings, continuing his residence there for a number of years, when he sold the property to his sons and removed to Bannerville, where he died in 1868. His wife bore the maiden name of Sophia Brocher, and was also a native of southern Pennsylvania. Her death occurred in Beavertown, this State. In his political belief, Jacob Smith was a Republican. He belonged to the Reformed Church, took an active part in its work and lived in harmony with its professions. In the family were ten children: Sarah, deceased wife of Elias Steminger; Joseph, deceased; Amelia, who died in childhood; Sophia, deceased wife of Peter Knepp; Rebecca, widow of Daniel Snook, of Mifflin county; Reuben J.; Lyddie, wife of James W. Price, of Illinois; Mary, widow of J. H. Ulsh; Amanda, wife of William Smith, of Lewistown, Penn.; and Catherine E., deceased wife of P. H. Knepp.

Reuben J. Smith was educated in the common schools of West Beaver township, Snyder county, and followed the occupation of farming from early boyhood. He never left the old homestead until he put aside business cares. When his father retired he purchased ninety acres of that farm and operated it until 1892, placing the land under a high state of cultivation, which brought to him a handsome return for his labors. He

planted a good orchard, erected a fine residence and other substantial buildings, and in connection with general farming successfully followed stock raising. Prosperity attended his efforts, and his energy and enterprise were crowned with a high degree of success. In 1892 he rented his farm and came to Bannerville, where he purchased a very pleasant home and has since lived retired, enjoying the comforts of life in company with his estimable wife, who has been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet on life's journey for thirty-seven years.

Mrs. Smith, who bore the maiden name of Mary J. Hassinger, was born in West Beaver township, and is a daughter of Daniel Hassinger, who was a well-known farmer of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married in West Beaver township August 30, 1860. Having no children of their own, they are now rearing a grandniece, Minnie Sophia Steeley, in whose education, happiness and welfare they take a deep interest.

During the Civil war, Mr. Smith manifested his loyalty to the Union by enlisting, in the fall of 1862, as a member of Company G, 172nd P. V. I., under Capt. M. Smith and Col. Klickner. He did service with the Fourth Heavy Artillery, and for nine months was in the Army of the Potomac. He was always loyal and faithful, ready to lay down his life if need be for his country, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg. He is an ardent Republican, has served as school director, assistant assessor and tax collector, and his duties are performed with marked fidelity and promptness. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as trustee. He was formerly a teacher in the Sunday-school, and is now a member of the Bible class. He has a genial smile, which indicates his kindly nature, and he is well known for his unbending integrity. To every duty he manifests the same fidelity that characterized his career when on Southern battle fields he followed the old flag to victory.

PETER GARMAN, an enterprising and successful general merchant now engaged in business in his native town of Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder county, was born October 12, 1830.

The Garman family is of German descent, and was founded in America at an early day. The first representative of the name in the county was Henry Garman, grandfather of our subject, who was born in Lancaster county, Penn., and when a young man removed to Mt. Pleasant Mills, then a part of Union county. He pur-

chased a farm of more than 300 acres, and in connection with the cultivation of his land extensively and successfully engaged in stock raising until his death, which occurred in Perry township, Snyder county, in 1847. He was twice married, his second union being with Miss Bargstessen, who became the mother of Peter P. Garman, the father of our subject.

Peter P. Garman was born near Mt. Pleasant Mills, and was educated in German. He followed farming and blacksmithing, and became an expert workman at that place. He also made many excellent improvements upon his farm, which comprised ninety-six acres. In 1851 he established a store, which he conducted up to the time of his death in 1869. He was married in Perry township to Catherine Minium, who was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., a daughter of Nicholas Minium, who followed the tailor's trade in Perry township, Snyder county. Mrs. Garman died in 1891. In the family were seven children: Jonas, a merchant in Dauphin county; Peter; Catherine, wife of David Karstler, of Middleburg; Sophia, wife of Eli Minuig, of Bristol, Ind.; Sarah, wife of Thomas Meiser, of Royalton, Mich.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Henry Meiser, who has also passed away; and William, deceased.

Peter Garman, the subject of this review, began his education in the public schools of Perry township, and continued it in Freeburg Academy. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, and spent the first twenty-two years of his life under the parental roof. In 1850 he went to Watsonville, Ohio, and spent three years working at his trade in different parts of that State, also remained for a short time in Michigan. In 1853 he returned home, and after clerking in his father's store for three years, was made a partner, a business connection that was continued for seven years, when he became a traveling salesman for the firm of Thomas Else & Co., of Philadelphia, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in boots, shoes and rubbers. For twelve years he was connected with that house, traveling over the greater part of Pennsylvania, and wherever he went his pleasant manner and honorable dealing won him the respect of those with whom he came in contact. His next venture was in the hotel business in Middleburg, in connection with David Karstler; but after two years he sold out to his partner, and came to Mt. Pleasant Mills, where he has since engaged in general merchandising. His stock is large and well selected, and his store is the favorite trading point with a large number of the people in the town and surrounding country.

Mr. Garman was married in Perry township, in 1855, to Sarah Sturb, a daughter of Benjamin Sturb, of Perry township. They had two children: Jefferson, a shoe dealer of Aberdeen, Wash., and William D., an operator in Mill City, Ore. The mother of this family dying in 1864, Mr. Garman wedded Mary Landis, a native of Perry township, Snyder county, a daughter of Jacob Landis, who makes his home with Mrs. Garman. Our subject is a staunch Republican and sound-money man, and has served as overseer of the poor. He belongs to St. John's Lutheran Church, has served as teacher, superintendent and treasurer of the Sunday-school, and is a member of the Epworth League. He belongs to Freeburg Lodge No. 611, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the offices, and his life exemplifies the benevolent and worthy principles that underlie that society. He is a successful, honorable business man, a progressive, enterprising citizen, and a kind-hearted gentleman of exemplary habits and character, enjoying the respect of all who know him.

ISAAC SPOTTS, county commissioner of Snyder county, and a practical and progressive farmer of Perry township, was born in Lower Mahoning township, Northumberland Co., Penn., August 18, 1840. His father, John Spotts, was a native of the same locality, and his grandfather was a blacksmith of Northumberland county, of German descent. John Spotts was educated in German, and learned the cooper's trade, which he followed during the greater part of his life. He also farmed in Lower Mahoning township until his retirement from active business life, his last days being spent in Georgetown, where he died in February, 1896. He married Lyddie Hepner, daughter of Henry Hepner, and she is still living at Georgetown, at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Spotts was a member of the German Reformed Church, a Republican in politics, and served as supervisor of his township.

In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: Samuel, of Perry township, Snyder county; Isaac; Eliza, wife of Edward Engel, of Northumberland county; Elias, of Uniontown, Penn.; Joel, of Illinois; Sophia, wife of John Yager, of Lower Mahoning township, Northumberland county; Benjamin, of Illinois; and Frank, of Fremont, Snyder county.

Isaac Spotts attended the subscription schools in the winter months, but his educational privileges were quite limited. At the age of eight years he began working on his father's farm, and was thus employed until fifteen years of age,

when he began working for neighboring farmers at \$100 per year. After three years spent in that way he commenced learning the tanner's trade under Isaac Motter, of Uniontown, under whose direction he worked for three years. He then responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting September 16, 1861, in the three-years' service, as a member of Company B, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. E. G. Savage. He enlisted at Harrisburg, and was in the Western Army under Kilpatrick. The troops were engaged in pursuit of Morgan, and he remained in the service for a year and a half, when on account of disability he was discharged. He was in the hospital at Louisville, Ky., for one week, and in Richmond, Va., for a short time.

Returning to his home in Lower Mahoning township, Northumberland county, Mr. Spotts operated a farm on shares for three years, after which he was employed on the North Central Branch of the railroad as brakeman, flagman and fireman for some years. He was then promoted to the position of engineer on the Baltimore & Potomac railroad in 1873, and after seventeen months' service resigned and returned to Georgetown, Penn., where he was elected constable. In the spring of 1877 he removed to Chapman township, Snyder county, where he followed farming and also spent one year as proprietor of a hotel. In 1881 he came to his present farm, comprising forty-eight acres of good land. He has erected a good dwelling and made other improvements to the value of \$2,000, and is now engaged in fruit growing and stock raising. He is a man of much energy and enterprise, and his keen discrimination in business affairs has brought to him success.

Mr. Spotts was married in Northumberland county, in 1864, to Kate Phillips, a native of that county, and a daughter of Jacob Phillips, a farmer. They had two children: George, a traveling salesman of Somerset county, Penn.; and one who died in infancy. The mother of this family died January 6, 1875. For his second wife Mr. Spotts chose Kate Heikes, who was born in Perry township, Snyder county, a daughter of William Heikes, deceased. They have no children of their own, but are rearing an adopted son, Fred Servy.

Mr. Spotts is a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, and has done much for the success of his party. In 1893 he was a candidate for county commissioner, but met defeat at the primary by four votes. In November, 1896, however, he was elected to that office by a majority of over 1,100, receiving the second highest vote on the ticket, a fact which plainly indicates

his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. In 1888 he was supervisor of his township. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which he is serving as deacon, and he is prominent in civic societies, holding membership in La Fayette Lodge No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selins Grove; the old Odd Fellows Society; and Post No. 316, G. A. R. He is a progressive, enterprising and patriotic citizen, who manifests in the discharge of his duties the same fidelity which characterized his career as a soldier on Southern battlefields.

BENJAMIN F. THOMPSON, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Lock Haven, Clinton county, is the oldest living representative of an honored pioneer family of Nittany Valley. He was born July 31, 1821, on the old Thompson homestead near Mackeyville, Clinton county, and is a son of Moses Thompson, whose birth occurred in October, 1787, in Buffalo township, Union Co., Penn., on the pike one mile east of Mifflinburg.

The grandparents, Benjamin and Nellie (Robinson) Thompson, were pioneers of Buffalo Valley, and were the parents of nine children, as follows: John, a farmer, who died in Canton, Ohio; Moses, father of our subject; Samuel, a Methodist minister, who died on the old homestead in Buffalo Valley; James, who died unmarried in the same Valley; Benjamin, who owned and operated the old home farm in Buffalo Valley; Abigail, who married Philip Pontius, and died in Buffalo township, Union county; Catharine, who married Daniel Lemmon, and lived for years in New Berlin, but died in Williamsport, Penn.; Sally, who married Frederick Pontius, and died in the West; and Rachel, who first wedded John Van Buskirk, and after his death married Jacob Mauck, and died in New Berlin.

On his father's farm in Buffalo Valley, near Mifflinburg, Moses Thompson was reared and remained until his marriage, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He did most of the weaving for the family, as he had learned the trade in early life. In 1812, in Buffalo Valley, he married Miss Hannah Betts, who was born in East Buffalo, June 21, 1792, a daughter of Solomon and — (Dunkle) Betts, in whose family were seven children: William, Solomon, Jr., Catharine, Magdalena, Susan, Rachel and Leah. Mr. Betts was also a pioneer of Buffalo Valley.

After his marriage, Moses Thompson lived on one of his father's farms in Buffalo Valley, where two of his children, Eliza and William

were born, but in 1816, with his little family, he started by wagon for what is now Lamar township, Clinton county, where his father had purchased about five hundred acres of land by the big spring, near Mackeyville. Their route from Union county was through Penn's Valley Narrows and Brush Valley, and across Nittany Valley. A story-and-a-half log house was their home until 1838, when a large brick house was erected, which is still standing and is now occupied by the owner, James H. Porter. Only seven acres of the land had been cleared, everything was still in its primitive condition, and wild animals roamed through the forests. At one time a pack of a dozen wolves entered Mr. Thompson's barnyard and destroyed most of his sheep. He successfully engaged in farming upon that place until life's labors were ended, May 27, 1847, and he was laid to rest in Cedar Hill cemetery. His wife survived him many years, dying February 17, 1886, when past the age of ninety-three, and now sleeps by his side. She was still well preserved, and retained her mental faculties to a remarkable degree. Mr. Thompson, who was a portly, well-built man, very powerful, died of apoplexy. He was unwavering in his support of the Whig party, but aside from regularly casting his ballot for its men and measures, he took no active part in political affairs. In religious belief he and his wife were Methodists, and they enjoyed the esteem and friendship of all who knew them. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Eliza, who never married, and died in Mackeyville, Clinton county, at the age of seventy-nine; William, a retired farmer, who also died in Mackeyville; Solomon, who engaged in farming in Porter township, Clinton county, where his death occurred in the fall of 1896; Benjamin F., of this review; James T., who is living retired in Salona; Moses R., a farmer, who died in Porter township; and Sarah E., who died at the age of sixteen years. The old homestead near Mackeyville remained in the family until the fall of 1854, and the buildings which they erected thereon are still standing.

In the old-time school house, with its slab benches and seats all around the wall, Benjamin F. Thompson began his education under the instruction of John Brady, and he learned to write with a quill pen. He early became familiar with the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, and until thirty-three years of age he remained upon the home farm, assisting his brothers in paying off the mortgage on the same after he attained his majority. On May 31, 1852, in Mackeyville, he married Miss Joanna

Kling, who was born in Lacock township, Lancaster county, Penn., September 15, 1831, a daughter of John and Margaret (Shafer) Kling, in whose family were eight children: Adam, who died near Beavertown, in Snyder county, Penn.; Maria, who married John Rockey, and died near Zion, in Centre county; Moses, who died in Buffalo Valley, Kelly township, Union county; Elias, who is still living in that township; Rezalza, who married Samuel Royer, and died in Lock Haven; Margaret, who wedded William Moyer, and died in Northumberland county, Penn.; Joanna, the wife of our subject; and Diana, wife of Benjamin Graff, who lives near Iberia, in Miller county, Missouri.

John Kling, Mrs. Thompson's father, was born in Lacock township, Lancaster county, in 1794, and was the fourth in order of birth in the family of John and Annie (Bear) Kling, the others being Joel, who died in Nittany Valley, Clinton county; Rebecca, who married William Moore, and died in Kelly township, Union county; Nancy, who died in Perry county, Penn.; Isaac, who died in Upper Lacock township, Lancaster county; David, who died in Chester county, Penn.; Martin, who died in Indiana; Peter, who died in Perry county, Penn.; Hannah, widow of Peter Eckert, and a resident of Lancaster county; and Jacob, who died in Lacock township, Lancaster county. In the spring of 1833, John Kling, Jr., with his family, removed to Kelly township, Union county, but as Mrs. Thompson was ill at the time she remained with her paternal grandparents in her native county, being reared by them until seventeen years of age. Her father spent his remaining days at his new home, dying there at the age of seventy-two. Her mother departed this life in 1844, at the age of forty-seven, and Mr. Kling later married Maria Kling. He and his wives were all buried in the cemetery at Lewisburg. In politics, he was a Republican, and in religious belief, a Lutheran, serving as a deacon in his Church.

For three years after his marriage, Mr. Thompson rented the farm on which he was born, and in the spring of 1855 removed to what is now known as the Brookside farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, which he purchased from Hudson Williams. There he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1874, when he went to Lewisburg, and after three years there passed, he returned to the farm, but in 1882 he laid aside business cares, and has since occupied a pleasant home on Jones street, Lock Haven, where he is surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. In the fall of 1881 he purchased seventy-five and

one-half acres in Allison township, Clinton county, which is operated by a tenant. The success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, good management and strict integrity. He has been officially connected with the Methodist Church, of which he and his wife are earnest and consistent members, and their pleasant, genial manners and kindly dispositions have gained for them a host of warm friends. Originally, Mr. Thompson was a Whig in politics, and is now a stalwart Republican, but has never cared for office, at one time refusing to serve after being elected justice of the peace.

PPETER MEITZLER. It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital, and, from a position of comparative obscurity, worked their way upward to a position of prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances, and take advantages of opportunities offered, brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading business men of the community in which they reside. Prominent among this class is Mr. Meitzler, who is the popular and genial proprietor of the "Riverside Hotel" at Lock Haven, Clinton county.

Mr. Meitzler was born in Germany, September 11, 1831, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lowald) Meitzler, who spent their entire lives in the Fatherland, where the father served as a revenue collector for many years. Until thirteen years of age our subject attended the public schools of his native land, and then crossed the Atlantic to Charleston, S. C., where his brothers and sisters were living, and where he made his home until the outbreak of the Civil war. In the meantime he was bound out to learn the machinist's trade, and after mastering the business he went as second engineer on the steamer "Isabel," continuing to follow the sea until 1857. Returning to Charleston, he engaged in clerking for a time, then went to Columbia, S. C., from there to Savannah, Ga., and later returned to Charleston, where he purchased the "Globe Hotel," on Queen street, and conducted the same until called into the service. When the war was over he came to Williamsport, Penn., where he was engaged in various business enterprises, and finally conducted a hotel at that place. In 1872, when the local option law was passed in Pennsylvania, he came to Lock Haven, and opened the "Railroad House," and has since conducted several hotels there. The "Riverside Hotel," of which he is now proprietor, is one of the best and most complete hotels in the city, it being

supplied with all modern conveniences. It can easily accommodate 200 guests, the cuisine is exceptionally fine, and the place has become a popular resort with the traveling public.

In 1863 Mr. Meitzler was united in marriage to Miss Eva Herr, of Lycoming county, Penn. They affiliate with the Lutheran Church, are widely and favorably known, and have many friends in their adopted city. In his political views Mr. Meitzler is a Democrat, opposed to all monopolies, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. The success of his life is due to no inherited fortune, or to any happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, tireless industry and sterling integrity.

A L. CLINTON, machinist in the town of Renovo, * Clinton County, Pennsylvania.

JAMES E. ROBBINS. The law of cause and effect holds good throughout the business as well as the material world, and certain causes will invariably bring certain results. The qualities which produce a success in business circles are the same—enterprise, good management, unflagging industry and sound judgment. These are marked elements in the character of Mr. Robbins, who to-day stands as one of the leading lumbermen of Noyes township, Clinton county.

Mr. Robbins is a native of that county, born October 10, 1857, in Colebrook township, and is a representative of a family of Scotch-Irish origin which was founded in New England at an early day. His grandfather, Thomas Robbins, was a native of New Jersey, and when a young man removed to Fisher Creek township, Columbia, Co., Penn., where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. Politically he is a Democrat.

Isaac Robbins, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Fishing Creek township, Columbia county, was reared on the home farm, and attended the subscription schools of that locality. In the early '40s he removed with his family to Sugar Valley, Clinton county, where he purchased 280 acres of land, sixty of which had been placed under cultivation, and to its further improvement and to lumbering he devoted his remaining years. He died in 1893, and was buried near the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, in Green township, in which he was a very prominent and active member, being one of its

founders and liberal supporters. He always adhered to the principles of the Democracy, and took a deep interest in the success of his party. He was three times married, his first wife being Miss Walsh, whom he married in Columbia county, and to them were born four children: George, a farmer of that county; John W., father of our subject; Catharine, wife of E. Felter, of Emporium, Penn.; and one son who died in infancy. His wife dying in Columbia county, Mr. Robbins was again married, his second union being with a Miss Condor, of the same county, by whom he had five children: James K. P., of Williamsport, Penn.; Jesse, of Jersey Shore; Emanuel, also of Jersey Shore; and a son and a daughter who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed from earth in Sugar Valley, and was buried in Zion cemetery. For his third wife, Mr. Robbins wedded Mrs. Misener, who is still living in Jersey Shore.

The birth of John W. Robbins occurred in Fishing Creek, Columbia county, April 19, 1828, and the public schools of Sugar Valley afforded him his educational privileges. He worked on the farm with his father during the summer months, and was employed in the lumber woods during the winter season until he attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself as a farmer, and he also worked for a while at the carpenter's trade. Going to Queen's Run, west of Lock Haven, he conducted a boarding house for some time, and also followed lumbering, after which he engaged in the former business at Lock Haven, and was employed in the construction of the railroad to that place, doing blasting. He saw the first train brought to that city. In 1860 he removed to Westport, where he engaged in lumbering with Col. Noyes, and also ran rafts down the west branch of the Susquehanna to Marietta and Columbia. Subsequently he bought a farm of 166 acres in Noyes township, Clinton county, on which he made many valuable improvements; was also owner and proprietor of the "Westport Hotel" for nineteen years, and at the same time followed lumbering. Although he has always been a hard-working man, he is still quite active and well preserved for one of his years, and now makes his home in Westport. As a Democrat he has been elected supervisor and overseer of the poor in his township, and has always faithfully performed every duty that devolved upon him, whether public or private. No man in Clinton county is held in higher regard, or is more deserving the respect and confidence reposed in him. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and of Renovo Lodge No. 595. I. O. O. F.

On April 24, 1855, at Logan's Mills, Sugar Valley, John W. Robbins was married to Miss Elizabeth Herman, a native of that Valley, and a daughter of Michael Herman, a carpenter and farmer of Logan township, Clinton county. Three children were born of this union, namely: James E., the subject of this review; Thomas M., postmaster, butcher and merchant of Westport, who married Vera Kepler, and has two children—Elizabeth and James E., Jr.; and one child who died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in September, 1886, and was buried in Westport. The father was again married, in 1888, his second union being with Mary Campbell, a native of Hyner, Chapman township, Clinton county, and widow of Robert Myers. Three children grace the second marriage: Floar, Elizabeth and John.

The subject of this sketch received an excellent literary education, first attending the public schools of Westport, later the Allegheny College for two terms, and in 1880 graduated at the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, after which he entered the law department of the University of Ann Arbor, Mich., where, on his graduation in 1882, he was granted the degree of Bachelor of Law, and was admitted to practice before the courts of Michigan. Returning to Westport in that year, he bought 2,200 acres of timber land, and engaged in lumbering for three years, when, in partnership with William C. R. Noyes, he purchased 11,000 acres, and together they engaged in the manufacture of lumber for the same length of time. In 1888 our subject erected a sawmill in Chapman township, Clinton county, at the cost of \$4,500, which he still successfully operates. He is the owner of 11,000 acres of timber land besides the old homestead farm in Sugar Valley, and 600 acres of land in the Red River Valley, Polk county, Minn., which he purchased in 1883. He is one of the most energetic, progressive and reliable business men in the county, always upright and honorable in all his dealings, and in consequence he commands the confidence and respect of all who know him.

On August 9, 1883, Mr. Robbins was married at Mill Hall, Clinton county, to Miss Margaret McMicken, who was born at that place, a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Sterrett) McMicken. Her father, who is deceased, was for many years one of the prominent physicians and highly esteemed citizens of Mill Hall. Mrs. Robbins began her education in the schools of that place, and in 1880 graduated from the Central State Normal School, after which she successfully engaged in teaching for several terms in Clin-

ton and Cameron counties. She was a most estimable lady, a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, a teacher in its Sunday-school, and was one of the first to make an effort to secure the erection of a house of worship in Westport. She died March 31, 1896, mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciated her sterling worth. Mr. Robbins is also a prominent member of that Church, has taught in the Sunday-school, served as a steward, and was a member of the building committee. Fraternally, he is connected with Renovo Lodge No. 495, F. & A. M.; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Although he has never been an office-seeker, he has served as school director for nine years, also as clerk of his township, and has ever faithfully performed every duty of citizenship. His industrial interests have made him an integral factor in the business life of his community, his sterling worth has gained for him prominence in social circles, and he is uniformly esteemed by old and young, rich and poor.

HENRY C. WOLFE. On September 18, 1727, there arrived at Philadelphia, the good ship "William and Sarah," bearing a large number of Germans from the Palatinate. Among these voyagers were Hans Bernard Wolf and Hans Jerrick Wolf, or in plain English, John Bernard and John George Wolf. The latter is presumed to have been a son of the former. At that time the Valley of the Tulpehocken, in northern Berks county, was largely settled by Palatines who had come overland from Schoharie, N. Y., where their land titles had been invalidated by the New York authorities. To this Valley the Wolfs also made their way, and becoming members of the little colony accumulated property with characteristic German thrift and enterprise. In 1748 John Bernard Wolf died leaving an estate, his wife, Eve, and son, John George, being made his executors. The latter had several children among whom was a son, George Wendell, the Union county pioneer, who was born on the Tulpehocken March 16, 1740. In 1758 he was bound out to one Jacob Miller to learn the art of cordwaining, and he afterward carried on his business successfully, gaining a handsome competence. Nor was he lacking in patriotism, as he served in the Revolutionary army, enrolling himself in 1776 as a private in Capt. Michael Furrer's Company, Colonel Patton's Regiment, Berks County Militia. On March 12, 1766, he was married to Ann

Elizabeth Reid, by whom he had eight children: (1) Michael, born August 2, 1767, died in 1847. His wife, Catherine Smith, of Lewisburg, passed away in 1858. They had twelve children, among whom were three sons—George, who died in 1882, aged eighty-three years; Abraham, who died in 1878, at the age of seventy-seven; and Michael, born August 6, 1809, who married Margaret Engelman, and removed to Ohio. (2) Magdalena, born December 6, 1768, married a Mr. Noll before her father's removal to Union county, and died at her home in Berks county. (3) Peter, born in 1771, died in Buffalo Valley in 1851. He married a Miss Reid, and had three sons—Peter, Leonard, and Daniel, the latter going to Ohio. (4) Jacob, born May 29, 1773, died in 1814. His wife, Catherine, who survived him, was a daughter of John Bashore, who was killed by the Indians in Buffalo Valley in 1778. She was born June 12, 1772, and married to Jacob Wolf, March 6, 1796. Their children were: Catherine, Elizabeth, Jacob, John, Samuel, and Jonathan. (5) John, born July 17, 1777, married and moved to Ohio at an early day. (6) Christian, born in April, 1779, was for some time engaged in business at Lewisburg as a hatter, but in 1807 located at Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he died in 1833. In later years he entered the ministry and was a prominent supporter of Rev. Jacob Albright, the founder of the denomination known as the "Evangelical Association," which is also known as the German Methodist Church. Christian Wolfe married Barbara Books, of Buffalo Valley, but their descendants are not numerous. (7) Leonard, born May 2, 1782, married and settled in Ohio. (8) Andrew, born May 3, 1784, died in Buffalo Valley, January 21, 1871. His wife, Anna, who died in the same year, was a daughter of Martin Dreisbach, and sister of Rev. John Dreisbach, a colleague of Rev. Jacob Albright, mentioned above. All of this family were active and influential workers in the Evangelical Association; and of the children of Andrew and Anna Wolfe, two sons, Aaron and Simon, were ministers, and two daughters married clergymen, Reverends Benjamin Hess and Henry Rohland, respectively.

As has been said, George Wendell Wolfe was a prosperous man, but as old age drew nigh, he saw that the opportunities for his descendants were rapidly lessening as the region where he had settled became more closely populated. Desiring to remove to a newer section where better provision could be made for them, he disposed of his Berks county property, and, in 1793, purchased from Abraham Mensch about one thou-

sand acres of choice land on Turtle creek, in Union county, a few miles south of Lewisburg. He himself removed to this estate in 1796, and his death occurred there March 12, 1826, his wife following him March 7, 1829. The remains of both were interred in Dreisbach cemetery.

The late Jonathan Wolfe, son of Jacob Wolfe, mentioned above, and his wife, Catherine Bashore, was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, August 2, 1812, and was one of a family of six children left fatherless at an early age. His mother afterward married Jacob Reedy, and lived at the old farm on the creek which became his property in later years, and was a favorite home. Times were hard, and at the age of thirteen he hired out to Mishalls Lincoln, near Mifflinburg, for twenty-eight dollars a year, or fifty cents a week. Soon afterward John Hoy offered him \$5.50 a month, and as Lincoln would not raise his wages the offer was accepted. He remained with Mr. Hoy a year, and for a few months attended a school taught by James Aiken. Through the latter's voluntary recommendation he was offered a situation, in 1827, as a clerk in Joseph Hutchinson's store, where he worked about two years, but being ambitious to see more of the world he determined to go to Philadelphia. He knew no one there, but having heard of the "Bull's Head Tavern," he inquired for it on his arrival, found it, asked for work, and was employed there until he secured a position as clerk and bookkeeper with Solomon Alter, a prominent Philadelphia merchant. He advanced rapidly with Mr. Alter, soon had his entire confidence, and largely administered his business. In May, 1833, he formed a partnership with his brother, Samuel, under the firm name of S. & J. Wolfe, and engaged in mercantile business in Lewisburg. After a time Mr. Alter requested him to return to Philadelphia and manage his affairs, and for three years Mr. Wolfe attended to both lines of enterprise. Later he became interested in milling, in which he met with his accustomed success, and for years he ranked among the wealthiest men of the county, his credit being practically unlimited. It would be difficult to mention all the enterprises throughout the Valley to which he lent a helping hand, sustaining them by money and influence until prosperity was assured.

He was a man of fine sensibilities, and, notwithstanding his lack of suitable educational privileges in youth, and the pressing cares of business life, he became well-informed, showing unusual familiarity with the best literature. History and the works of the great poets were his especial favorites, and he could quote exten-

sively from Shakespeare and the Bible. For the light literature of the day he cared nothing, and it was only when he sat down with some acquaintance whose intelligence invited serious conversation that his abilities, his learning, his ready and apt choice of language, and the charm of his manner were realized. He was married March 29, 1837, to Miss Elizabeth Troxell, granddaughter of George Troxell, one of the first residents of Lewisburg, and the first to die after the town was laid out, his death occurring in 1790. He lived on the corner of Second and St. Catherine streets, and the house is now one of the few remaining landmarks of the olden time. Mrs. Elizabeth Wolfe died May 6, 1876, but Mr. Wolfe survived until February 26, 1890, when he passed away in his seventy-eighth year. Five children are still living: Edwin C.; Mary Augusta, wife of Hon. S. D. Bates; Henry C., whose name appears at the opening of this memoir Leon B.; and Charles J.

Henry C. Wolfe, son of Jonathan Wolfe and Elizabeth Troxell, was born October 9, 1843. He grew up amidst the busy scenes of his father's life, and obtained an accurate knowledge of business affairs. After completing his literary studies at the Randolph Academy and at Lewisburg University, now known as Bucknell College, he took a business course at Eastman's College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Returning home in 1862, he clerked in his father's drug store for some years. In 1872 he became a member of the flourishing firm of W. D. Himmelreich & Co., the firm name being then P. Billmyer & Co. Here, although a comparatively young man, he has assisted in operating the most extensive saw-mill and lumber business in Lewisburg. He was married in 1869 to Miss Sarah Alice Billmyer, a native of Lewisburg. They have one son, Philip, who married a granddaughter of Judge Walls.

While Mr. Wolfe is a most competent business man, he is much more than that—his public spirit being shown in his active support of progressive movements in his locality. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHAN C. DUNKEL, a wealthy retired agriculturist residing near Lewisburg, is the owner of several fine tracts of farming land in Union county, one of which has been in the possession of his family since 1811.

Conrad Dunkel, the grandfather of our subject, in the year named left his early home in Berks county, Penn., to settle in what is now Buffalo township, Union county, where he cleared and improved a farm. He was a natural me-

chanic, turning his hand effectively to any kind of work, and as opportunity came to him he followed different trades, especially that of carpenter. His wife, Susanna Kaufman, to whom he was married in 1793, accompanied him to the new home. She died in 1842, at the age of sixty-eight, and his own death occurred in Lewisburg three years later. Their remains were first interred in the Lutheran churchyard at Lewisburg, but have since been transferred to the family lot in Dreisbach cemetery in Buffalo township. They had five children: John, who was born in 1795, died in East Buffalo township, Union county; George, born in 1800, developed extraordinary strength in boyhood, but died at the age of fourteen from pneumonia, resulting from a cold caught while fishing; Michael is mentioned more fully farther on; Maria, born in 1809, married George Belman, and died in Northumberland county; and George, born in 1818, died in 1820.

Michael Dunkel, our subject's father, was born in Maiden Creek township, Berks county, January 30, 1803, and, coming to Union county in boyhood, always made his home at the farm in Buffalo township. He was slightly crippled in his right arm, as a result of falling from a mill door in childhood, at the old home in Berks county, and was somewhat hampered in his choice of occupations. Twice he began to learn a trade, but gave up the idea. For a short time he worked in a woolen-factory in Berks county, and later spent two years as a clerk in Lewisburg, but finally settled down to farming, in which he succeeded in gaining a handsome competence. His methods were slow and sure, speculation being quite foreign to his disposition and habits. The old farm came to him by will, but certain obligations to the other heirs had to be met before he obtained the sole ownership.

He was fond of visiting and very hospitable, and his wonderful memory made him a most entertaining companion. In boyhood he had received fair educational advantages, which he had supplemented by reading upon various subjects, especially the history of our own and other lands. Politically, he was first a Whig, and then a Republican, but while voting regularly, he was not an office-seeker. In religious work he was active, being a devout member of the Dreisbach Church, to which he gave liberally of money and time, holding various official positions. Although he had not a particularly powerful physique, his constitution was good, and he lived to be nearly ninety years old, and in spite of ten months' suffering from a fall, he retained full possession of his mental faculties to the last. His death oc-

curred December 17, 1893, and his remains now rest in Dreisbach cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth Stitzer, to whom he was married February 16, 1826, was born April 27, 1805, and died March 6, 1877. Her parents, John and Dorothea (Dunkleberger) Stitzer, kept a hotel at Mifflinburg, where they reared a family of eight children, and Mrs. Dunkel was next to the youngest of their three daughters.

Eleven children were born to Michael and Elizabeth Dunkel, five of whom are yet living: Mary, born February 28, 1827, married Peter Rangler, of Lewisburg; Samuel, born February 10, 1829, died March 16, 1829; Carolina, born January 17, 1830, married Levi Gemberling, and died in Kelly township, Union county; John C. is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth, born May 2, 1835, is the widow of John Ryder, formerly a hotel keeper at Vicksburg, Penn.; Susannah, born June 5, 1837, died July 27, 1839; Conrad, born May 15, 1838, died May 16, 1838; George, born May 15, 1838, died June 19, 1838; Susanna, born September 6, 1839, is now Mrs. Adam M. Grove, of Kelly township; Catherine, born February 19, 1842, married Isaac F. Brown, of Buffalo township; James M., born April 16, 1845, was killed June 3, 1863, at the battle of Cold Harbor. He had made repeated efforts to get into the army, offering himself as a recruit in every company that went from Lewisburg, but was rejected. When finally accepted he proved himself a good soldier, and fell while fighting bravely.

The subject of our sketch was born June 26, 1832, at the old homestead, and was educated mainly in that district, attending first the McClure school house on Turtle creek. He studied a short time at Mifflinburg Academy, and had an excellent chance to obtain an education, but he did not especially care for study and his father permitted him to stay at home, where he delighted in being around the horses. With his natural inclination for farm life and his thorough practical training in its details, it is not strange that Mr. Dunkel should have become one of the leading agriculturists of his county.

On January 3, 1856, Mr. Dunkel took unto himself a helpmeet, Miss Catherine Dunkel, who was born October 9, 1833, the youngest daughter of John S. and Leah (Dreisbach) Dunkel, of Buffalo township, Union county, who reared to adult age a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters. After his marriage, Mr. Dunkel continued to reside at the homestead until 1887, when he removed to his present lot of five acres in East Buffalo township, near Salem church. He still owns ninety-eight acres of

the old homestead, and another tract of twenty-five acres in the same township, besides 140 acres in East Buffalo township, making altogether more than 300 acres. At one time he owned property in Kansas, and he has made several trips to the West. For eighteen years he was identified with the Grange, but since his retirement from active business he has given his attention to other lines of thought. He reads a great deal, and is fond of good company, in which his own conversational powers make him thoroughly at home.

On February 21, 1893, Mrs. Dunkel passed to the unseen world. Of their six children, five survive: Mary E. married D. N. App, of Selins Grove, Penn.; Charles E. died at the age of eighteen; William and James M. reside in Buffalo township, Union county; Martin L. lives on the 140-acre farm previously referred to, in East Buffalo township; and Miss Katie S. Dunkel is at home.

Mr. Dunkel believes firmly in the principles of the Republican party, but in local affairs votes for the best man, whatever ticket he may be on. He has served for some time as school director in East Buffalo township, and held several township offices at his former home. He united with the Evangelical Church in his youth, and for thirty-one years was a trustee in Salem Church. While living in Buffalo township he was for a time a deacon in Dreisbach Church.

WILLIAM LINCOLN MERTZ, auditor of Union county, is one of our most progressive and successful agriculturists, and has been for some years a leading live-stock breeder, having upon his extensive farm some fine specimens of Belgium horses, Registered trotting horses, Registered Holstein-Friesian cattle, and Registered English Berkshire hogs. At the recent fair at Lewisburg and Milton, he received the first prize on all stock exhibited, except one cow, and serious doubt was cast upon that decision by circumstances. His business interests do not prevent Mr. Mertz from giving effective thought to public affairs, and the public, recognizing his ability, has chosen him on occasions to various posts of duty, where he has served faithfully and well.

Mr. Mertz was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, July 2, 1860, the son of Henry and Lydia (Aurand) Mertz, who were both natives of Union county, and lifelong residents there. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Mertz, coming in an early day from Berks county, Penn., located in Union county. The later

years of himself and wife were passed upon a farm in East Buffalo township, Union county. He was a farmer, and also engaged in distilling. He died April 5, 1859, aged seventy-eight years. The maternal grandfather, Abraham, and wife died in that township, their remains being interred at Lewisburg. All four grandparents passed away before our subject's birth; and his parents attained a good old age, the father breathing his last November 26, 1889, when in the seventy-fourth year of his age, and the mother surviving until 1896, both being laid to rest in the Lewisburg cemetery. They were devout members of the Evangelical Church, and the father, who was a farmer by occupation, was a steadfast Republican in his political views.

Of their large family of children, our subject was the youngest. The others were: Mary C., born January 4, 1838, died unmarried. Susanna, born October 17, 1839, is now the wife of Cyrus Fetter, of East Buffalo township, Union county. Sarah Jane, born March 18, 1841, married Christian Leader, but is now deceased. Elizabeth, born April 18, 1842, and John, born March 4, 1843, both died in childhood. Lucinda, born April 13, 1844, married C. W. Chappell, a lumberman and merchant in Cambria county, Penn., and has had nine children. Abraham, of East Buffalo township, born October 13, 1846, married Lizzie Dolby, and has had five children. Catherine, born May 26, 1851, married Franklin Kessler, of East Buffalo township, and has had seven children. Jacob, who resides in the same township, was born May 8, 1853, married Sallie Walker, and has one child. Etta A., born November 8, 1854, is the wife of John Richard, of Sullivan county, Penn. Lydia is the deceased wife of M. R. Gearhart, a wealthy retired resident of Union township, Union county.

Our subject gave early evidence of mental ability in his eagerness for an education, and his effective use of every available opportunity for advancement in his studies. The local schools soon proved insufficient for his needs, and in 1878 he spent six months in study in the University at New Berlin. Later he studied for three terms at the Lewisburg Academy, teaching in vacations, and thus earning money for the prosecution of his plans. An uncle, Abraham Aurand, was desirous of having some member of the family enter the ministry, and, noting our subject's love of study, determined to educate him for that calling. Mr. Mertz, who was then about nineteen, had hardly begun to profit by this kindness when the uncle died. The latter had tried to arrange for the future, and, when dying, he called the young student to his bedside and told

him that he could continue his studies as he was to be the administrator of the estate and was provided for. This arrangement failed, however, owing to the fact that Mr. Mertz had not attained his majority, so that he was obliged to depend mainly upon himself for the necessary funds for any further study.

Mr. Mertz taught school for two terms in East Buffalo township, Union county, and then, finding the occupation uncongenial, he clerked for ten months for G. K. Swope, in a general store at Lewisburg. Being strongly urged to resume the work of teaching, he did so for one term, but he turned a deaf ear to all entreaties to continue, and, returning home, he conducted the farm. He was married August 15, 1882, to Miss Hannah B. Kunkel, and took his bride to the old home, but after four years he decided to give up farming and the next three years were spent in operating a threshing machine, which he purchased in partnership with a brother-in-law, J. M. Kunkel. He then moved to Northumberland county, Penn., and conducted John E. Morgan's farm for three years, after which he moved to a farm in White Deer township, Union county, and remained four years. In the spring of 1897 he located in Kelly township, Union county, continuing there the raising of fine live stock, together with general farming.

As a citizen, Mr. Mertz is deservedly popular, and he can always be relied upon to help forward any movement that promises advantage to his community. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Lewisburg; and also belongs to the White Deer Grange, at New Columbia, White Deer Alliance No. 400, of White Deer, and the Royal Arcanum, No. 948, at Lewisburg. In the local Republican organization he is active and influential, and in November, 1896, he was elected to the office of county auditor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mertz have an interesting family of four children: Olive G., born May 13, 1883; Charles E., July 15, 1886; Mary L., September 15, 1892; and Lester L., March 1, 1896. Mrs. Mertz was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, July 31, 1862, the daughter of George and Mary (Moyer) Kunkel, who were natives of Dry Valley, and passed their lives in Union county. The father was a farmer by occupation, and a steadfast Republican in political faith, and both parents belonged to the Reformed Church, their lives giving proof of their devotion to its teachings. Mr. Kunkel died October 20, 1894, aged seventy-three, and his wife did not long survive him, her death occurring June 6, 1895.

Mrs. Mertz was the youngest of six children: (1) Diana, married Edward Young, a farmer of

Snyder county, Penn., and died leaving three children. (2) Michael died at thirteen years of age. (3) Joseph, now a retired resident of Lindville, Penn., married Emma Gundy, and has one child. (4) John M., of Lindville, is still engaged in the threshing business. He married Mary Walter, and has one child. (5) George, a farmer in East Buffalo township, Union county, married Ella Burge, and has two children.

W W. WOLFE, a prominent resident of Lewisburg, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Buffalo Valley, his great-grandfather, George Wendell Wolfe, having located there more than a century ago.

The family originated in Germany, and their history is traced to the time of the arrival of the ship "William and Sarah," at Philadelphia, September 18, 1727, with a large company of emigrants from the Palatinate. On this vessel was Hans Bernard Wolf and Hans Jerrick Wolf, or in plain English were John Bernard and John George Wolf. The latter is presumed to have been a son of the former. The valley of the Tulpehocken in northern Berks county was at that time settled by Palatines who came overland from Schoharie, N. Y., where their land titles had been invalidated by the New York authorities. The Wolfs pushed their way also to Tulpehocken, and settled among these unfortunates. John Bernard Wolf died in 1748. His executors were his wife and his son, John George. The latter had among other children a son George Wendell, born on the Tulpehocken, March 16, 1740, who in 1758 was bound out to Jacob Miller to learn the art of cordwaining. On March 12, 1766, he married Ann Elizabeth Reid. He was very prosperous in business, and accumulated a considerable estate. He served with credit in the war of the Revolution, entering as a private in Capt. Michael Furrer's Company, Colonel Patton's Regiment, Berks County Militia, on August 27, 1776. [See Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XIV, P. 249.] In 1793, when advanced in years, he disposed of his property in Berks county and purchased from Abraham Mensch about 1,000 acres of fine land in Buffalo Valley, in order to locate his children to better advantage than was possible in his old home, and himself removed thither in 1796. The estate was situated on Turtle creek a few miles southwest of Lewisburg. George Wendell Wolf died there March 12, 1826, and his wife, Ann Elizabeth, on March 7, 1829, both being interred in the Dreisbach cemetery. Their family consisted of the following children: (1) Michael, born August 2,

1767, died in 1847. He married Catherine Smith, of Lewisburg, who died in 1858. They had twelve children, among whom were three sons--George, who died in 1882, aged eighty-three years; Abraham, our subject's father; Michael, born August 6, 1809, who married Margaret Engelman and removed to Ohio. (2) Magdalena, born December 6, 1768, married a Mr. Noll before her father's removal to Buffalo Valley, and died at her home in Berks county. (3) Peter, born in 1771, married a Miss Reid, and settled in Buffalo Valley, where he died in 1851. He had sons, Peter, Leonard, and Daniel, who went to Ohio. (4) Jacob, born May 29, 1773, married Catharine, a daughter of John Bashore, who was killed by the Indians in Buffalo Valley in 1778. Jacob died in 1814, leaving a widow and children, viz.: Catharine, Elizabeth, Jacob, John, Samuel and Jonathan. (5) John, born July 17, 1777, married and removed to Ohio at an early day. (6) Christian, born in April, 1779, married Barbara Books, of Buffalo Valley. In early life he was a hatter, and lived at Lewisburg, but in 1807 he removed to Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y., where he died in 1833, leaving but few descendants. He was a minister and a prominent supporter of the Rev. Jacob Albright, the founder of the denomination known as the Evangelical Association, which is also known as the German Methodist Church. (7) Leonard, born May 2, 1782, married and removed to Ohio at an early day. (8) Andrew, born May 3, 1784, married Anna Dreisbach, a daughter of Martin Dreisbach, and settled in Buffalo Valley, where he died January 21, 1871, his wife passing away the same year. The family were prominent members of the Evangelical Association. Mrs. Wolf was a sister of Rev. John Dreisbach, a colleague of the founder of the Church (Rev. Jacob Albright, 1796-1808). Two sons, Aaron and Simon, were ordained clergymen, and two daughters were ministers' wives, Revs. Benjamin Hess and Rohland, respectively.

Abraham Wolfe, the father of our subject, was born in 1800, and died in 1878, and was reared in Union county. He became extensively engaged in agriculture, and was also successful in general business, accumulating a fine fortune for that day. In 1859 he returned to Lewisburg to spend his declining years, and his death occurred there. Politically, he was a Democrat, and for many years he was a leading member of the Evangelical Church. His first wife, Miss Herbst, died from typhoid fever in the second week after their marriage, and he formed a second union, this time with Miss Elizabeth Hoffman, who was born near Mifflinburg, December

24, 1818, and died October 4, 1850. They had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest. Joanna E. married W. P. Thomas, of Lewisburg; and Hiram M. resides at the old homestead, a part of the original purchase.

W. W. Wolfe was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, July 15, 1849, and was reared at Lewisburg, attending the public schools and the academy, now Bucknell College. Several years of early manhood were spent in general mercantile business, but he disposed of this to engage in the grain and coal business, in which he has continued. He also represents in Lewisburg and vicinity several leading insurance companies.

In 1878 Mr. Wolfe was married to Miss Mary M. Gaunt, a native of Centre county, born July 17, 1850, whose father, Richard Gaunt, was of English birth. No children have blessed this union.

MRS. EMILY A. KEISER, East Buffalo township, Union county, post office Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

ISAAC HUBLER. Among the first actual settlers along Turtle creek in Union county were John and Catherine Hubler, the grandparents of the venerable gentleman whose history forms the subject of this biography. He and his brother came from Northampton county and settled in the lower end of Penn's Valley, Centre county, where they lived a number of years. John, finding the timber too heavy to clear, sold his tract and removed to Turtle Creek, Union county. They settled in 1793 upon the farm which has ever since been known as the Hubler homestead, being now occupied by the fourth generation in direct descent. John Hubler was a large man, "raw-boned" and vigorous, and after transforming his Pennsylvania property from the primitive state into a habitable farm, he sought new lands to conquer, making several trips to Ohio, and purchasing a large tract in Stark county, which his sons afterward developed. He died in 1845, aged eighty-two years, and his wife, who was four years younger than he, survived him only ten days. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, but he inclined to the Dunkard faith. The family burial lot in Dreisbach cemetery contains their mortal remains, with those of many of their descendants. They had five sons—Abraham, John, Jacob, Henry and Adam—all of whom except Henry died in Stark county, Ohio. Of their four daughters, Mrs. Metz and Mrs. Focht

also died in Ohio. The others, Sally, who married John Heimbach, of West Buffalo township, Union county, and Eve, Mrs. Peter Wolfe, both died in Union county.

Henry Hubler, our subject's father, was born at the old homestead in January or February, 1801. The nearest school was at Dreisbach Church, three miles away, and the instruction, which was entirely in German, was by no means equal to that given in the average country school of to-day, so that he had but meagre opportunities for learning. He always made his home at the old farm, the other boys taking the lands in Ohio, and he was considered one of the substantial agriculturists of the township. Robust and strong, he did much hard work in his day, but he was not one to introduce innovations in the way of scientific methods of management, being decidedly in favor of following the accepted customs. He kept well within the line of progress, however, building a new barn in 1847 and a comfortable brick residence in 1850. In 1857 he divided the homestead farm, which was a large one, and on the east half built a brick house and large bank barn, of which the subject of this sketch is the owner. He was a man of domestic tastes, seldom leaving home to visit even with relatives. Politically he was first a Whig, and later a Democrat.

In early manhood Henry Hubler was married near New Berlin, Penn., to Miss Rebecca Heimbach, a native of what is now Snyder county, who died in 1877, his own death occurring in 1874. Five children blessed their union: Abraham, now a resident of New Berlin; Isaac, our subject; Jeremiah, who died some years ago at New Berlin; John, who lives on the west end of the old homestead; and Thomas, who died in infancy.

Isaac Hubler's youth was passed at the old homestead on Turtle creek, where he was born October 1, 1826. The country was becoming more thickly settled and, a school having been built about a mile east of the farm, he attended there, his first teacher being Jonathan Shout. Later he studied for three months at Mifflinburg under the well-known educator, Aaron Fisher, but at twenty-one his school days ended. In watching the advancing methods of our modern schools, with their wide range of studies and their humane, yet effective modes of maintaining discipline, he rejoices over the improvement, realizing its value by contrast with the past. He remained at home until twenty-six, when he was married, at Mifflinburg, to Miss Susanna Faust, a native of Northumberland county, Penn., born March 14, 1828. Her father, David Faust, was

twice married, first to Miss Theresa Snyder, Mrs. Hubler's mother, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. By his second wife, Mary Whear, he had one son, William H. The family resided at Mifflinburg, and Mr. Faust and both his wives died there.

Mr. Hubler and his bride began housekeeping at Lewisburg, he being then engaged in business as a drover, buying his cattle in the West and selling them in Buffalo Valley. After two years he removed to Mifflinburg, where they lived seven years, Mr. Hubler spending three years and a half in mercantile business. As his health was affected disagreeably he gave up this business, and, in 1860, he again engaged in cattle dealing, continuing about a year. In the spring of 1861 he rented a farm in East Buffalo township, and after five years there he located on one of his father's farms on Turtle creek in the same township. At first he rented it, but a year previous to his father's death he bought it for a homestead. As advancing years made physical effort less pleasant than of yore, he has given the active work of the place into the hands of his eldest son, and, since 1884, he has been entirely free from business cares. In 1894 he removed to another residence near Salem Church in the same township. His farm contains ninety acres of excellent land, and he owns twenty-five acres of timberland, and two dwelling houses besides the homestead.

Of eight children: Thomas J., the eldest, married Emma Himmelreich; issue, one daughter, Cora V. John H. died in infancy. Margaret A. married Emanuel Hoffman, of Mifflinburg, Penn.; issue, one daughter, Vesta H., and one son, Paul H. James E. married Clara M. Rangler, who died in January, 1897; issue, one daughter, Eva May. William B. died in infancy. Ada M. married Prof. William C. Mauser, of Bloomsburg, Penn.; issue, Helen B., and Marian E. Sallie E. married William E. Benner, of Vicksburg; issue, Mary S. Mazie A. is at home.

Mr. Hubler and his wife are prominent members of the Lutheran Church, in which he held the office of elder for twelve years. He was at one time an active worker in the Farmers Alliance, and his influence has always been felt in local politics. While sympathizing in the main with Democratic principles, he is not a strict partisan, and his friends and admirers are to be found in all classes. He held the office of overseer of the poor for six years while living in a Republican stronghold, and in Mifflinburg he served one year as a member of the city council. In 1858 he was elected brigadier-general by the Second Brigade, Eighth Division of Pennsyl-

vania Militia, his commission being signed by Gov. Packer, but the breaking out of the Civil war caused a re-organization of the force.

JACOB HEFFNER. No country has afforded greater opportunities to the poor man than our own; it is indeed the poor man's country. Here an industrious, frugal man has a chance to accumulate wealth. Many fail to do so, but the best of our population lay by some of their earnings, and soon find themselves in possession of a handsome property. Among them is the gentleman whose name introduces this article, and now, after many years of faithful toil, he has laid aside business cares and is enjoying a well-earned rest at the home of his son, Jonathan, in Alvira. He is the second oldest man in Gregg township, Union county, and is ripe in honors as well as years.

Mr. Heffner was born April 10, 1813, in Berks county, Penn., of which his parents, George and Mollie (Wentz) Heffner, were also natives. The father, a farmer by occupation, was a stalwart Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were earnest members of the Lutheran Church. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Abraham Heffner, spent his entire life in Berks county, and the maternal grandmother died when our subject was but nine days old.

Until he had attained his majority, Mr. Heffner remained under the parental roof, and received his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. Until nineteen years of age he gave his father the benefit of his services upon the home farm, and then began serving a two-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, during which time he was allowed only twelve days each year during the hay-making and harvesting season, in which to earn some money for his own use. On leaving home he lived with a brother-in-law, John Sherrer, in Berks county, for two years and a half, during which time he worked at his trade for seventy-five cents per day.

In the fall of 1836, the fall in which he was married, he bought a house and lot in Greenwich township, Berks county, paying for it \$400, into which he moved April 1, 1837, and lived there until April 1, 1841. He then started with two teams for Lycoming county, arriving there on the 4th of that month. He rented a house for one year at Somerset, in Brady township. In 1840 he had bought twenty acres of timber land. During the summer of 1841 he cleared a piece of ground, and raised his own bread. In the winter of 1841-42 he built a shanty on his own place, moving into it on April 1, 1842. That summer

he built a house. In 1846 he added to his twenty acres fifty-seven acres from the same tract, all woodland, which he purchased. In 1847 he built a barn, doing all of the work himself except the framing of it and raising the building. He also did all of the work on the house. He worked this farm until 1860. He next lived for seven years in Washington township, the same county, but at the end of that time returned to Brady township, and then, in 1877, came to Alvira, Gregg township, Union county. Upon the death of his wife, however, he returned to Lycoming county, and made his home with his daughter Sarah for five years, but since that time has lived with his son in Alvira.

On October 20, 1836, in Berks county, Mr. Heffner was married to Miss Sarah Sherrer, who was born in that county, March 11, 1818, and departed this life October 24, 1882, beloved by all who knew her. Her parents, Michael and Catherine (Neece) Sherrer, spent their entire lives in Berks county, where her father followed the occupation of farming. In their family were six children, namely: John; Daniel; Polly, who married Abraham Spoon; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Jonathan Deitrick; Catherine, who married John Deitrick, a cousin of her sister's husband; and Sarah, the wife of our subject, who was laid to rest in the Messiah Church cemetery in Gregg township, Union county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heffner were born the following children: (1) Catherine is the wife of Harrison Bower, a farmer of Lycoming county, and has two children—Lloyd and Laura. (2) Diana is the wife of John Wert, of Illinois, and has one child, Lula. (3) Susan is the widow of Samuel McLeas, and makes her home in Williamsport, Penn. She has four children—Emma, Katie, William, and Warden. (4) Mary A., of Selins Grove, Penn., is the widow of William Gardner, and the mother of three children—Rosa, Oden and Minnie. (5) Hettie A., twin sister of Mary A., wedded Eli Moller, but both are now deceased. They had three children—Anna, Irvin and Jennie. (6) Jonathan, a farmer of Alvira, married Eliza Wertz, and has four children—Sarah E., William H., John W. and Arthur A. (7) Savilla is the wife of A. A. Witmer, of Alvira, and has three children—Howard, Edith and Austin. (8) Elizabeth is the deceased wife of Frederick Binger, of Maryland. (9) William, also a resident of Maryland, wedded May Linthicum, and has four children. (10) Jacob is a carpenter of South Williamsport, Lycoming county. (11) Sarah is the wife of David Bangest, of Rinktown, Schuylkill Co., Penn., and has seven children—Amandus, Anna, Cora, Oscar, Edith, Mary and

Bessie. (12) George is a carpenter in Pittsburg, Penn. (13) Charles, who is also a carpenter of that city, married Barbara Clark, and has one son, Oden. Our subject now has thirty-two grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Since casting his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren Mr. Heffner has been a pronounced Democrat in politics, but has never cared for official distinction, although he served as supervisor in Lycoming county. At the age of eighteen he joined the German Reformed Church, of which he has since been a consistent member, and as elder, deacon and trustee took an active part in its work until failing health caused his retirement. Although he has reached the age of eighty-five, his eye-sight is good and his hand steady, and, being a great reader, he is one of the best informed men of Gregg township, taking an active interest in the leading questions and issues of the day. The success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts, and by his industry, perseverance and good management he accumulated a comfortable competence, which now enables him to lay aside business cares. In 1847 he was one of several who bought an acre of ground and assisted in building the Messiah Church. He was one of the first deacons of that Church, and served as an elder in the same for sixteen years, as a trustee six years and as treasurer over twenty years.

EMANUEL WOLFE, a veteran of the Civil war, and one of the leading citizens of East Buffalo township, Union county, is the owner of an excellent farm which has been brought to a high state of cultivation under his judicious management.

Mr. Wolfe is a member of a well-known family which is mentioned frequently in this volume, and his parents, Leonard and Mary (Treater) Wolfe, were highly respected residents of East Buffalo township. His birth occurred there February 15, 1837, and his schooling was of the primitive sort, being confined to the irregular sessions in his district. It was not possible for him to take full advantage even of these privileges, as his help was needed on the farm in winter as well as in summer, the old fashioned method of threshing giving him many days of work of which the modern farmer's boy knows nothing. The wholesome country life gave complete development to his strength, and in early manhood he was noted for his fine physique, his tall and well-proportioned frame, six feet in height, carrying his 225 pounds with ease. His reputation for courage and muscular power would

have kept him almost constantly engaged in fights with the "bullies" of the neighborhood if he had not been of a peaceable disposition. As it was, one desired to wrestle with him would usually be obliged to provoke him by some insolent words or acts before Mr. Wolfe would join in a "friendly tussle," which invariably ended in the discomfiture of his opponent. He was still at home when the Civil war broke out, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 142nd P. V. I., under Capt. J. Merrill Linn. His first battle came on December 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg, and soon afterward he was detailed as a teamster, a position which required not only a thorough knowledge of driving, but an ability to act with prompt and self-reliant energy in unforeseen emergencies. He remained in the service until the close of the war, and on receiving an honorable discharge returned home to assist his father on the farm. On March 31, 1872, he married his first wife, Miss Kate Glase, daughter of Samuel Glase, of Buffalo township, Union county, but continued to reside at the homestead. His present farm near Cowan was purchased, in 1875, from David Heiser, and since 1876 he has made his home there, many improvements having been made during the time. The residence has been remodeled and a commodious barn erected. In 1876 Mrs. Kate Wolfe died, her remains being laid to their final rest in the cemetery at Lewisburg. The two sons of this union, Charles and John, now relieve their father of the active work of the farm, and are ranked among the most promising young men of the locality. In 1877 Mr. Wolfe married his present wife, Miss Fannie Young, a native of Buffalo township, who is now one of the active members of the Lutheran Church at Cowan. Since the war Mr. Wolfe's health has not been as robust as before, and about five years ago he relinquished the plowing and other manual labor. His past industry and frugality have won him a comfortable competence, several thousand dollars being laid aside for a "rainy day." He is kind hearted, and his quiet, unassuming manners show the reserve force in a character which has won the respect of all who know him. Politically he is a staunch Republican, but he has never been a candidate for office, all invitations to take a place on the ticket having been declined.

JOHN WOLFE, a veteran of the Civil war, living retired in Lewisburg, is now enjoying a comfortable competence which he accumulated by his own perseverance and industry. He is a representative of one of the old and hon-

ored families of Union county, where he was born November 2, 1823. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth Wolfe, who made their home in this locality at a very early day in its history.

Leonard Wolfe, the father, whose birth occurred in East Buffalo township, Union county, February 8, 1797, there grew to manhood and was married January 21, 1821, to Anna M. Troster, who was born in New Berlin, Penn., August 10, 1801, and was a daughter of Martin and Catharine Troster. For some time her parents resided at Supplee's Mill, in East Buffalo township, but later removed to Ohio, where they spent their remaining days. The mother of our subject died July 1, 1862, and the father, who was a farmer by occupation, departed this life at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth, February 12, 1875. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Lewisburg.

In the family were nine children, namely: Elizabeth, born June 14, 1821, married John Brown, and died in East Buffalo township; John is next in order of birth; Daniel, born February 8, 1826, died in Kansas; Mary A., born March 17, 1828, wedded Simon Gundy, and died in Watsontown, Penn.; Catherine, born June 13, 1830, died March 4, 1837; Samuel, born June 27, 1832, died March 18, 1837; Martin, born August 2, 1834, died February 28, 1837; Emanuel, born February 15, 1837, is a resident of Union county; and Magdalena, born August 5, 1839, is the widow of William Wolfe, and is living near Washingtonville, Pennsylvania.

John Wolfe spent the first twelve years of his life upon the farm where his birth occurred, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to another farm in East Buffalo township, but after a few years there passed, the father purchased the former place, where our subject remained until several years after his marriage. As he was the eldest son, and his services were needed at home, his school training was necessarily very limited.

On March 14, 1851, Mr. Wolfe was married to Miss Leah E. Gundy, who was born in East Buffalo township, September 14, 1831, and is the oldest child of Capt. Jacob and Tachel (Zentmeyer) Gundy. At her birthplace she was reared and married, and her knowledge of a hickory broom or a milk pail was much more thorough than that of geography, as there were only two books of that kind in the school which she attended to a limited extent. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, Jacob is now a resident of Lewisburg; Nathaniel and William died in infancy; John G. died at the age of five

years; and Rachel is the wife of Ferdinand Lindig, of Lewisburg.

For five years after his marriage Mr. Wolfe continued to reside upon his father's farm, and the following year was passed upon another farm in East Buffalo township, but since that time he has occupied his present residence at Five Points in Lewisburg. On March 4, 1865, he enlisted in Company I, 92d P. V. I., under Capt. Hess, and served until the close of the war, being for a part of the time confined by illness in the hospital at Columbus, Ohio. On his return to Lewisburg he followed teaming and farming until 1894, when he laid aside business cares. He has never fully recovered from a stroke of paralysis; but now, in his declining days, he is surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, which have been obtained by his former years of toil. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, and with the Lutheran Church he and his estimable wife both hold membership.

JACOB BOWER was for many years one of the most active, energetic and progressive farmers of Gregg township, Union county, but is now practically living retired, enjoying the prosperity which he secured by his early labors. He was born April 12, 1816, in Washington township, Lycoming county, Penn., and throughout his entire life he has been prominently identified with the growth and development of this section of the State. He well remembers when it was almost an unbroken wilderness, infested by wild animals, and, in common with other pioneers, he shared the hardships and trials incident to frontier life.

Henry and Elizabeth (Wertzler) Bower were both natives of Berks county, Penn., but became acquainted and were married in White Deer township, Union county, then a part of Lycoming county. Both died in Lycoming county, the father in 1866, at the age of eighty-two years, six months and six days, the mother in February, 1836, at the age of sixty-three, and were buried at Brick Church, Clinton township, and Stone Church, Brady township, respectively. They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat. By occupation he was a farmer. In their family were the following children: Jonathan, who was killed by the cars at Montgomery, Penn.; Abraham, also deceased; Mary A., widow of Aaron Wetzell, and a resident of Gregg township, Union county; Jacob, of this sketch; Sarah, widow of Peter Swartz, a farmer of Dakota; Elizabeth,

deceased wife of John Huntington, a resident of New Mexico; and Lydia, who died unmarried. The father and several of his brothers participated in the war of 1812. They were the sons of John and Elizabeth (Bohn) Bower, who were born in Berks county and died in Lycoming county. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Wertzler, passed away at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Bower resided with his parents until the age of twenty-one, and during this time worked upon his father's farm in Washington township, Lycoming county, and attended the subscription schools for three months each winter. He then went to Blackhole, the same township, where he was employed by his brother-in-law, Peter Swartz, in a distillery, for twelve years, at \$10 per month, which was considered good wages at that time. With that gentleman he went to Clearfield county, Penn., in 1846, and there engaged in the manufacture of square timber, and floated the same down the river during the next decade. While in that county they purchased a sawmill, which they successfully operated for eleven years, but at the end of that time Mr. Bower removed to Rush township, Centre county, Penn., where he resided until his removal to his present homestead in Gregg township, Union county, in 1866.

In Morris township, Clearfield county, Mr. Bower was married to Miss Elizabeth Haas, who was born in Moreland township, Lycoming county, October 26, 1824, a daughter of John and Mary (Baker) Haas, who spent almost their entire lives in Northumberland county, Penn., where the father died in 1828, after which Mrs. Bower lived with Peter Swartz. She was the youngest of four children, the others being Washington and Daniel, who died in the West; Charles, also deceased. Her paternal grandfather, Peter Haas, also died in Northumberland county. Six children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bower, namely: John H., born July 30, 1851, in Danville, Penn., married Maggie Gulich, and has four children—Emma, Miriam, Elizabeth and Charles. (2) Abraham S., born October 6, 1853, is a farmer of Gregg township, Union county. He married Hannah Gross, by whom he had two children—Retta and Elizabeth, both now deceased. (3) Lydia E., born in Centre county, May 3, 1855, is the wife of J. S. Houser, who operates the old Bower homestead, where our subject now resides. (4) Charles W., born February 5, 1857, is a lumberman of Allenwood, Union county. He married Tilla Kolbe, and has two children—Francis E. and George M. (5) Mary M., born January 16, 1859, is the wife of

William Houser, a carpenter of Gregg township, who is a brother of J. S. Houser, mentioned above. They have one son—Franklin B. (6) Benjamin F., born August 23, 1863, is engaged in farming near Milton, Penn. He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Huff) Marsh, widow of Jacob Marsh, by whom she had three children—Florence N., who is still with her mother; and Kate and William, deceased. By her marriage to Mr. Bower she has four children—Mary, Jacob, Willard and Homer.

Mr. Bower is the oldest member of the Grange in Union county, being a charter member of Spring Garden Grange No. 32. His first Presidential vote was cast for John Buchanan, but he is independent in politics, always supporting the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. He is a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and has served as collector of the congregation to which he has belonged for the past twenty years. Ever a hard-working, industrious man, he accumulated considerable property, and his success was entirely due to his own well-directed efforts. He enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow-men in the highest degree, and has made many warm friends since coming to Union county.

LEVI CROMLEY. An old-time settler in this region would find little to remind him of former days if he could come back again. Dense forests have given way to well-tilled farms, busy cities with their factories, schools and churches would meet his wondering gaze, and even the familiar turnpike roads of his day, which probably seemed to him then the limit of progress, has been almost superseded for the purpose of traffic by the iron rails that uphold the railroad locomotive. The good old inns, at which the weary traveler along the "pike" could find rest and refreshment, have fallen into decay or have been changed out of all resemblance to the places that he once knew, and we can imagine the delight of finding here and there a landmark like the old hotel at Lewisburg, which has been used as a hostelry for so many years.

The old turnpike once ran by its hospitable doors, but at present it faces on the east the Reading railroad on Market street. Its proprietor, Levi Cromley, who was born in Miles township, Centre county, Penn., September 12, 1817, has himself seen many changes in this section, and can give many interesting reminiscences of old times. His grandfather, Francis Cromley, a German by birth, was one of the pioneers of Brush Valley, and with his wife, who was Miss

Springer, from England, passed his last years there.

Their son Jacob, our subject's father, became a leading business man of Centre county, owning and operating a sawmill and carding machine, and conducting his large farm. He married Mollie Kline, daughter of Jacob Kline, who was also a pioneer of Centre county. They first united with the German Reformed Church, but later became Methodists, in which faith they died, the wife at the age of eighty, the husband at eighty-three. They had ten children: John, who died in boyhood; Jacob, now a resident of Wayne Station, Clinton Co., Penn.; Catherine, deceased; George, who lives in East Buffalo township, Union county; Levi, our subject; Sarah, who married Samuel Snyder, of Centre county; Harriet, a resident of Woodward, Penn.; Mary, who lives near Rebersburg, Centre county; Beckie, deceased; and Philip, who died at the age of seventy-five.

Levi Cromley spent his early life in Brush Valley, but at twenty-eight, having thoroughly learned the tailor's trade, he started out to see what fortune had in store for him. After one year in Richland, Ohio, he returned to his native State and located in New Berlin, Union county, where he followed his trade about thirty years. He then engaged in the hotel business, and after some experiments purchased his present hotel, of which he took possession March 27, 1860.

Mr. Cromley was married, in New Berlin, to Miss Mary Beauford, and eight children have brightened his home: (1) Sarah married H. Cornelius, of Lewisburg, and has two children—Minnie and Maurice. (2) Jacob died at the age of seventeen. (3) Rebecca was twice married; by her first union she had one son, Robert; her second husband was John Fleesman. (4) William, the proprietor of a tin shop at Lewisburg, married Miss Alta McPherson, and has four children—Roy, Laird, Lee, and John. (5) Anna married a Mr. Lewis, and has four children—Nellie, May, George, and Florence. (6) Thomas, born in 1867, died in 1880. (7) Charles, born in 1865, resides in Lewisburg. He married Miss Weingardner, and has three children—Elizabeth, Levi, and one whose name is not given. (8) J. Newton, born January 21, 1871, is now one of the most popular and influential young men of the city of Lewisburg, and has already achieved a degree of prominence in political circles, which speaks well for his future, being at present a member of the Republican Central Committee. He was educated in the public schools of Lewisburg, and at an early age assumed the manage-

ment of the hotel, relieving his father of the cares which advancing years made a burden. He is an active member of the order of Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he has passed all the chairs, and he is now the assistant chief of the Lewisburg Fire Company. His wife, formerly Miss Martha McKaney, is a native of Columbia county, Penn., born September 16, 1873, and they have two children—Warren and Marguerite.

MARTIN D. WOLFE. It is now more than a hundred years since the family to which this well-known citizen belongs became identified with Union county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their intelligence and worth. This high reputation is in no wise diminished in this generation, and our subject, who is counted among the leading agriculturists of two townships, displays in a marked degree the admirable characteristics which the name suggests. An extended account of the earlier generations is given elsewhere, much of the information being obtained from records and papers which have been preserved by our subject. As the youngest son in his branch of the family the duty devolved upon him, in accordance with an old family custom, to hold these treasures for transmission to future generations. The data in his possession having been so fully given it will suffice here to indicate the line of descent from John Bernard Wolf, the founder of the family in America, through John George Wolf to George Wendell Wolfe, our subject's grandfather.

Andrew Wolfe, the youngest son of George Wendell and Elizabeth (Reid) Wolfe, and the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, Penn., May 3, 1784, and was twelve years old when his parents came to this section. His educational privileges were few, but a naturally clever mind enabled him to acquire a goodly store of information. His training in arithmetic had been entirely mental, but he could work problems with ease and accuracy by this method. He was especially well versed in the Scriptures, and in his younger days was a minister in the Evangelical Church, in which he afterward continued to be an active member. He was a large man, five feet, eleven inches in height, and weighed about 200 pounds, and enjoyed excellent health. Fear was unknown to him, and he never hesitated to venture out at any time of night to find out the cause of a disturbance. Genial and fond of company, his home was a pleasant place to visit, his ample means permitting him to extend a gen-

erous hospitality. His extensive reading included all questions of importance in politics and government, and he took keen interest in national issues, first as a Democrat, and later as a Republican, joining that party on its organization. At one time he held the office of supervisor in his township.

On June 5, 1809, Andrew Wolfe was married to Miss Anna Eve Dreisbach, who was born June 20, 1792, the daughter of Martin and Sophia (Bucks) Dreisbach, early settlers in Buffalo township, Union county. Previous to his marriage he had followed the hatter's trade, but he afterward located in Buffalo township on a farm bought at a sheriff's sale, it being then a part of Northumberland county. He died January 21, 1871, and his wife followed him on June 3, of the same year, the remains of both being buried in Dreisbach cemetery.

They reared a large family of children, each of whom received a fair share of their father's wealth as they left the parental roof for homes of their own: (1) Elizabeth, born August 30, 1810, was married May 7, 1829, to Jacob Ritter, and died in Buffalo township, January 14, 1846, her interment taking place in Dreisbach cemetery. (2) Anna, born September 11, 1811, was married in Union county, March 4, 1845, to Rev. Benjamin Hess, an Evangelical minister. They removed to Stephenson county, Ill., where she died March 4, 1861. (3) Rebecca, born March 20, 1813, was married January 28, 1845, to the late Elias Orwig. She now resides in Hartleton, Penn. (4) Simon, born February 22, 1815, followed farming until he was twenty-five, when he entered the ministry of the Evangelical Church. After thirty years of service he became a clergyman in the Reformed Church, and he died in that faith December 23, 1890, at McConnellsburg Penn. (5) Martin, born November 4, 1816, died October 11, 1820. (6) Leah, born August 21, 1818, was married February 11, 1844, to Henry Rohland, an Evangelical minister, now deceased. She resides at Freeport, Ill. (7) Aaron, born August 5, 1820, was at one time a minister in Union county. Later he moved to Stephenson county, Ill., and engaged in farming, and now is a banker in Freeport, Ill. He was married December 10, 1844, to Miss Mary A. Sankey. (8) Andrew Wolf, Jr., born July 28, 1822, moved to Freeport, Ill., was a farmer, and died there, May 2, 1868; his wife was Sarah Herb. (9) Sarah, born September 10, 1824, was married February 13, 1845, to Abram Eyer, and died at New Berlin, Penn., in 1876. (10) Mary, born October 4, 1826, married Isaac Eyer, Jr., and died in Lewisburg, Penn., November

6, 1888. (11) George Jackson, born October 22, 1828, is a dealer in implements at Lewisburg. (12) Susannah, born March 25, 1831, died October 3, 1842.

Martin D. Wolfe, the thirteenth of this large family of children, was born March 10, 1833, and attended, during his boyhood, the schools near his home, his first term being at Buffalo Cross Roads school house. No more earnest friend of better education for the masses can be found to-day than he, as his own limited opportunities have made him sympathize with all youths who desire to obtain knowledge. He and his brother, George Jackson, remained at home longer than the others on the understanding that they were to have the refusal in purchase of the farm. When he was eighteen, Mr. Wolfe began to operate the place for one-half of the proceeds, and continued this plan either with his brother or father until the death of the latter, when our subject became the sole owner.

On January 8, 1878, he was married in East Buffalo township to Mrs. Ada Koonse, *née* Frederick, widow of Henry A. Koonse, and daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunkle) Frederick. Her parents, who were married September 15, 1842, were both natives of East Buffalo township. Her father was born January 9, 1822, the son of Philip and Christiana (Brown) Frederick, and became a prominent citizen, engaging in business as a farmer and cattle dealer. He was a Republican politically, and he and his wife united many years ago with the Evangelical Association. He died January 27, 1880, and his remains lie buried in the Dreisbach cemetery. His wife, a daughter of John and Leah (Dreisbach) Dunkle, was born November 15, 1820, and since 1881 has made her home with our subject. She has two daughters, of whom Mrs. Wolfe is the younger. Susanna, born December 4, 1843, is the wife of Henry G. Swartz, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wolfe was born September 17, 1845, and after attending the district schools of her native township for a time, completed her education at a female seminary in Philadelphia. Her intelligent conversation and kindly manners made her a most agreeable companion. By her first marriage she had two children: Charles, born November 23, 1869, now an attorney at Youngstown, Ohio; and Mary, born October 13, 1874, who possesses rare talent and skill as an artist, and is now an instructor in an art school in Philadelphia. Three children have blessed our subject's marriage: Anna Eve, who lived only twenty-two months; Emma, who died May 1, 1896, aged fourteen years, seven months and twenty-

seven days; and Andrew (the third), born November 9, 1885, who is at home.

After Mr. Wolfe's marriage he resided one year at Lochiel P. O., Union county, and then settled upon the old homestead in Buffalo township. In the spring of 1890 he moved to his present farm, the old Frederick homestead in East Buffalo township, on the pike, two miles and a half west of Lewisburg, where he has an elegant residence. These are both fine estates, and under his able management rank among the best in the county. He stands high in the community, and wields much influence in a quiet way. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, having given his support to the party since his first vote, which was cast for John C. Fremont, for President.

A BRAHAM MERTZ, one of the most thorough and skillful agriculturists of East Buffalo township, is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Union county, where his grandfather, Jacob Mertz, located at an early day, coming here from Berks county, Penn. He engaged in farming and also in distilling, when that business was very common in Union county. He died April 5, 1859, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years, and his remains were interred in the old portion of the Lewisburg cemetery.

Jacob Mertz was twice married, but all of his children were born of the first union, and were as follows: John, who died in Lewisburg; Henry, the father of our subject; Peter, who migrated to Kansas; Barbara and Susan, who died unmarried; Mary, who became the wife of Henry Hawes, and died in Lewisburg; Catharine, who married Peter Aurand, and died at the same place; Elizabeth, who married David Smith, and died in East Buffalo township; Mrs. Peggie Vandergrift, who died in Milton, Penn.; and Mrs. Sarah Fetter, a resident of Illinois.

Henry Mertz spent his entire life upon the old homestead at Mertz Cross Roads, on the Furnace Road, in Union county, dying there just one month previous to his seventy-fourth birthday, in November, 1889. He was a tall, well-built and powerful man, possessing much more strength than any of his sons, and was a farmer by occupation. An enterprising, industrious man and good citizen, he had the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

In 1837, Henry Mertz was united in marriage with Miss Lydia, a daughter of Abraham Aurand, who also belonged to one of the old and honored families of Union county. Her death occurred

February 5, 1896, and she was laid by the side of her husband in the Lewisburg cemetery. In their family were the following children: Mary C., born January 4, 1838, died unmarried; Susanna, born October 17, 1839, is now the wife of Cyrus Fetter, of East Buffalo township, Union county; Sarah Jane, born March 18, 1841, married Christian Leader, but is now deceased; Elizabeth, born April 18, 1842, and John, born March 4, 1843, both died in childhood; Lucinda, born April 13, 1844, is the wife of C. W. Chappell, of Cambria county, Penn.; Abraham is next in order of birth; Catharine, born May 26, 1851, is the wife of Franklin Kessler, of East Buffalo township; Jacob, born May 8, 1853, makes his home in Turtleville, Penn.; Etta A., born November 8, 1854, is the wife of John Richard, of Sullivan county, Penn.; Lydia E., born October 8, 1857, is the deceased wife of G. M. Gearhart; and William L., born July 2, 1860, is a resident of White Deer township; Union county. The parents were both faithful members of the Evangelical Church, while the father was a staunch Republican in politics, and acceptably filled some minor offices.

Upon the old homestead in East Buffalo township, along the Furnace road, Abraham Mertz was born October 13, 1846, was there reared in the usual manner of farmer boys, and in the schools of the neighborhood secured his education, Maria Thompson being among his first teachers. During his youth he worked many summers for farmers of that locality, as the family was large, and his services were not needed at home, but the winter months he spent under the parental roof.

On October 16, 1877, Mr. Mertz was married to Miss Lizzie Dolby, a native of Northumberland county, Penn., and a daughter of Christian Dolby. Five children have been born to them: William C., born May 9, 1878, died December 29, 1890; and Lottie M., born November 12, 1881, Charles M., born December 16, 1883, Emma E., born October 2, 1886, and Blanche J., born April 12, 1892, are all at home. For the first six years after his marriage, Mr. Mertz lived on his father's farm, and then removed to Dry Valley, where he rented land for three years. For the following two years he resided in West Buffalo township, near Forest Hill, but since the spring of 1888 has lived on the Baron Miller farm, one of the finest in central Pennsylvania. Although he is operating rented land, he owns a home and small farm in East Buffalo township, and is acknowledged to be one of the best and most progressive farmers of the community, as his long retention as manager of his present

farm would indicate. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, no man has ever doubted "Abe" Mertz' word, and he is held in the highest regard by all who know him. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and, religiously, he and his estimable wife are members of the Evangelical Church.

JOSEPH ZIEBER, one of the most industrious and thrifty farmers of Limestone township, Union county, is a native of the county, born November 9, 1860, in what is now Beaver township, then Adams. His paternal great-grandfather, Daniel Zieber, was a native of Germany, and with his brother crossed the Atlantic to America, but they became separated soon after landing, Daniel coming to Pennsylvania. All trace of the brother has been lost.

Daniel Zieber, the father of our subject, was born on a farm in Middle Creek township, Snyder Co., Penn., in June, 1811, a son of Daniel Zieber, who died at Smith Grove, that county. For a time after his marriage the former rented land in Snyder county, but later purchased a farm there, and, in connection with agricultural pursuit, also engaged in the distillery business and in stock-raising. A hard-working, energetic man, he labored night and day for many years, engaging in threshing or at anything at which he could make an honest dollar, and, although he started out in life in limited circumstances, he became quite prosperous, owning over 450 acres of valuable land. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and a consistent member of the Reformed Church. He died in April, 1895, at the age of eighty-three years, ten months and seven days, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Troxelville.

The father was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Gemberling, by whom he had the following children: Samuel, now a resident of Michigan; Hannah, widow of Jacob Nearhood, of Troxelville, Penn.; Mary, wife of John Getz, of Adamsburg, Penn.; Elizabeth, who married Aaron Cromley, and died in Hillsdale, Indiana Co., Penn.; and Catharine, widow of Joseph Gotschall, of Mifflinburg. In Snyder county, Mr. Zieber was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Weller, a native of that county, and a daughter of Jacob Weller. She still resides on the old homestead farm in Snyder county, at the age of seventy-eight years, and is the mother of nine children: Sophia, and John, both residents of Snyder county; Daniel, of Mifflin county, Penn.; Jacob, who operates the old home farm; Alvina, who died in infancy;

Susan, now the wife of Henry Hassinger, of Bennerville, Penn.; Wilson, of Pawnee Rock, Kans.; Joseph and Frederick L., of Snyder county.

Each winter during his boyhood Joseph Zieber attended school for a few months, but his studying was mostly done at home, where he "burned much midnight oil." His father being an excellent manager, he found plenty of work for his boys to do, leaving little time for idleness. At the age of twenty-two our subject left home, going to Bellevue, Ohio, where he worked as a farm hand for two years at \$20 per month, but at the end of that time he returned to Mifflinburg, Penn., and engaged in farming with his brother-in-law, Mr. Gotschall, for a time. Later he followed teaming for almost a year, and subsequently was in the agency business, selling buggies and patent rights.

At the age of twenty-five Mr. Zieber was married to Miss Clara Rishel, a native of Mifflinburg and a daughter of George Rishel. They now have three children: Henry W., who is attending school; and Frederick L. and George R., at home. On March 11, 1890, the family removed to their present home, where Mr. Zieber purchased sixty-six acres of good farming land of Len Klose, trading his town property for the place. He has since successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is regarded as one of the most thorough, skillful and reliable farmers of Limestone township. Being a great reader, he has become well posted on the leading questions of the day, and in politics he is an ardent Republican. While a member of the Reformed Church, he and his wife attend the Methodist Church, to which she belongs, and in social circles they occupy an enviable position.

JOSEPH DURST, one of the representative and honored citizens of Union county, is now living retired upon his farm in West Buffalo township. A son of George and Catherine (Moyer) Durst, he was born December 21, 1825, on the old ancestral home near Centre Hall, in Centre county, Penn. With the development and prosperity of this section of the State, the family has been long and prominently identified. His mother was a descendant of the Moyer family, which, with the Orwigs, Wolfs, and a number of other families, emigrated from New York (at that time known as New Amsterdam) to the eastern part of Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war, and there many of their descendants still live. The paternal great-grandfather of our sub-

ject was a native of Germany, and on crossing the Atlantic to this country located in Lancaster county, Penn., where he reared his family. The grandparents, Peter and Esther (Hurst) Durst, were both natives of that county.

Mr. Durst, of this review, is the oldest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: (2) Cyrus, a farmer by occupation, lives at Boalsburg, Centre county. (3) Priscilla became the wife of Henry Dale, but both are now deceased. (4) George is a farmer living at Centre Hall, Centre county. (5) Philip owns and occupies a portion of the old homestead near Centre Hall. (6) Hiram also owns a portion of that farm, where he is now living. (7) John Henry, a valiant soldier of the Union army, was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Two days later our subject went to the battlefield and secured his body, bringing it home and laying it to rest in the Mifflinburg cemetery. (8) Elizabeth.

During his boyhood and youth, Joseph Durst attended the common schools of Centre county, and being a great reader, a man of studious habits, and possessed of a bright intellect, he has added to his limited education until he has become one of the best informed men in West Buffalo township. He continued to live in Centre county until 1867, when he sold his farm to his brother George and came to Union county, purchasing the farm near Mifflinburg on which he still resides. From his father's estate he inherited \$4,000, and he has prospered in his business undertakings he is now numbered among the most substantial and wealthy citizens of the community. Of late years he has laid aside business cares, and is now enjoying a well-earned rest. At the age of thirty, Mr. Durst was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Kleckner, a daughter of David Kleckner, of West Buffalo township, and they became the parents of two children: (1) Sarah A., born February 1, 1857, is now the wife of Cyrus Ruhl, a substantial farmer of Lewis township, Union county, and they have three beautiful children, named respectively—Durst, Charles and Ernest. (2) J. H. Meade, named for General Meade, the hero of Gettysburg, was born May 4, 1863, and died at the age of two years. The wife and mother was called to her final rest July 2, 1876, at the age of forty-four years, one month and two days. On April 24, 1888, Mr. Durst was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary, a daughter of George and Susan (Caldron) Strunk, farming people of Mifflin county, Penn. With Mr. and Mrs. Durst resides her brother, Henry Strunk, who has in his possession a tomahawk, which, if it could speak, could without doubt tell of bloody

work done by it in the hands of its former savage owner.

In his politics, Mr. Durst is a straight and stanch adherent to the principles formulated in the platforms of the Democratic party, and in the exercise of his elective franchise almost invariably supports the candidates offered by that organization. He is a leading and representative man of West Buffalo township, and merits and receives the warmest confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. Religiously, both himself and wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

EDWARD DOUGLASS LEBKICHER, a highly respected resident of Lewisburg, Union county, is an honored veteran of the Civil war, having spent three years in active service in the Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves. He enlisted May 6, 1861, in Company B, as a private, but was in charge of his company throughout the spring of 1864, and until his discharge on June 11, of that year. Among the important battles in which he participated were those of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, the second battle of Bull Run, and the seven-days' fight at Richmond. Mr. Lebkicher comes of patriotic stock, his grandfather Lebkicher having been a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He died at Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

John Lebkicher, the father of our subject, was born in 1795, and, after his marriage to Miss Mary Ludwig, settled in Union county, where he followed various trades, including carpentering and tanning. He was a Roman Catholic in religious faith, and in politics adhered to the Democratic party. His death occurred in 1870, at the age of seventy-four, and his estimable wife, who was born in 1800, passed away at the age of eighty-nine. Of their numerous family, the following lived to adult age: John, who lives in Snyder county; Joseph, who died in 1849, aged twenty; Lavina, who died at twenty-one; Albert, who is a resident of Reading, Penn.; Michael, of Bellefonte; Lucia Ann, wife of Hanson Gussler; Edward Douglass, our subject; and Lewis, who is a resident of New Berlin, Union county.

Edward Douglass Lebkicher was born at New Berlin, December 9, 1837, and grew to manhood there. He began to learn the blacksmith's trade, but before his apprenticeship was completed the war broke out and he promptly responded to the call for men to defend the old flag. On his return from the army he settled in Lewisburg, and has since been employed as a blacksmith in the Central foundry. Energetic, competent, faithful

to every duty, he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he is prominently identified with the G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Lebkicher owns a pleasant home in Lewisburg, and has an interesting family. He was married June 27, 1863, to Miss Anna M. Byers, a native of Lewisburg, born May 6, 1846, and nine children have blessed their union: Charles B., who died in infancy; John, who lived only two years; Lewis, a resident of Lewisburg, who married Miss Seachrist, and has one child, Sterling; Joseph, a painter in Lewisburg; Harry, Mary, Sallie and Elizabeth, who are at home; and Frankie, who died in childhood.

PETER MILLER (deceased) was one of the valued and honored citizens of Buffalo township, Union county, where his entire life was passed. He was born December 9, 1819, a son of George and Sarah (Mertz) Miller, and upon the home farm was reared to agricultural pursuits, but in early life he also learned the carpenter's trade.

On January 11, 1844, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Elizabeth Wise, whose birth also occurred in Buffalo township, December 2, 1820, and for sixteen years they made their home with her parents, Peter and Elizabeth (Voneida) Wise, while he supported his wife by work at his trade and also at farming. In Buffalo township he then purchased the first home he ever owned, and there continued to reside until 1874, when he removed to Buffalo Roads, where he erected a comfortable brick residence. Laying aside active labor, he practically lived retired, though he still continued to oversee the work on his farms.

For almost fifty-three years, Mr. and Mrs. Miller traveled life's journey together, and their home was brightened by the presence of four children, namely: Sarah J., born April 4, 1845, in now the wife of Lewis Hendricks, of Buffalo township; Aaron, born March 13, 1847, is an agriculturist of the same township; Amanda E., born April 12, 1856, died June 9, 1858; and Miles A., born August 20, 1859, is also a farmer.

Industrious, persevering and progressive, from a humble beginning Mr. Miller worked his way steadily upward until he became one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of Buffalo township, leaving to his children each an excellent farm, besides the comfortable home and competence left his widow. He was a shrewd business man, of sound judgment and good executive ability. For many years he served as either a deacon or elder in the Lutheran Church,

of which he was a prominent and influential member, and as a Republican he was called upon to fill a number of minor offices of honor and trust. He passed away June 20, 1896, and his remains were interred in Union cemetery of Buffalo township. His record was an honorable one, and his memory will long be cherished by the many who had the pleasure of his friendship, for his sturdy worth, and for his countless acts of benevolence and kindness. Mrs. Miller, who still survives her husband, is held in high respect as a good woman and a true Christian, she being a worthy member of the Lutheran Church.

J S. RAUDENBUSH (deceased). Rarely if ever in the history of Buffalo Valley has a larger assemblage of people been gathered at the funeral of any private citizen than that which met to pay the last tribute of respect to the late J. S. Raudenbush, of Vicksburg. His sudden death on July 11, 1891, at the comparatively early age of fifty-two years, caused sincere mourning throughout a wide range of acquaintances, to whom his genial manners and upright character had endeared him. While he had not lived to the limit of the allotted term of man's life, he had accomplished more in the business world than most men have been able to achieve in a much longer time. The following brief review of his life will serve to show something of the force of will, the fine judgment, the irresistible energy which marked his career.

Mr. Raudenbush was born August 28, 1838, at McKeesburg, Schuylkill Co., Penn., the son of Daniel and Catherine Raudenbush. The father was in prosperous circumstances, but death came upon him without warning, and his fortune was left in such a state that unscrupulous persons could and did make away with most of it, a large family of children being thus robbed of their rightful inheritance. Mr. Raudenbush remained in his native village, and at fifteen years of age became a clerk in a store there, acquiring a knowledge of mercantile business which afterward proved of good service. His brother, Benjamin Raudenbush, was then a merchant and hotel-keeper at Adamsburg, Snyder county, and during a brief visit there Mr. Raudenbush became so impressed with the advantages of this section that he decided to remain. About this time his brother opened a small store at White Springs, Lime-stone township, Union county, placing our subject in charge, and in this somewhat restricted sphere Mr. Raudenbush showed his ability by making an unqualified success. Thus encouraged, he determined to establish a business of

his own at what is now Vicksburg, and in the summer of 1865 he built the second house at the place, a store and dwelling combined, and removed his stock from White Springs. The venture was not regarded favorably by the business men of his acquaintance, but the event proved his wisdom. Among the shrewd movements which contributed to his success was the inauguration of regular trips in a railway car to the coal region, where he disposed of farm produce, grain, meat, live stock and other commodities, thus building up a trade which brought thousands of dollars into his locality to be distributed among the farmers, for whose produce he thus secured a market. His increasing business compelled frequent enlargement of his building, and it was not many years before he became known among the wealthy men of the county. He was interested in many important business ventures, including the Farmers' Bank at Mifflinburg, of which he was a vice-president. In 1872 he built the first and for twenty years the only grain elevator at Vicksburg. His advent in that locality was the signal for progress and growth, and he suggested the name of the town at a meeting called by him in September, 1865, to consider the plans for organization. He at once applied for a post office at the place, and became the first postmaster. His estate at his death was estimated at \$100,000. Although a staunch Republican in politics, he never diverted his attention from his business to enter public life, the only office he ever held being that of school director.

Like many of our successful men the "tide which bore him on to fortune" seems to have set in at the time of his marriage to an intelligent and sympathetic helpmeet. On June 1, 1865, he was married to Miss Mary A. Rule, a native of Lewis township, Union county, born June 28, 1841. Her father, Jacob Rule, Sr., was a well-known farmer of Lewis township. Her mother, whose maiden name was Sally Stitzer, was a daughter of David Stitzer, a blacksmith by trade, who for many years kept a hotel in Mifflinburg. Mrs. Raudenbush was the next to the youngest in a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters. She was reared as a farmer's daughter, attending the common schools of the township, but with the characteristic adaptibility of American women has shown herself capable of filling any position with success. In the fall of 1865 Mr. and Mrs. Raudenbush began house-keeping at Vicksburg in the building which was occupied by the store, but in 1886 they erected the finest residence in the county outside of Lewisburg. It is of brick, with hardwood finish on the interior, and is supplied with every modern

convenience, including steam heat and hot and cold water in the bath rooms. The widow still occupies this elegant home. Of the three children, the eldest, Harry R., born May 3, 1866, is a graduate of Duff's Business College, at Pittsburg, and for some time past has managed his father's mercantile business. He resides at Bluff City, Va. Cora V., born February 2, 1868, who was educated at Lewisburg Institute and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, is at home; Benjamin F., born July 15, 1877, is a student at the Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Mr. Raudenbush and his wife united with the Reformed Church early in their married life, and while they were members of the congregation at Dreisbach Church, the funeral services were held in the Mifflinburg Church, the Masonic society of which Mr. Raudenbush was a member taking charge of the ceremonies. It was while engaged in his usual duties at the store on Monday morning in July, 1891, that the first warning of approaching death came in the form of a paralytic stroke, and after his removal to his home near by, he never again left it, his death occurring on the following Saturday. A brief but impressive service was held at the home on July 15, the day of the funeral, in the presence of an immense number of sorrowing neighbors and friends, and a procession nearly a mile in length followed the remains to Mifflinburg. There his pastor, Rev. Kohler, delivered a thoughtful and touching address from which we quote the following: "We are all mourners here this morning. A life of exemplary business service has unexpectedly closed. The affectionate husband, loving father, the helper and counselor of us all, the true brother and warm friend, the industrious, plodding business man, kind neighbor and excellent citizen, has passed from our sight, but not from our love and memory. We who are assembled here are not all who share an interest in this untimely death. There are not a few who are prevented from mingling their tears with ours through engagements, others whose health does not permit them to be with us, to pay the last tribute of respect which the living ever pay to the virtues and memory of our honored dead; and beyond us and above us, if we could but penetrate with human eye the veil that separates the spirit world from the natural, there is still a greater congregation than here, of angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, who desire to look into the mystery of human redemption and rejoice over the triumphs of a redeemed soul. And at this time when the gates of heaven are perched a

little ajar, and the place where we stand, holy ground, it does not become us to fret or murmur or complain against an all-wise God, and an all-loving Father for taking from our midst so unexpectedly the soul of our beloved brother, but rather let us reverently and obediently say, 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be His holy name. The Lord is righteous still. He doeth all things well.' "

W SCOTT HALFPENNY, secretary and treasurer of the Lewisburg Woolen Company, of Lewisburg, Union county, and manager of their extensive plant, is an able and successful business man, whose judgment has great value among his associates. Like many of the substantial citizens, he is of English descent, the first ancestor to cross the ocean being his great-grandfather, James Halfpenny, of Wales.

Mark Halfpenny, Jr., the father of our subject, was born September 24, 1812, at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Penn., a son of Mark Halfpenny, Sr., a native of Montgomery county, Penn., and his wife, Mary (Saylor) Halfpenny. At the early age of ten years, Mark Halfpenny, Jr. was apprenticed to Samuel Rogers, of Muncy, Penn., to learn the business of woolen manufacturing. In 1837 he and his brother, James, under the firm name of J. & M. Halfpenny, commenced business at Millheim, Centre county, and in 1841 they removed to Laurel Run, near Laurelton, Union county, where they continued business until 1851, when they dissolved partnership, and Mark Halfpenny built a woolen-mill a few miles north of Laurelton, and carried on business himself until 1866, when the factory was destroyed by fire; he then removed to Lewisburg, and established the Lewisburg Woolen Mills, which he conducted until 1870, when the firm of M. Halfpenny & Sons was organized by the admission of his two sons, W. F. and W. S. Halfpenny, who continued business until 1874, when the firm of M. Halfpenny & Co., consisting of M. Halfpenny, W. A. Schreyer and W. S. Halfpenny, was organized, and the business continued by them until 1878, when the mill was burned. It was immediately rebuilt, and Frank Halfpenny was admitted to the firm; in 1886 the present organization of the Lewisburg Woolen Company was incorporated, M. Halfpenny retaining a large interest, which is held by his heirs at this time. After an honorable and successful business career of over fifty years, Mr. Halfpenny died June 23, 1889. He had married Christianna, who was born in 1823, a daughter of William and Rachel (McCoy) Foster, and she proved to

him a faithful helpmeet, an exemplary Christian wife, whose death on June 2, 1877, was the first break in the family circle. Their children, ten in number, are: William Foster, who is now in Tacoma, Wash.; W. Scott, our subject; Frank, a clerk in the office of the county commissioners; Mark, a merchant in Niles, Ohio; James and Thomas Edwin, who are connected with the mill; Katie Foster, unmarried; Robert Foster, of Lewisburg; John, now with Whitmer & Sons, of Philadelphia; and Neal McCoy, who is married and resides in New York.

W. S. Halfpenny began his earthly career January 10, 1847. The foundation of his education was laid in Lewisburg, at the public schools and the academy, but his course there was supplemented by further study in the Tuscarora Academy in Juniata county, and in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, at Philadelphia. Thus equipped for business, he entered his father's employ as bookkeeper, later becoming a partner, as stated above.

In 1872 Mr. Halfpenny was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Baker, a native of Union county, born in 1851, and two children, Mark and Ethel, have blessed the union. The family has been identified with the Presbyterian Church in the past, and Mr. Halfpenny inclines to that faith. Politically, he is a Republican, and he is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

SAMUEL RUSSELL GRAY. Pride in an honorable lineage is a trait which reveals a fine discernment of the values on other than the material plane, and the wish to have one's own life and personality remembered in the years to come is no less a mark of nobility of heart. A due regard for our posterity may, indeed, constrain us not only to fill our appointed station with fidelity, but to take effective measures to preserve the record of our modest achievements and of our standing among our fellow men, for the instruction, the encouragement and the inspiration of those who will trace through us the line which unites them with the past. To this worthy work this book is dedicated, and interesting as it will be to the present generation in its presentation of the history of our leading citizens, its records will increase in value as the years roll by.

The subject of this sketch, a prominent resident of Kelly township, Union county, is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from ancestors who participated in the stirring events which marked the release of this country from

English rule. Robert Gray, his grandfather, came from England in Colonial times with his wife, Mary Reese, and settled on a farm near Jerseytown, Penn., but at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he joined Washington's army and fought in the cause of freedom. His son, Lieut. Samuel Gray, our subject's father, who was born in Montour county, Penn., in 1792, was a patriotic man, a Whig in political faith, and served as an officer in our second war with the mother country in 1812, being stationed at Black Rock. He was a noted contractor, and the canal between Watsonstown and Duart, Penn., was constructed by him. He also engaged in teaming; he met his death by accident, June 4, 1831, while driving a six-horse team, through falling under the wheels of the wagon, which passed over his breast. His wife, Isabella Watson, was born November 11, 1800, and passed away September 5, 1863. She was a devout adherent of the Presbyterian Church, as was her husband during his life. Her parents, John L. and Elizabeth (Mann) Watson, came from Dublin, Ireland, at an early day, and located in Columbia county, Penn., upon a farm. They, too, displayed a patriotic spirit during the Revolutionary war, and John Watson was taken prisoner by the British on account of his sentiments, and chained to the floor. His heroic wife rescued him, her devotion, no less than a regard for her physical weakness, so touching the hearts of the guards, that they did not interfere with her plans.

Lieut. Samuel Gray and his wife reared a family of seven children, of whom our subject was the youngest, and is now the only survivor. The names of the others, with dates of birth and death, are as follows: Joseph H., January 4, 1818, in August, 1876; John G., December 12, 1820, February 2, 1861; Catherine, October 22, 1822, in 1856, married Samuel Gray, a distant relative, also deceased; Robert, October 5, 1824, May 9, 1848; Mary Y., July 8, 1827, in March, 1880, married William Kissner, deceased; and Phæbe, March 28, 1829, in 1871, married Jesse Hill, now a farmer in Montour county.

Samuel R. Gray was born in Lewis township, Northumberland county, Penn., March 24, 1831, and remained at home until the age of twenty-three. He received a common-school education, and at early age began to show his business ability, a threshing machine, purchased when he was eighteen, being the foundation of his prosperity. With money saved from his earnings with the machine, he purchased 130 acres of land in his native township, and in 1854 established himself there as a farmer. He remained eleven years, during which the Civil war broke out and

he was drafted three times, first in 1862, then in 1863, and finally in 1865. Twice he paid \$300 for a substitute, but on the third call he determined to respond in person; but while he was at Harrisburg, on his way to the front, the news of Lee's surrender made further help unnecessary.

On leaving his first farm he purchased another in Lycoming county, Penn., which he sold in 1871. One year was spent at Turbutville before again resuming business, and then, having decided upon a change, he purchased a foundry at McEwensville, Penn., which he operated successfully for twenty-one years. Wishing to pass his remaining days in the peaceful surroundings of a royal neighborhood, he disposed of the foundry, and again engaged in farming, purchasing a farm in Buffalo township, Union county, where he resided two years before removing to his present farm near Mazeppa.

Mr. Gray enjoys excellent health despite a permanent injury to his shoulder caused by being thrown when about nineteen years old by a runaway horse. Successful as a business man, he has always been an influential figure in local affairs, and while residing in Northumberland county he was often called upon to serve in township offices. He is active in the Farmers Alliance, being now a member of the society at Kelly Cross Roads.

Mr. Gray has a pleasant home, and he and his wife, formerly Miss Alma Long, are most genial and hospitable in spirit. They are both fond of literature, and are especially well versed in the Scriptures. Mr. Gray is a member of the Reformed Church, but his wife is an Episcopalian. They have no children. By a previous marriage, with Miss Rebecca J. Stiner, born October 20, 1833, died November 6, 1870, Mr. Gray had eight children: John L. S.; Elizabeth; Harriet F.; George P., an iron molder at Battle Creek, Mich.; Sarah E., widow of John Hopp, of Lewisburg, Penn.; Samuel R., a molder at Battle Creek, Mich.; Rebecca J., wife of William Pepper, a farmer in Armstrong county, Penn.; and William H., who, like his brother, resides in Battle Creek, and is an iron molder by trade.

Mrs. Alma (Long) Gray was born in Muncy, Lycoming Co., Penn., February 5, 1838, the daughter of George and Nancy (Doctor) Long. Her paternal grandfather, Nicholas Long, enlisted in the Revolutionary army when only sixteen years old, and served throughout the struggle. He was married three times. George Long was born in Northumberland county, Penn., in May, 1801, and died February 14, 1880. He was by occupation a wagonmaker. Mrs. Gray's mother, who was born in Lycoming county,

January 11, 1811, and died in Muncy, March 6, 1862, was his first wife, and after her death he married Mrs. Mary (Frye) Shirks, by whom he had no issue. By the first marriage there were nine children: Aaron, who died in infancy; Emma, wife of Samuel Gortner, a carpenter of Williamsport, Penn.; James D., who died in 1892; Harris S., a carpenter at Mishewauke, Ind.; Alma (Mrs. Gray); Anna, wife of Amos Burger, a blacksmith at Muncy, Penn.; Samuel D., who died in 1875; William, a shoemaker at Mishewauke, Ind.; and Ella, wife of John P. Kramer, a carpenter of Watsontown, Pennsylvania.

On the maternal side Mrs. Gray is descended from a prominent family of Lycoming county, Penn., her grandparents, George and Eve Doctor, having owned a farm of 300 acres at the present site of East Muncy. Her grandfather was an influential citizen of that locality, but for six years previous to his death he was confined to his bed through an injury sustained while trying to extricate a sheep which had become fastened in a fence.

FOLLMER FAMILY. For upwards of a century and a half the Follmer family have been identified with this Commonwealth, where through the several generations its members have been characterized as honest, conscientious and truthful people, making good citizens.

The name was formerly Vollmer and is of German origin, but when John Vollmer, the head of the American branch, emigrated from the Fatherland, in 1737, coming to Philadelphia, Penn., where his name was recorded Follmer by mistake, that spelling was thereafter adopted. In 1740, he settled in Berks county, Penn., where he passed his remaining years. Michael Follmer, a son of this worthy pioneer, moved with his family, in 1778, to Limestone township, Northumberland county, and encamped on his arrival under a large wild cherry-tree, which is still standing. Frederick, a son of Michael, located in White Deer Valley, in 1795, purchasing 300 acres of land, on which he built the mill now occupied by A. S. Sypher. The mill contained three run of stone, and was patronized by the people for many miles around. He married Miss Maria Barbara Geiger, by whom he had three children: Susan, who married Joseph Mackey, and had five sons and one daughter; Daniel, who is mentioned more fully farther on, and Rachel, who married James Donaldson, and had one son and two daughters. Frederick

Follmer died April 7, 1812, and his wife July 6, 1803.

Of these three children, Daniel Follmer was a man of good ability and high character. He was the first man in his locality to refuse to furnish whiskey to his harvesters. He was born March 13, 1786, in Limestone township, Northumberland county, and accompanied his father to the White Deer Valley, in 1795. His education was limited to the country schools of that day, and during his youth his time was mainly spent in assisting his father on the farm and in the mill. He remained at home until his marriage, in June, 1808, to Miss Margaret Reed, who was born August 31, 1789, in Lycoming county, a daughter of James and Jeannette (Watt) Reed, of Chester county, both of Scotch descent. The father of James Reed and the mother of Jeannette Watt were natives of Scotland. James Reed was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and participated in the battle of the Brandywine. He settled in Gregg township, in 1788. While away from home, in the war, his wife carried her son on horseback to the home of her father in the same locality.

Daniel Follmer made his home upon a portion of his father's homestead, building a mansion which is now occupied by his children. For many years he was engaged in farming and milling, and at one time he was a contractor, and built a number of bridges in this section. His sterling qualities of mind and heart won the esteem of all who knew him, his dealings with all with whom he came in contact being strictly honorable. From his youth he was a member of the Old-School Presbyterian Church, and he was one of the founders of the Washington Presbyterian Church, of Gregg township. In politics he was a Whig before the war issues arose, but he became a Republican on the organization of that party. In 1825-26 he served as commissioner of Lycoming county, to which Gregg township was then attached. About this time he was appointed by Gov. Shultz justice of the peace, and for many years he held that office, either by appointment or election. Various local offices were also filled creditably by him, and for six years he was a school director, and at different times held other township offices. His death occurred March 30, 1875, in the ninetieth year of his age; for thirty years previous he had lived in retirement.

Daniel and Margaret Follmer had seven children whose names with dates of birth are as follows: Maria B., May 10, 1810, married John Foresman; Jane W., May 8, 1813; Cynthia, December 29, 1815; Elizabeth, August 2, 1818,

married Robert Caldwell; John R., December 24, 1821; Daniel G., November 11, 1826; and Margaret R., May 28, 1829, who died August 12, 1881. The mother of these passed away September 6, 1853, in her sixty-fourth year. Two unmarried sons and a widowed daughter reside at the homestead.

JOHN R. FOLLMER, the elder son, attended school at the Hammond school house and a log one by the mill in the locality of his birth, and later in the Milton and Lewisburg Academies. He studied law with James F. Linn, in Lewisburg, in 1843-45, and, on being admitted to the Bar, practiced for some time at Selins Grove, but ill health compelled him to seek an outdoor life. He is an ardent Republican, and was formerly quite active in political affairs, having been elected in 1883 to the office of county surveyor.

DANIEL G. FOLLMER, the younger son, has always made his home at the old farm, which is now worked by other parties under the direction of the owners.

JOHN REEDY, one of the most progressive and successful citizens of Kelly township, Union county, has been for some years a leading agriculturist there, and, since 1893, he has engaged also in contracting and building, in which his ability and enterprise have been conspicuously displayed.

Like many of our most prominent men he is of old Pennsylvania stock, his ancestors settling in Berks county at an early day, and his grandfather Reedy was a drummer in the Revolutionary army. That worthy pioneer married, and reared a family of five children: Jonathan, who was born in 1798; Emanuel, our subject's father; Michael, who went to New York State in early manhood, and has never been heard from; one who married Godfrey Fogt, and died in Illinois, where they settled late in life; and Lydia, deceased, who married George Baker, now living in retirement at Mazeppa, Union county.

Emanuel Reedy, our subject's father, was born in Berks county, January 29, 1810, and in 1815 came to Union county with his parents, who settled a quarter of a mile from Buffalo Cross Roads, upon a place now known as the Rissell farm. Emanuel Reedy was a miller until the age of thirty-five, when he engaged in farming. This business occupied his remaining years, although for some time previous to his death, which occurred April 18, 1884, he left the active work of the estate to other hands. He was an upright man, straightforward in all his dealings,

his word being "as good as gold," and, although his quiet disposition made him averse to public life, he was chosen by his fellow citizens at various times to fill local offices. He took much interest in political problems, and was a staunch supporter of Republican principles.

His wife, Rachel Ingelman, was the youngest child of Solomon Ingelman, who was a native of Berks county, Penn., but came to Union county in pioneer times, and engaged in farming. They had eight children: David, deceased, was a farmer in Stephenson county, Ill.; Samuel, formerly employed in the mint at Philadelphia, died at Sandusky, Ohio, where he spent his last days in retirement; John, whose active years were spent at the carpenter's trade, died at Findlay, Ohio; Tobias, deceased, was a farmer in St. Joseph county, Mich.; Betsy Elizabeth married Jacob Margh, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county, and both died there; Nellie married William Speice, a stonemason, and died in White Deer township, Union county; Margaret, widow of Michael Wolf, is now living in Sandusky county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-four. Rachel, our subject's mother, was born November 18, 1814, in White Deer township, Union county, and was married there, by Rev. Mr. Onsbaugh, to Emanuel Reedy. The children of this union were: Samuel, who died when two and one-half years old; Anna, wife of M. L. Weaver, a farmer near Schuyler, Colfax Co., Neb.; John, our subject; Levi, a well-known cattle dealer at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county; and Hammond, a farmer on the old Reedy homestead in Buffalo township, Union county.

The subject of our sketch was born November 8, 1844, in Kelly township, Union county, a mile and one-half west of Kelly's Cross Roads, and until the age of twenty-three remained at home, assisting his father upon the farm and acquiring an education in the local schools as opportunity afforded. His first independent work as a farmer was on a rented farm in Buffalo township, Union county, and later he moved to Kelly township and worked upon Judge Hoffa's estate, thirteen years in all. In the fall of 1884 he purchased his present farm of ninety-three and a half acres near Buffalo Cross Roads, at \$140.15 per acre. The care of this estate occupied his time exclusively for a time, but in 1891 he began operating a sawmill at Hagerstown. In 1893 he gave up that business to engage in contracting and building, and has carried on that business successfully, his contracts in the fall of 1895 calling for 500,000 feet of lumber.

Politically, Mr. Reedy is a Republican, but

he prefers to exert his influence in a quiet way, and has never aspired to public office. Such men as he are not often overlooked, however, and he has been elected to represent his township as supervisor, in which office he served with characteristic ability and energy. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

NICHOLAS C. LAHR, a well-known agriculturist of East Buffalo township, Union county, was born October 5, 1834, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, Penn., a son of Paul and Mary M. (Bordner) Lahr, and a grandson of Paul Lahr, Sr., a native of Berks, this State. The birth of the father occurred near Georgetown, in Northumberland county, and in 1836 he removed to what is now Snyder county, Penn., but at the end of six years returned to the former county, where he continued to make his home until called from this life, at the age of fifty-eight. His wife had passed away two years previous, and they now sleep side by side in the Lewisburg cemetery. He was a skilled mechanic, and, in connection with farm work, also engaged in the manufacture of plows, harrows and coffins. Although he started out in life a poor man, by working early and late, he secured a comfortable competence. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood, weighing from 189 to 200 pounds, was an ardent Republican in politics, and in religious belief was a Lutheran.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in the family of six children, the others being as follows: William, now a resident of Milton, Penn.; Henry and Paul, both of Kansas; Frank, who died after reaching manhood; and Catharine, who first married Levi Moll, in Pennsylvania, and after his death wedded John Thomas. She departed this life in Kansas.

The early education of Nicholas C. Lahr was such as the common schools afforded, and he later attended the Lewisburg Academy at intervals for two years. At the age of eighteen he began learning the carpenter's trade under the direction of Jack McLaughlin, of Lewisburg, but never completed his apprenticeship. As a young man, however, he became thoroughly familiar with all departments of farm work, and throughout life has principally followed that occupation, meeting with a fair degree of success.

In the fall of 1861, in Lewisburg, Mr. Lahr was married to Miss Susan Schrack, who was born in October, 1841, in East Buffalo township, Union county, and is the oldest of the ten children of John S. and Catharine (Dunkel) Schrack. During his early life her father was a teamster,

traveling between Philadelphia and Fruitstown, Penn., but later located in Union county, at one time owning the elegant home and farm on which our subject now resides. For three years after his marriage Mr. Lahr operated a rented farm in Northumberland county, and for twenty-three years lived on the George Ard farm, in White Deer township, Union county. He then removed to his present farm, which he had previously stocked, and now has one of the most desirable places in East Buffalo township. It comprises 110 acres of excellent farming land, supplied with good buildings and all the accessories found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. In connection with general farming, he engaged in the threshing business for fifteen years, doing considerable work along that line in his neighborhood.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lahr have been born the following children: Catharine, now the wife of James M. Pawling, of White Deer township; Annie, wife of H. Everett, of Northumberland county; Clara, at home; John, a resident of California; and Frank, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Religiously, the mother is connected with the Lutheran Church, and, politically, Mr. Lahr affiliates with the Republican party. They have won an assured position in the highest social circles of the community, and have hosts of warm friends.

JOHNS HUTCHISON CRISWELL (deceased). "The memory of the just is blessed," and surely it is a beautiful thing to have so spent the years of one's life as to win the affectionate regard of an entire community. This reward came in full measure to the late John H. Criswell and his estimable wife, who were known far and near as "Uncle and Auntie" Criswell, and while for those who knew them there can be no need of words to strengthen the recollection of their beneficent lives, their many friends will be glad to see in this Record a permanent record through which their influence may be impressed upon still wider circles.

Mr. Criswell was born in Kelly township, Union county, upon a farm adjoining the present homestead, now occupied by his daughter, Miss Mary A. Criswell, a lady of fine mental gifts and unusual executive ability. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Hutchison) Criswell, settled in Union county at an early day, and the mother's death occurred at the present home. They had seven children, whose names with dates of birth are as follows: James, August 31, 1806; Thomas H., March 28, 1808; Hannah B.

(Mrs. John Huntington), March 8, 1810; John H., March 20, 1812; Rachel, May 7, 1814, did not live to adult age; Mary A., June 20, 1816, and Elizabeth, August 29, 1818, who is the only survivor of his family, married William Spotts (now deceased), and resides at Steelton, Pennsylvania.

Reared as a son of a pioneer farmer, Mr. Criswell had the most meagre opportunities for an education, attending school only eleven days. It is therefore worthy of especial note that he managed by private study to acquire a fair education, including a knowledge of bookkeeping. He was interested in all the movements of his time; in politics, he was a Republican, and his influence in local affairs being marked, his able service in various township offices demonstrated his fidelity and public spirit. By occupation he was a farmer and shoemaker, and his industry and thrift gained for him a comfortable competence.

On April 16, 1834, Mr. Criswell was united in marriage with Miss Jane Mathers, a lady of rare Christian character, and, like himself, a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. She was born June 24, 1811, at Mazeppa, Union county, and was called to her eternal reward September 4, 1884, at a ripe old age. Her father, James Mathers, was a native of Berks county, Penn., and his wife, Isabella Oliver, was born in Scotland.

John H. and Jane Criswell reared a large family of children, of whom five are living. The names with dates of birth are as follows: Joseph, February 19, 1835, is a tailor at Chattanooga, Tenn.; James, April 16, 1837, died September 27, 1853; William, April 12, 1839, is a farmer in White Deer township, Union county; Elizabeth, September 24, 1841, married Daniel Kuhns, a carpenter and farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Mary A., July 15, 1843, is mentioned more fully below; Isabella M., July 21, 1845, died September 5, 1853; Rachel, April 21, 1848, died August 26, 1853; Sarah M., October 10, 1852, died October 11, 1853; Thomas O., September 2, 1853, is a farmer near Taylorville, Union county; and John, May 5, 1850, died April 16, 1866. The surviving children all occupy positions of usefulness, and are held in high esteem in their respective communities.

MISS MARY A. CRISWELL, as has been said, resides at the old home, which is endeared by the memories of her beloved parents, and from which she has never been absent for more than three weeks at a time. Her active and intelligent mind takes deep interest in all that concerns the progress of the locality. She is helpfully re-

lated to various religious and philanthropic movements, and she has been a member of the Reformed Church since May 12, 1869.

FRANKLIN WILLIAM BERKENSTOCK, a well-known citizen of Union county, is now spending his declining years in a pleasant home near White Deer, his leisure being sweetened by the remembrance of past years of toil.

His family has been identified with Pennsylvania for more than a century. His great-grandparents on his father's side, of German origin, crossed the Atlantic to find wider opportunities in the New World. They located in Lehigh county, where their son, Abraham, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared. He married Miss Elizabeth Engleman, a native of the same county, and made his permanent home there upon a farm. Their son Jacob, our subject's father, married Elizabeth Waltman, a native of that locality, a daughter of William and Sarah Waltman. Both Jacob and his wife were born in Lehigh county, but after passing many years moved to Lycoming county, Penn., to end their days upon a farm.

Jacob Berkenstock remained at his early home until 1841, when he went to Lycoming county for a few years, but finally he settled in Northumberland county, Penn., where he died in the spring of 1873, at the age of sixty-six, his wife following him three years later, at sixty-three years of age. He was a carpet weaver by occupation, and at times carried on farming on a small scale. In politics he was a Republican, and he and his wife were both Lutherans in religious faith. Their children were: Mandus, who died in Northumberland county, in 1871; Lucinda, widow of Samuel Mingus, of Turbutsville, Penn.; Eliza, who married Andrew Fink, of Lehigh county, both now deceased; Julia, who married Robert Mackey, and moved to Illinois, where she died, all traces of her husband being lost since; Susannah, wife of Edward Diefenderfer, now living in retirement in Lehigh county; Franklin W., our subject; David, a farmer residing in White Deer township; Edwin, a farmer in Michigan; Elemanda, widow of Edward Dove, of Allentown, Penn.; Tellera, who married John Yaker, and died in Northumberland county, where he now resides; Harrison, who died at Allentown; Harmon, of Northumberland county; Theresa, who married William Strickland, a tanner of Sullivan county, Penn., and died at Watsonstown.

Franklin W. Berkenstock was born July 6, 1829, in Socken township, Lehigh county, Penn.,

and, as circumstances compelled him to enter upon the work of bread-winning at an early age, he left home at thirteen to learn the shoemaker's trade with his brother-in-law, Andrew Fink. He remained four years, and then accompanied his parents to Lycoming county, where he worked three years at his trade for Joseph Wise, receiving \$40 for the first year, and afterward working by the piece as he found it more profitable. Being thoroughly skilled in all branches of trade, he decided to go into business for himself, in Gregg township, Union county, where he continued until 1854. The "Western fever" attacked him, and one year was spent in prospecting for one of the much-talked-of locations in the West, where fortunes were made in a marvelously short time; but upon actual inspection he discovered that they were not what his fancy painted them, and he returned to Union county, contented to remain. Locating in White Deer township he resumed his trade, which he followed until his retirement in 1875.

On December 31, 1858, Mr. Berkenstock was married in that township by Rev. Mr. Florenceworth, to Miss Jane Walter, a native of Snyder county, born November 21, 1836. Her parents, William and Elizabeth (Wolfe) Walter, were born, reared and married in Snyder county, and in 1850 removed to a farm in White Deer township, Union county, where the father died in March, 1874, aged sixty-two, his last years being spent in retirement. He was well-to-do, and was prominent in local affairs, holding office at times. He was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife, who survives him and resides at Lewisburg, became identified many years ago with the Evangelical Church.

Mrs. Berkenstock was the eldest of a family of seven children, the others being: (2) Fietta died at the age of fifteen. (3) Jonathan, a farmer in Marshall county, Iowa, married Miss Marica Mosby. (4) Joel is a retired farmer in White Deer township, Union county. (5) Miss Judis resides at Lewisburg with her mother. (6) Catherine married Harvey Smith, a farmer near Muncy Station, Penn. (7) Sarah married Rev. Peter Raderbock, now of Western Springs, Illinois.

On abandoning the work-bench in 1875, Mr. Berkenstock purchased the Walter homestead, where he resided until his removal to White Deer. After one year in that village he settled at his present home in that vicinity, which combines the advantages of farm life by those afforded by the neighboring town. He is an earnest supporter of Republican principles, and is influential in local politics, having been chosen to various offices of trust in his township in his more

active days. He belongs to the Grange at New Columbia, and to the Evangelical Church, in which he is a trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkenstock have had five children, of whom all but one are living: (1) Emma, born October 26, 1859, married A. M. Smith, a farmer in California, and has three sons—Guy, Joseph R. and Owen. (2) Clinton, born April 1, 1860, a farmer, married Miss Minerva Ranck, and has four children—Frankie A., Naomi, Leah, and Lottie. (3) Elizabeth, born October 18, 1864, died in March, 1872. (4) William, born May 3, 1870, is a fruit sprayer in California, and was married there to a Miss Wagner. (5) Owen, born April 10, 1881, resides with his parents.

WALTER P. LILLEY, of Lewisburg, is one of the rising young business men of his locality. Like many of our best citizens he is of old Berks county stock, being the fifth generation in descent from Peter Lilley, an old settler. John and Sarah (Almond) Lilley, our subject's great-grandparents, were both natives of Berks county, as was also his grandfather, John Lilley, now an honored resident of Lewisburg, and his grandmother (now deceased), whose maiden name was Sarah Heckman.

The late Henry Lilley, the father of our subject, was born at Black Run, Union county, but much of his life was spent at Lewisburg, where he engaged in the business of shoemaking. He was married there to Miss Anna Lutz, a native of the town, born in 1853, but he died not long after this event, at the age of twenty-three. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and his upright character made for him many friends wherever he was known. His widow married a second husband, George Wealer, who is now engaged in the manufacture of cigars, at Reading, Penn. There were two sons by the first union: Walter P., our subject; and Henry, who lived only eighteen months. By the second marriage there were also two children: Albert, now a cigar manufacturer, in California; and Emma (deceased).

Walter P. Lilley was born at Black Run, Union county, November 5, 1867, and after the death of his father, in 1871, was reared by his grandfather, John Lilley, of Lewisburg, with whom he remained until the age of sixteen, attending school in the meantime. At sixteen he went to Bellefonte, Penn., to enter the employ of W. A. Lyon, and, after five years with him, he spent two years with H. H. Schreyer, a dealer in wall paper and similar commodities. He returned to Lewisburg, and for one year was

engaged in the meat business there, with C. F. Hodd, and since that time he has followed that trade. He spent six months in Girard, Penn., but sold his shop there to open another in Montgomery, Penn., where he remained the same length of time. On disposing of that business he went to Milton and worked for two years for G. W. Hurtz, a butcher there. He then established his present market at Lewisburg, where he has met with gratifying success.

On March 29, 1892, he was married, at Bellefonte, to Miss Minnie Olewine, a native of that city, and a lady of rare social gifts. Her father, the late Samuel Olewine, was born in Monroe county, Penn., and at the time of his death, which occurred October 10, 1889, at the age of sixty-one, was a wealthy retired farmer residing at Bellefonte. His wife, Mary M. Stetzer, whom he married at Aaronsburg, Penn., was born in Northampton county, Penn., and died at Bellefonte, July 22, 1874. Her parents, David and Elizabeth (Rockey) Stetzer, were of German descent, and Mr. Stetzer, in his later years, conducted a hotel at Laurelton, Union county. Mrs. Lilley was the youngest in a family of five children. Mary now resides with our subject; John is in the hardware business, at Bellefonte, with J. H. Harris; Catherine married John Kline, an attorney at Bellefonte; and William is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilley have a beautiful home at Lewisburg, their commodious brick residence being furnished throughout in a manner which displays a cultured taste. One daughter, Helen, born January 1, 1894, has blessed their union. They are prominent socially, and are identified with the Lutheran Church, in which both take an active interest.

ALXANDER EDELMAN, a leading and influential member of the agricultural community of West Buffalo township, Union county, has spent almost his entire life upon his present farm, his parents, John and Mary A. (Zimmerman) Edelman, locating there when he was only two years old. He is a native of the county, born April 8, 1849, and is one of the two children born to his father's second marriage. There were five children in the family who grew to years of maturity, the others being John and Cornelius, both farmers of Missouri; Eli, who was an agriculturist of Union county, Penn., but is now deceased; and Edwin, a miller living in West Buffalo township. The father has been called to his final rest, but the mother of our subject is still living, now a resident of Bloom-

ington, Ind. Her parents lived and died in Union county, Pennsylvania.

In the public schools of his native county Alexander Edelman acquired a good practical education, and upon the home farm was early trained to habits of industry, becoming a thorough and skillful agriculturist. He was married in 1874 to Miss Mary Harman, a daughter of Samuel F. Harman, a tailor by trade, who was employed in a gristmill, and toward the close of his life turned his attention to farming. He was the son of Jacob and Sarah (Klingler) Harman, while the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Edelman were Jacob and Sarah (Boot) Boyer, the latter a daughter of Charles Boot, a native of Ireland.

To our subject and his wife have been born five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Charles S. T., October 16, 1876; Sarah F., January 24, 1879; Edwin S., October 26, 1880; Angie, July 21, 1888, and Chauncy F., December 20, 1893. All are still at home with the exception of the eldest son, who is now living in New York State.

Politically, Mr. Edelman has ever been identified with the Democratic party, and, religiously, he is a consistent and faithful member of the Lutheran Church. He is a prosperous and substantial farmer, and is highly respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. His family is one of the brightest and most intelligent in the community, and they occupy a most delightful home, where happiness and good cheer abound supreme.

GALEN C. WHITMER, one of the most popular and enterprising young business men of Hartley township, is a native of Union county, born November 26, 1859, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Charles) Whitmer, being an only child. The mother died March 28, 1895, and was laid to rest in the Hartleton cemetery.

Philip Whitmer was one of a family of five children. His twin sister became the wife of S. Haupt, and died June 29, 1889, leaving a family of nine children. Henry is a coal merchant of Philipsburg, Penn. William is extensively engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber, having a main office in Philadelphia, where he resides, and several branch offices in other cities in Pennsylvania and also in West Virginia. Sarah married Charles Hassenplug, and they live in Mifflinburg, Penn., where she died at about the age of thirty years.

Galen C. Whitmer, whose name introduces

this review, was educated in the common schools, and during his youth learned the tinsmith's trade. Of sterling qualities and undoubted integrity, he bids fair to become one of the leading and influential men of his county. He possesses unusual business sagacity and the true American spirit of progressiveness, which are bound to win success in any undertaking. He is a man of intrinsic worth, esteemed in all the relations of life, and he has the high regard of all with whom he comes in contact. Politically, he is a supporter of the Republican party, and, religiously, he is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, to which his ancestors belonged.

On September 29, 1885, Mr. Whitmer was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Myers, a daughter of John Myers, a well-known farmer of Union county, and a granddaughter of Isaac Myers, a minister of the Dunkard Church. Four children bless this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Grace, August 13, 1886; Helen, April 17, 1888; Candace, May 21, 1892; and Anna, July 12, 1890.

JA. MORNINGSTAR, Esq., who has for twenty years acceptably served as justice of the peace, is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens as well as one of the leading agriculturists of Lewis township, Union county. His birth occurred in York county, Penn., October 10, 1832, but since three years of age he has found a pleasant home in Union county, and been actively identified with its best interests.

His parents, Peter and Barbara (Fox) Morningstar, were both natives of Germany, where their marriage was celebrated, and three children were born to them previous to their emigration to America. The father was born in Hamburg, and the mother near that city. On their arrival in this country they located in York county, Penn., where our subject and his younger brother were born. In their family were seven children, as follows: Michael is deceased; Peter, a Union soldier during the Civil war, who was taken prisoner by the Rebels and incarcerated in Andersonville, he being one of eighteen who survived the ill treatment they received there, died several years ago; Catharine, a resident of Hecla Park, Centre Co., Penn., is the widow of Samuel Neff, of that county; Elizabeth is the wife of Joel Boyer, a farmer of Union county; Mary lives with our subject, who is next in order of birth; George W., the youngest, is quite a wealthy resident of California, where he owns 500 acres of valuable land.

Although our subject's early educational privileges were limited to the opportunities afforded by the common schools of his locality, he is by nature studious, and his extensive reading has covered a wide range of subjects, making him a well-informed man. His business training was received upon the home farm, and throughout life he has devoted his time to agricultural pursuits.

On attaining to man's estate Mr. Morningstar was united in marriage with Miss Lucien, daughter of A. Burris, a native of New York, and a veteran of the war of 1812. Eight children graced this union, who reached years of maturity, as follows: Emma B. is the wife of John Wallace, of Swengel, Penn., a pensioner of the Civil war; Mary, born November 26, 1854, is the wife of Isaac Strickler; Margaret, born February 26, 1856, married Isaac M. Royer, and lives in Ridgeburg, Penn.; Sarah A., born December 14, 1857, is the wife of James Miller, a coachmaker of Mifflinburg, Penn.; Martha, born July 29, 1861, wedded James Boyer, a farmer of West Buffalo township, Union county, living near Mifflinburg; George Woodward, born October 18, 1863, who operates his father's farm, is married and has a six-year-old daughter; Seymour H., born May 5, 1865, is a farmer in Lewis township, Union county; and Andrew J., born April 18, 1867, was educated in the Williamsport Commercial College, and is now a traveling salesman, residing in Illinois. The mother of these children was called to her final rest May 25, 1868, aged thirty-four years, and on the 13th of January, 1870, Mr. Morningstar was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah J. Grove, *née* Smith. By her first husband, who died at the age of twenty-four years, she had two children.

In his political affiliations Mr. Morningstar is an ardent Democrat, and, religiously, is a member of the Reformed Church, to which his family also belong. He was appointed the first inspector of Lewis township, in 1857, the township being organized in that year, and he has also filled the offices of school director three terms and treasurer of the school board for the same period. He faithfully discharges every duty that devolves upon him, whether public or private, and thus wins the commendation of the entire community.

CHARLES H. BERNHART. Few cities of the size of Lewisburg, Union county, can boast of as well-equipped livery stable as that which the enterprising young business man, whose name introduces this review, has recently opened there. Possessing the finest outfits and

horses obtainable, the establishment has a metropolitan air, and without doubt Lewisburg's residents will show their appreciation of the venture, and by liberal patronage make it a success.

Mr. Bernhart was born August 22, 1866, at Ridgway, Penn., and has always made his home in Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, John Bernhart, was born in Reading, Penn., and passed his life there. The late Isaac Bernhart, the father of our subject, was a native of Middleburg township, Berks county, born March 3, 1833, and became a prominent business man, engaging early in life in the lumber business, at which he made money. On retiring from this occupation he interested himself in banking and similar enterprises to still further success. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics was a staunch Democrat. He died January 25, 1892, leaving a widow and two children: Charles H., our subject; and Mary K. Mrs. Bernhart, who was formerly Miss Margaret Schunck, was born in Berks county, in 1838, and now resides in Reading, where her ancestors have been prominent for several generations.

Charles H. Bernhart was carefully educated for business, attending college for two years and a half, and later pursuing a course in a commercial college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On leaving school he entered the employ of the Atlantic Railroad Company, at Philadelphia, for a time, and then returned home to engage in mercantile business, after which he again entered the service of the railroad company.

In 1889, Mr. Bernhart was married to Miss Lena Baker, of Lewisburg, and located in that city, where he has built a nice residence. He entered upon the livery business in April, 1897, having erected a commodious and well-planned stable, and stocked it in an "up-to-date" style.

Mr. Bernhart is a man of fine physique and elegant manners, and he and his accomplished wife are leaders in social life.

WILLIAM B. AND GEORGE A. SMITH are numbered among the steady-going and most reliable young men of Buffalo township, Union county, who have chosen agricultural pursuits as their life work, and are meeting with excellent success in their field of labor. Their father, John B. Smith, now deceased, was born in Hartley township, Union county, January 9, 1832, and was a son of George Smith, a farmer by occupation, who reared a family of five sons and several daughters.

The primitive country schools of this time afforded John B. Smith his educational privileges,

and, as his parents were in limited circumstances, he began life for himself at an early age. Under the direction of Mr. Hull, at Lewisburg, he began learning the tanner's trade, but his health would not permit his following that occupation, so he turned his attention to farming, in which he met with a fair degree of success.

In Buffalo township John B. Smith was married to Miss Rebecca Kauffman, a daughter of Jacob and Rachel (Reidy) Kauffman. Five children graced their union: Jacob K., now a resident of the West; and William B., Amelia E., Matilda J. and George A., who are still on the old home farm. After his marriage, Mr. Smith located on a small place in Buffalo township, and gave his attention to buying and selling cattle. For a time he lived in Cowan and later near that village, but, in 1870, he located on the old Jacob Kauffman farm, which he purchased, as his wife was one of the heirs. It comprises sixty-seven acres of rich and arable land, and is improved with good and substantial buildings. There the father continued to make his home until his death, which occurred on the 10th of May, 1889, and upon the same place the mother departed this life November 1, 1891, both being laid to rest in the cemetery at Mazeppa. They were earnest and consistent members of the Reformed Church, and were held in the highest regard by all who knew them. Although a regular voter and a staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Smith cared nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests and his family.

The old home farm is now successfully operated by the sons, who are numbered among the most skillful and thorough agriculturists of the community, and in social as well as business circles stand deservedly high. The family is one of prominence in the community, and at their hospitable home their many friends are always sure of a hearty welcome.

ISAAC F. BROWN. The value of modern scientific methods in agricultural work is admirably shown in the well-kept farms of this section, and the subject of this sketch, a leading citizen of Buffalo Valley, is especially noted for his progressive and systematic management. A judicious conservatism governs his acceptance of and application of new theories, and he has had remarkable success in all his attempts at advancement. At present he has two farms under cultivation in Union county, sixty-six acres in Buffalo township, and 107 acres in East Buffalo

township, and both show the wisdom of his plans.

Mr. Brown is a member of an old pioneer family, his grandfather, John Brown, who was born November 12, 1756, in Pine Grove township, Berks county, Penn., having settled in Union county in the spring of 1804. He was accompanied by his wife and their children, and his remaining years were spent at their new home, near Smoketown, his death occurring December 13, 1838. His remains were interred in Dreisbach cemetery. Jacob Brown, our subject's father, was born in 1799 at the old homestead in Berks county, and, coming to this section in childhood, was reared in Union county. He married Miss Elizabeth Wolfe, a native of East Buffalo township, Union county, and a member of an old and respected family. Some years after his marriage, Jacob Brown removed to Northumberland county, and located upon a tract of 152 acres, near McEwensville, which he then owned. Later he returned to East Buffalo township, Union county, and, settling upon a farm on Turtle creek, remained there until his death, December 28, 1870. His wife survived him several years, and both were buried at Lewisburg. He was five feet eight inches in height, and of average weight, and always followed farming as an occupation. He belonged to the Reformed Church, in which he held various offices, and was influential in local politics, supporting the Republican ticket and occasionally accepting a place thereon for some township office, although he was not by any means a seeker after public positions. Of his children, the eldest, John W., now a resident of East Buffalo township, was a soldier in the 202nd P. V. I. during the Civil war; Samuel, a farmer in the same township, served in Company E, 142nd P. V. I.; Peter was drowned, at the age of eighteen, while engaged in boating; William W. resides in Lewisburg; Isaac F. is mentioned more fully below; and Mary died in infancy.

Mr. Brown's birth occurred January 23, 1837, while the family were living in Delaware township, Northumberland county, but since the age of fifteen he has resided in Union county. His early education was limited to the common schools of the day, such as they were, but a naturally acute mind has enabled him to supplement these meagre advantages by observation and reading. When the war broke out he was still at home, and, like his two elder brothers, he determined to offer his services to his country. On August 21, 1862, he enlisted, at Lewisburg, in Company E, 142nd P. V. I., and on November 1 of that year he was appointed corporal.

He participated in all the battles and skirmishes of his regiment, including the engagements at the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, two days, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad and Hatcher's Run. He was wounded in the left shoulder at Fredericksburg, and spent four weeks in the Patent Office Hospital, but during that time his regiment did no fighting. On August 22, 1865, he was mustered out with an excellent record, and, returning home, again took up the work of the farm, assisting his father.

On December 15, 1870, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Catherine Dunkle, who was born February 19, 1842, in Buffalo township, Union county, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Dunkle. This family is one of the oldest in that locality, and the "Michael Dunkle farm," of which our subject's present home is a portion, was a fine estate. Mr. Brown had saved some money, and had a good start toward a competence, and by shrewd management he has added to his possessions until he now ranks among the wealthiest farmers of the township. Beside his two farms, he owns a good brick house, with five acres of land, on the pike in East Buffalo township, two lots in the Shrines addition at Lewisburg, sixty-seven acres of timber land, and a half interest in the Reish farm and mill in West Buffalo township. He is also a stockholder in the Union County Agricultural Society.

As a citizen he has always been ready to encourage any beneficial movement in his locality, and he has taken keen interest in educational matters, serving for about twenty years as school director, and endeavoring by every means to secure better privileges for the children of this day than were vouchsafed to himself. In political faith he is a Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R., Tucker Post No. 52, at Lewisburg, and he and his wife both belong to the Reformed Church, in which he was for many years a deacon, and is now an elder.

His only son, Michael J. Brown, born December 14, 1876, is a promising young man, who is following closely in his father's footsteps, and takes an active part in the management of the farm.

PETER BINGAMAN. Like many other residents within the bounds of Union county who started out in life with naught but an abundance of determination and indefatigable industry, and who have succeeded through their own diligence, energy and economy, we classify the gen-

tleman whose name opens this sketch. From early boyhood he has made his own way in the world, and is now the owner of a good farm of ninety acres in Limestone township.

Mr. Bingaman was born November 4, 1817, in Berks county, Penn., a son of Christian and Elizabeth Bingaman, who, in 1838, removed to Union county, where the father worked as a laborer for the Berlin Furnace Company, supporting his family in this way. With savings from his meagre wages after years of toil, he bought a small home and piece of land in Beaver township, Snyder county, Penn., where he died at the age of fifty-nine. His wife survived him many years, reaching the advanced age of ninety-four.

Our subject was the fourth son and sixth child in the family of eleven children, and was twenty-one years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Union county. His educational advantages were very limited, and as a young man he was employed as a wood-chopper for the Berlin Furnace Company. On October 10, 1839, he was married to Miss Catharine Mertz, who was born in Hartley township, Union county, August 21, 1821, a daughter of John Mertz. They began housekeeping in that township, where he rented a small dwelling, which for some time was very scantily furnished. His health becoming impaired he was obliged to give up wood-chopping, and for many years engaged in farming on rented land, and by incessant toil and the strictest economy, aided by his excellent wife, he was at last able to save a few hundred dollars, which, in the fall of 1875, he invested in his present farm, buying the same from Vitalis Walter. He continued to live in Hartley township until the following spring, when he took up his residence upon his own farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bingaman became the parents of the following children: Catharine E., born May 30, 1840, is now the wife of William Bartley, of Centre county, Penn.; William H., born December 6, 1841, was married and died in Hartley township, Union county, leaving six sons; John W., born September 4, 1843, is a farmer of Limestone township, Union county; Margaret, born September 22, 1845, is the wife of Harry Walter, of Lewis township, Union county; Mary J., born June 12, 1847, is at home; Calvin, born May 2, 1850, is a resident of Michigan; Martin, born July 21, 1852, lives in Lewis township, Union county; Hannah, born September 21, 1854, died in infancy; Samuel, born May 12, 1857, makes his home in Limestone township; and James J., born October 18, 1861, died in childhood. Mrs. Bingaman, who was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and a faith-

ful helpmeet to her husband, died December 10, 1893, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Mifflinburg.

Politically Mr. Bingaman uses his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, but he has never been an office-seeker, his time and attention being wholly occupied by his business affairs. He, too, is a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church, and has won for himself a high place in the regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens, who appreciate his sterling worth.

CHRI^STIAN SCHNURE, an enterprising business man of Vicksburg, Union county, has met with gratifying success during his brief residence in that city, and he is now a leading produce buyer, his goods being taken to the coal regions for sale. Although a stranger when he settled there in the spring of 1895, his business methods have won for him the confidence and esteem of the large number of people with whom he deals, and he is looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of the town.

Christian Schnure, who is the third of his line to bear that name, was born September 5, 1845, in Hartley township, Union county, and is of German descent, his grandfather, Christian Schnure, having been the first of the family to leave the Fatherland and make his home in America. Christian Schnure, our subject's father, was a native of Snyder county, and after following the weaver's trade for some time settled upon a farm in Hartley township, Union county. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-two years, and left property valued at more than \$20,000, most of it being the result of his own efforts. Politically, he was a Republican, and for many years he was a leading member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Lydia Keister, who died in her seventy-second year, was a native of Hartley township, and a daughter of John Keister. Five sons and five daughters were born to their union, our subject being the seventh child and third son. Both parents breathed their last at the old home in Hartley township, and their remains now rest in the cemetery at "White School House."

Mr. Schnure spent the first ten years of his life in his native township, and his education was begun in the White School House, but his parents then removed to Nittany Valley, Centre county, and remained three years, during which the boy attended the winter sessions at Marion District School. In 1858 the family returned to Union county, where Mr. Schnure grew to man-

hood, securing a fair education in the country schools and learning at home all the "ins and outs" of farm work. For some time after coming of age he worked on the railway, then in process of construction near Spring Mills, but he continued to reside at home. At thirty-three he married Miss Sarah Ruhl, who was born June 4, 1850, in Lewis township, Union county, the daughter of George and Hannah Kaufman Ruhl. For ten years Mr. Schnure made his home at Salem, Snyder county, on a farm belonging to his uncle, George Schnure, and then removed to the Ruhl homestead, which he rented for two years. The next five years were spent at Swengel, but in 1895 he purchased his present huckstering business at Vicksburg from Robert Gellinger. He owns a good home at Vicksburg, and one at Millmont, and has also a lot in the village of Swengel, so it is evident that he is not only energetic in carrying on his business, but can make judicious investments of the proceeds. He is very quiet and unassuming, attending strictly to his own affairs, and this is doubtless one factor in his success.

He is a staunch Republican in political faith. At one time he belonged to the Union League, and his sympathies are with every movement that promises beneficial results to the community. His wife is an active member of the Lutheran Church. Two promising boys, Henry and Clarence C., brighten their home.

SAMUEL ZIMMERMAN. No more highly respected citizen can be found in Limestone township, and probably no other man in Union county has been longer in the employ of another than our subject, he having worked for D. W. Pellman for thirty-nine long years. His birth occurred in Snyder county, Penn., February 16, 1849, but when a child he was brought to Union county by his parents, Jonas and Maria (Faust) Zimmerman, who located upon the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. The grandfather, Frederick Zimmerman, lived and died in West Buffalo township, Union county, whither he had removed from Snyder county.

The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died when his son Samuel was quite small, leaving the mother with six little children and a small farm of thirty-three acres, which was not entirely paid for. In order to clear the place of debt, she sold a portion of her land, and in early life she often did a man's work in the harvest field and at various other employments in order to support her family. This estimable lady died at the age of seventy-two years, six

months and twenty-four days, upon the farm left her by her husband, and her remains were interred in the Mifflinburg cemetery.

The six children of the family were as follows: William, now a resident of Paxtonville, Snyder Co., Penn.; James, of Hancock county, Ohio; Sarah, wife of David Parker, of Lewis township, Union county; Samuel, of this sketch; George, of Hartley township, Union county; and Mary, wife of Scott Moyer, of Mifflinburg.

For a time Samuel Zimmerman attended the public schools of Union county, which were much inferior to those of the present time, but his educational advantages were limited as at an early age he began earning his own livelihood in the employ of D. W. Pellman. He not only supported his widowed mother during her declining years, but he has also helped other relations, and he is a most generous and considerate man. From the other heirs he purchased the old homestead, comprising sixteen acres, and has remodeled the house and made other useful improvements. He has also laid up some money, and for the success he has achieved in life he certainly deserves great credit, for it is all due to his own untiring efforts. In manner, he is quiet and unassuming, attending strictly to his own affairs, and in politics he is a staunch Democrat, but no politician in the sense of office-seeking.

DANIEL HORNER, a prominent and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Hartley township, Union county, living near the village of Cohn, is a self-made man, who, by the exercise of his resolute will and persevering industry, has built up one of the most creditable homesteads of the locality. His straightforward methods of doing business, and his value as a member of the community, have gained for him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who have watched his career with interest, and are not slow to acknowledge that he is deserving of all the good that has fallen to him. Although he began life in limited circumstances, and commenced work as a farm hand at \$6 per month, he has acquired considerable property.

In the township where he still resides, Mr. Horner was born October 27, 1826. His parents were natives of Berks county, Penn., and became honored pioneers of Union county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. In order of birth, their six children were as follows: Amos, who at an early day removed to Indiana, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death; Samuel, a Union soldier of the Civil

war, who removed west in 1876; Isaac, who is living in the West; David, who is married and resides in the West; Daniel, of this sketch; and John, who is also married and lives in the West.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent upon a farm, while his education was received in the common schools. In 1846 he purchased his present farm, and to its cultivation and improvement has since devoted his time and attention. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and in religious belief is a Lutheran.

In June, 1850, Mr. Horner was married to Miss Elizabeth March, daughter of John March, and they became the parents of four children: Margaret, now the wife of Samuel Church, a farmer of Hartleton, Union county, by whom she has three children; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Pursley, a prominent farmer of Hartley township, Union county, by whom she has seven children; Westie, who married William Libby, a lumberman, and has six children; and Alice, who died at the age of eleven years.

RJ. WEIDENSAUL, a prominent business man of Lewisburg, Union county, has resided in the suburban district known as Smoketown since 1864. He was born in Hartleton, Union county, June 11, 1841, and his early life was mainly spent at the "American House," an old-time hostelry standing on the turnpike at the end of the Lewisburg bridge. He remembers distinctly the days when the chief means of transportation was by wagons on the turnpike. The hotel was conducted by Adam Weidensaul, our subject's father, who was born in Reading, Penn., but after some years of residence at Selins Grove, Penn., removed to Union county, his last days being spent in Hartleton. He was a Republican in politics, and in religious faith was a Lutheran. His death occurred at the age of sixty-five, and his wife, Leah Woscar, who was born in 1813, passed away in 1895. She was a daughter of Elias Woscar, who came from Germany and made his home at Broad Mountain, Schuylkill county, in this State. To Adam and Leah Weidensaul eleven children were born: Elias, Henry, John, Mary, R. J., Emma, Wellington, Hannah, Charles, Hayes and Ida.

R. J. Weidensaul learned in his youth the business of coach painting and trimming, in which he was engaged for many years. About twenty years ago he added to this a livery business, in which he has been very successful. At the age of twenty-three he was married to his first wife, Miss Mary Wolfe, and began house-keeping on the same lot in Smoketown that his

home is now on. Eight children were born to this union: John is deceased; Aaron, a resident of Lewisburg, married Miss Kate Hower, and they have two children—William and Hilda; Katie is at home; one child died in infancy; Isaac is in business with his father; Edith, George and Charles are now at home. The mother of this family has been called to the better world, and Mr. Weidensaul has since formed a second union, this time with Mrs. Elizabeth Dunklebarger, *née* Roohis, by whom he has had two children: Liza C. and Harry B. Mrs. Weidensaul has a daughter, Carrie, by her first husband.

In his political views Mr. Weidensaul is a Republican, and in religious faith believes the doctrines of the Evangelical Church.

AARON SMITH, a prosperous agriculturist of Buffalo township, Union county, counts among his ancestors several of the pioneer settlers of this section.

On the paternal side his great-great-grandfather, Adam Smith, who was employed during the Revolutionary period in hauling supplies for the Colonial forces, settled at a very early period upon a tract of land lying along "Furnace Road," in what is now East Buffalo township, Union county. His death occurred there, and his remains now rest in the old cemetery at Dreisbach church. He had four sons and two daughters: Adam removed to Beaver township, Snyder county, and some of his descendants still reside near Beavertown; George died in Union county; Michael is mentioned more fully farther on; John died at Beavertown, Snyder county; and one daughter married Michael Maize, and the other wedded Steffy Touchman.

Michael Smith, the great-grandfather of our subject, became the owner of two farms on the Furnace Road, and spent a long life in agricultural pursuits, dying in Union county, July 2, 1841. He was married (first) to a Miss Bower, of Dry Valley, (second) to Miss Susanna Bartges, of Mifflinburg, and (third) to Miss Sophia Bickle, whose father, Henry Bickle, was killed by an Indian. He had three daughters: Mrs. Joseph Nyhart, Mrs. John Wolfe, and Mrs. David Oldt, who resided near New Berlin, and five sons: Michael, who settled in Michigan; Daniel, who went to Ohio; Benjamin, an early settler in Illinois; Jonathan, our subject's grandfather; and David, who died in Union county. Jonathan Smith was born in 1792, at the old homestead on the Furnace Road, and died in 1832, from the effects of a fall in a barn from the hayloft to the floor. He was a soldier in the war of 1812.

In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and, although he died at an early age, he had already attained an influential place among his business associates. His farm of 160 acres was one of the best in the township. He was buried in Dreisbach cemetery, and his wife, Elizabeth Wolfe, who passed away many years later, at the age of eighty-two, was interred at White Deer church. She was born in East Buffalo township, Union county, the daughter of Jacob, and granddaughter of George Wolfe, one of the first settlers in Buffalo Valley. Her mother, Catherine Basner, was a daughter of John Basner, who settled in Union county in 1774, near the present site of New Columbia, and was killed in 1778, on the Susquehanna river, by some Indians. To Jonathan and Elizabeth Smith eight children were born, viz.: Aaron W., our subject's father; Simon, a resident of White Deer township, Union county; Mary, widow of Elias Noll, of Lewisburg; Michael, who was killed in a stone quarry in White Deer township; Jonathan, who died at an early age; Catherine, widow of Joseph Moyer, of White Deer; John, who died in boyhood; and Jacob W., now residing in Lewisburg.

The late Aaron W. Smith spent his youth at the old farm in East Buffalo township, where he was born October 6, 1816. He received a good education for the time and taught school several terms. On April 25, 1839, he was married in the same township, by Rev. M. Anspach, to Miss Esther Sterner, who was born in that locality, July 29, 1821, the daughter of Nathaniel Sterner. They began housekeeping in their native township, where Mr. Smith followed the tanner's trade, but in the spring of 1842 he bought a tannery in White Deer township and removed there, remaining until late in the '50s, when he gave up the business to engage in farming upon some land which he purchased in the same locality. About 1864 he removed to another farm in Lewis township, to pass his declining years, and his death occurred there on February 12, 1870, from typhoid fever. Ten other members of the family were suffering from the disease at the time, and a son and daughter died of it. His wife survived him, and married William Hoffman, but at her death, in July, 1883, she was buried beside her first husband in Ray's cemetery, in Lewis township, Union county. Both parents were Lutherans in faith, and the father held various offices in the Church. Politically, he was a staunch Republican, but he never sought office, although at one time he served as jury commissioner. He left a good estate, mainly accumulated by his own industry, his start in life

having been a very modest one. Of eleven children, the eldest, Sarah J. married (first) Jacob Grove, and (second) A. J. Morningstar, and now resides in Lewis township, Union county; Catharine E. is the wife of J. Young, of St. Joseph county, Mich.; Joanna died January 22, 1849; Levi died June 17, 1848; Jonathan died April 23, 1870; Mary Lucinda died August 24, 1850; Aaron, our subject, was the seventh in order of birth; Jerusha A., died February 17, 1870; Ursula E. is the wife of Martin Harmon, of Norfolk, Va.; Delilah A., married James Hackenburg, of Buffalo township; and Anna A. married Wilson Holt, now residing near Centerville, Michigan.

At the time of our subject's birth, September 10, 1851, his parents were living in White Deer township, and, as he was nearly thirteen years old when they removed from the locality, his education was mainly obtained there, the common schools of that day offering but a limited course. He remained at home until after his father's estate was adjusted, and then began work on his own account, taking such employment as he could find in sawmills and lumber camps, or on neighboring farms. About 1879 he went to Michigan and later to the vicinity of Osage, Iowa, where he spent two years working as a general laborer and farm hand. The following winter was passed in Pennsylvania, and then, after seven or eight months in Michigan, he returned to his native county to make a permanent home.

On December 28, 1880, Mr. Smith was married, in Mifflinburg, to Miss Celestia A. Engelman, a native of White Deer township, born May 3, 1857. Her father, Joseph Engelman, was born March 18, 1827, and died December 12, 1864, and her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Stahl, was born December 20, 1834, and died September 30, 1858. She was the only one of their children to live to adult age, and, as she was left an orphan at the age of seven, she made her home with an uncle, Philip Stahl, who was appointed her guardian. She received a common-school education, and was reared upon a farm, where she gained practical knowledge of her future duties as the helpmeet of an industrious farmer. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith located temporarily in East Buffalo township, but in the fall of 1881 they purchased their present farm of seventy-two acres in Buffalo township, to which they removed on January 10, 1882. In addition to this property, Mr. Smith owns another farm of seventy-five acres in the same township, and a house and shoemaker's shop in Mazeppa. He is a hard worker, a good

manager, and his quiet, unassuming manner by no means blinds his acquaintances to his worth as a man and citizen. He is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and takes much interest in public affairs, giving his unwavering allegiance to the Republican party.

Three children have blessed his home, of whom the eldest, Esther S., born July 17, 1883, is living; Omer A., born October 26, 1887, and Eva M., born June 19, 1891, died in infancy.

HENRY R. BAKER, a representative agriculturist of Buffalo township, Union county, was born in the same township, January 13, 1849, on the old home place of his parents, William and Susan (Kauffman) Baker. With Adam Kling as teacher, he began his literary education in the public schools of Cowan, and his training at farm work was upon the old homestead, under his father's able directions. For six years after attaining his majority, he continued to work for his farm, receiving \$150 per year.

On December 9, 1875, in West Buffalo township, Union county, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Sabilla Shoemaker, who was born November 7, 1852, in Buffalo township, but when a child was taken by her parents, Levi and Martha (Gebhart) Shoemaker, to West Buffalo township, where she was reared. She was the fourth child and eldest daughter in a family of ten children, of whom seven reached manhood and womanhood. Her education was acquired in the Kauffman School in West Buffalo township, and her first teacher was Miss Josephine Thompson. Her father still lives near Mifflinburg, but her mother, who was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, died March 25, 1884, and was buried in the Mifflinburg cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children: Ada M., born September 20, 1876; Florence E., born December 26, 1878; and Levi W., born February 10, 1884; all are at home.

On his marriage, Mr. Baker located on one of his father's farms, which he rented for fifteen years, but in the fall of 1890 he purchased the Levi Miller farm in Buffalo township, and has there resided since the following March. He has made many valuable and useful improvements upon the place, and has one of the finest country homes in the county—an elegant brick residence, neat and tastefully furnished. It abounds in hospitality and good cheer, as the family have many friends and acquaintances, whom they delight to entertain. The parents and daughters are members of the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Baker has served as dea-

con, and the young ladies are actively interested in the Christian Endeavor Society. While an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, our subject is no politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests.

DAVID ROYER, proprietor of the "Lochiel Hotel," at Lochiel, Union county, is a man whose genial temperament, sound judgment and well-proved integrity have brought him the esteem and friendship of a host of acquaintances far and near. "Davy", as he is familiarly known, keeps many business irons in the fire, conducting a farm and dealing extensively in live stock, in addition to managing his popular hostelry.

As a review of one's ancestry gives the best possible introduction to a personal history, we will begin our account of Mr. Royer by mentioning the head of the family in this country, Sebastian Royer, who came from Switzerland in 1718, and located in what was then the Colony of Pennsylvania, on the Schuylkill river, at a point which is still called Royer's Ford. Later he, with two sons, John and Amos, moved to Lancaster county, where he died in 1758. Amos Royer, who died 1769, had five sons: Philip, Christopher, Peter, John and Daniel. Christopher Royer, the great-grandfather of our subject, settled in Union county, and reared three sons: John, Daniel, and Joel (our subject's grandfather), who was born April 13, 1779, and died October 30, 1853, and was in his later years an extensive land owner in Kelly township, Union county. He was married to Miss Susanna Brenheiser, a native of Lancaster county, who was born June 30, 1779, and died March 30, 1871, at the age of ninety-two. They had twelve children: Nancy, Isaac, Israel, Adam, Sarah, Elizabeth, Anna, Rebecca, Susanna, Joel, Catherine and Mary R.

Israel Royer (our subject's father) was born in Lancaster county, but came to Union county in boyhood with his parents. His first wife, Catherine Ritter, was a native of Buffalo township, in the same county, and they began housekeeping upon one of the farms belonging to Joel Royer, where eleven children were born to them: Susannah, now Mrs. Daniel Rangler, of Buffalo township, Union county; Mary A., who married John Neese, and moved to Iowa; David, our subject; Rebecca, who married Frank F. Troxel, and died in Northumberland county; William, of McEwensville, Penn.; Samuel, of Bellevue, Ohio;

Joel, who was killed during the Civil war at Fort Gregg while serving in defense of the Union; Adam, of Lewisburg, Penn.; Anna, deceased, who did not marry; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Charles Zechman, of Iowa; and Catherine who died at an early age. The mother of this family died when our subject was about fifteen years old, and the father was married to Mrs. Catherine Shively, widow of John Shively. There were two sons by this union: John and Michael, both living near Hartleton, Pennsylvania.

After the death of his first wife Israel Royer, moved from Kelly township to East Buffalo township, and later to Hartley township, in the same county. Both his wives were Dunkards in religious faith, and he inclined toward that Church, contributing liberally to its work, and, when he passed away at seventy years of age, his remains were laid to their final rest in the Dunkard cemetery, three miles above Mifflinburg. He was a man of average height and in his habits was industrious, but while he accomplished much work he never gained more than a moderate competence. He had a comfortable home and was considered well-to-do, and in local affairs his opinions were listened to with great respect. Politically, he was first a Whig, and, later, a Republican, and he never neglected his duty as a citizen on election day, voting regularly according to his convictions.

Our subject was born at the old home in Kelly township, Union county, February 16, 1835, and his schooling was that common to the time and locality. He keenly appreciates the difference in the schools of the present, and he endorses every improvement by which the children of this day are given better opportunities. His early training at home prepared him for farm work, but he had a poor start in life, his available funds on leaving home at twenty years of age amounting to \$2.50. He spent three years working for Thomas Howard, a farmer in his native township, at \$120 per year, and continued in the same line of work with other employers until he was twenty-seven years old, saving nearly \$1,000.

About this time Mr. Royer was married, at Mifflinburg, to Miss Mary C. Heinley, daughter of John Heinley, a prosperous farmer of Buffalo township, Union county. He rented his father-in-law's farm and operated it for five years, then conducted William Royer's farm in Limestone township two years, returning afterward to the Heinley homestead. After another year there he bought a farm of forty acres near Vicksburg, going in debt to the amount of \$1,500. A year later he made an advantageous sale, and in the

spring of 1868 bought the old "Biehl Hotel" property, four miles from Lewisburg, on the pike between that place and Mifflinburg. There were thirty-one acres in the place, and he has since purchased fifteen acres from John C. Dunkle, and fifty-five acres from Andrew Miller, making a valuable farm. In addition to his hotel, he owns two dwelling houses in the same vicinity. This success reflects great credit upon him, beginning as he did with no financial aid. In his business dealings he asks only for what he considers his own, and concedes the same right to others. In the buying and selling of live stock his trade extends over several counties, giving him a large acquaintance, and wherever he is known his word is as good as his bond.

One daughter, Miss Adda M. Royer, brightened his home. His wife is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and the family has always been in sympathy with the social and philanthropical movements. Politically Mr. Royer is a steadfast Republican, but he has been too closely devoted to business to care for office, although he served one year as constable in East Buffalo township.

JOSEPH SPANGLER, an agriculturist of energy and ability, who has made his own way in the world unaided, is a resident of Buffalo township, Union county.

Born in the same county, three miles from New Berlin, in Limestone township, April 7, 1836, Mr. Spangler is a son of Daniel and Lydia (Mees) Spangler. Upon the farm where our subject's birth occurred, his father was born January 14, 1804, his grandparents, George C. and Anna Catharine (Blank) Spangler, being pioneer settlers of Limestone township. In the southern part of Pennsylvania the former was born November 2, 1755, but died on the old homestead in Limestone township, March 2, 1829, while his wife, who was born May 16, 1762, died July 7, 1841.

Daniel Spangler had a twin brother, Jonathan. The former, who was a man of average size, devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, was a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief. On January 31, 1826, he was married to Lydia Mees, who was born January 26, 1807, and was a daughter of Michael and Anna Barbara Mees. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler became the parents of the following children: Mary A., born April 27, 1827, married Benjamin Hollabach, of Kelly township, Union county; George C., born July 21, 1829, died in Centerville, Penn., in September, 1893; Cath-

arine A., born September 8, 1831, is the wife of Samuel Gramley, of Rebersburg, Penn.; Henrietta, born February 23, 1834, died September 5, 1853; Joseph is next in order of birth; David, born February 21, 1838, is in the planing-mill business in Van Wert, Ohio; Michael, born July 26, 1840, is a resident of Van Wert county, Ohio; John, born January 27, 1843, is a farmer of Limestone township, Union Co., Penn.; Edward, born May 7, 1845, died in a hospital at Alexandria, Va., June 18, 1864, having been a member of Company F, 145th P. V. I., First Division, Second Army Corps, in the Union service; Willoughby, born January 3, 1848, died March 21, 1865; and Thomas L., born July 5, 1850, is a farmer of Limestone township. The father departed this life December 9, 1857, the mother on May 18, 1865, and both were buried in the New Berlin Cemetery.

As his parents were in limited circumstances, Joseph Spangler began work at an early age, and his educational opportunities were therefore limited, but he is a warm friend of our public-school system, justly appreciating the value of a good education. He was married in Limestone township, December 2, 1858, to Miss Barbara Etman, who was born in what is now Snyder county, Penn., February 28, 1838, and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Hendricks) Etman, who were the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters, of whom she was the fifth in order of birth, and the third daughter. Mr. Etman was a distiller, but never a drinker. As her parents were poor, she lived among strangers from the age of eight years, and thus was deprived of school training. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, namely: Harry W., born June 19, 1859, is a farmer of Limestone township; Martin L., born March 2, 1861, died in infancy; Newton E., born November 7, 1865, is a successful teacher; Anna M., born February 9, 1868, died at the age of twenty-four; and Thomas E., born July 7, 1872, is at home.

For a few years after his marriage Mr. Spangler lived upon his father's farm, and then rented elsewhere for two years, but in April, 1865, he moved to his present farm in Buffalo township, then belonging to Edward Wilson. After farming it on shares until 1875, he purchased the place, comprising 116 acres, at \$100 per acre, but went heavily in debt, as he had only \$3,000 to pay down. Soon afterward he sold six acres, but still owns the rest, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. His life is a worthy example of what may be accomplished by the exercise of honesty, economy and industry. His good and noble wife bore her share in the hard-

ships of their early married life; for two years and a half she was compelled to do her cooking upon an old-fashioned tin-plate stove, and she began housekeeping with only \$35 worth of furniture and other necessary articles. She patiently endured all inconveniences, cheerfully bore her part in the work, and ever proved a true and faithful helpmeet to her husband. They have reared a family of which they have just reason to be proud, and all have the respect and esteem of the entire community. The parents are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics Mr. Spangler is a Democrat.

JOSEPH CLINTON BAKER, of White Deer township, Union county, is an enterprising, progressive citizen, who is not only successfully engaged in agriculture, but conducts also a sawmill and an extensive threshing business, his brother, John H. Baker, being a partner. The Baker homestead, upon which both brothers reside, was settled about a century ago by John Baker, the grandfather of our subject, who came from Berks county, Penn., with his wife, Heddie, to locate permanently. They reared a family of ten children: Daniel, a farmer in Illinois; Abraham, a farmer in White Deer township, Union county; Amos, who owns and operates a part of the original Baker farm; George, who resides with his brother Abraham; Benjamin; Moses, a farmer in White Deer township; Michael; John; David; and Jacob.

The late Benjamin Baker was born at the present homestead August 31, 1835, and passed his life there, his death occurring January 9, 1897. He was a blacksmith by trade, but owing to ill health retired from active work some years prior to his death. While he was interested in the questions of his day, and was a strong Democrat, he was averse to public life, and gave his attention strictly to his private affairs. In religious faith, he was a Lutheran. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Engle, was born in Clinton county, September 12, 1844, and passed to her eternal rest June 20, 1871. They had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest, the others being: Anna J., wife of Percy Beaver, a farmer of Buffalo township, Union county; and John H., who is mentioned more fully farther on.

Joseph C. Baker was born July 9, 1870, and has always lived at the homestead, the schools of that locality affording him his early education. Through practical work at home he was taught the art of farm management, which he and his brother gradually assumed as their father's

health failed. In 1893 a sawmill was built on the place, has since been operated, and for fourteen years past has been run a threshing machine each season. Business having occupied his thoughts so extensively and profitably, J. C. Baker has not taken an active part in local politics, but he is an earnest believer in Democratic doctrines. He is interested in religious work as a member of the Reformed Church, and is in sympathy with local progress in all lines.

On November 13, 1890, he was married to Miss Sevilla C. Brown, and four bright children have blessed their union: Edith M., born January 13, 1892; George W., March 26, 1893; Dora E., April 16, 1894; and Florence, November 28, 1896, making the fourth generation of the Baker family to occupy the homestead.

Mrs. Sevilla Baker is also descended from an old Pennsylvania family, her great-great-grandparents having come from Germany and located in Berks county. Her great-grandfather was a farmer in that county for many years, but his son, George Brown, Mrs. Baker's grandfather, was born and reared in Schuylkill county, where he married Miss Sarah Bartley, a daughter of Abraham Bartley, of that county, and who was a native of Germany. Mrs. Baker's father, George Bartley Brown, was born in Schuylkill county, February 18, 1827, and is now a prominent resident in White Deer township, Union county. His second wife, Sarah E. Yost, Mrs. Baker's mother, was a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Fulmer) Yost, of Bucks county, Penn. She died April 12, 1883, at the age of forty-eight, and of her seven children all but one are now living: James M., born November 27, 1865, is a coachmaker at Montgomery, Penn.; Paden S., born January 6, 1867, died October 30, 1884; Irene, born February 26, 1868, married Alpheus Koch, a farmer in Lycoming county, Penn.; Sevilla C., born March 1, 1870, is the wife of our subject; George A., born April 6, 1871, is a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; Miss Eva D., born February 27, 1878, resides with her sister, Mrs. Koch; and Cyrus W., born April 9, 1883, is at home.

JOHN H. BAKER (son of Benjamin) was married on September 25, 1890, to Miss Anna Maria Catterman, and has two children: George B., born May 8, 1891; and Hazel M., born May 27, 1894, brighten their home. Mrs. John H. Baker was born in Kelly township, Union county, May 8, 1871, and her parents, George and Margaret (Young) Catterman, who were both natives of Union county, are now residing upon a farm in White Deer township. The father is a well-known Democrat, and both parents are members

of the Lutheran Church. They have had six children, of whom Mrs. J. H. Baker was the youngest; Jacob L. is a resident of Buffalo township, Union county; Mary E. married William Hughes, of Montgomery, Penn.; Harris, a farmer, resides with his parents; John W. is deceased; and Minnie is the wife of John Kostoboder, a clerk in a store at Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

NATHAN KNAUER is now retired from the active labors of life, and occupies a comfortable home in the town of Swengel, Union county. His has been a long and useful career, with little time for idleness along the thoroughfare of life, and by his straightforward, honorable course he has won the high regard of all who know him.

Mr. Knauer was born in Chester county, Penn., October 16, 1836, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Munchauer) Knauer, who spent their entire lives in that county, the former dying at the age of seventy-three, and the latter at the age of fifty-two years. Their remains were interred in St. Peter's cemetery in Chester county. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Samuel, deceased; Susan, wife of John P. Church; Elizabeth, wife of F. Painter, a farmer of Chester county; Isaiah, who married, and reared a family in Chester county, where he still resides; Mary, who became the wife of Jacob Airgood, a carpenter and farmer of that county, and died in 1890; John, who is married and lives on the old homestead in Chester county; Anna, wife of Louis Dampman, a tailor of Montgomery county, Penn.; Sara, widow of Eben Sheeler, of Chester county, who died while serving in the Union army during the Civil war; Asenath, widow of Josiah Keim, of Pottstown, Penn., who died in 1893; and Nathan, of this sketch.

Our subject attended the common schools to a limited extent, but is almost entirely self-educated. He early became familiar with the work of the farm and the mill, his father being engaged in both occupations. At the age of twenty he came to Union county, and for forty-one years was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Lewis township, but he has now retired from the active management of his farm.

Mr. Knauer was married to Miss Harriet Hilbish, who was born January 27, 1840, and when ten years old came to Union county with her parents, Jacob Hilbish and his wife. Her father became a prominent farmer of Lewis township, but in 1871 removed to the West, first locating in Ohio, later in Indiana, and finally in Missouri, where he died in August, 1893. His

wife, who was born February 25, 1809, is still living and retains her faculties to a wonderful degree. She has traveled quite extensively throughout the West. She is a descendant of one of the three Revolutionary soldiers who captured Major Andre, the spy, and delivered him to Gen. Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Knauer have eight children: Maria B., wife of Joseph Heater, a farmer of Ohio, by whom she has two children; John W., a telegraph operator, now stationed at Crestline, Ohio; Margaret, a resident of Milton, Penn.; Charles A., who married Miss Anna Hirsh, and lives in Swengel, Penn.; Susan E., an estimable young lady residing with her parents; George M., a telegraph operator; Anna M., at home; and William C., who is attending school at Selins Grove, Penn. The family is connected with the Lutheran Church, and holds an enviable position in the social circles of the community. Politically, Mr. Knauer is identified with the Republican party.

LEVY BEAVER, one of the intelligent and highly respected farmers of Buffalo township, Union county, was born in Monroe township, Snyder county, Penn., June 11, 1843. His parents were George E. and Mary (Bower) Beaver. The grandfather, George Beaver, Sr., removed from Berks to Snyder county, where he spent his remaining days as a farmer and pump-maker. His children were: Matthias, John, George E., Nathan, Michael, Absalom, Elias, Catharine, Anna, Lydia, Dena and Elizabeth.

George E. Beaver was born in Monroe township, Snyder county, was reared on a farm, and in the fall of 1832 married Miss Bower, who was born in Union township, Snyder county, March 19, 1814, a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Wise) Bower. Her father was a farmer, and his children were: Henry, William, Polly, Catharine, Elizabeth, Dena, Mary and Sally. At the time of this marriage Mr. and Mrs. George E. Beaver received from her father \$100, with which they purchased seven acres of land. They built there a little home, which was scantily furnished, and began their domestic life. The husband worked as a laborer, and as the years passed was able to add to the comforts of his home. During his later years he suffered much from ill-health, and resided with his children. His death occurred in 1892, at the age of eighty-one, and he was buried in the cemetery in Kratzerville, Snyder county. In politics he was first a Whig, and afterward a Republican. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, of which his wife has been

a faithful member since 1832. She is still living, and makes her home with her sons, Levi and Elias J. Her children are: William, who was killed at a limekiln, in Union county, when sixty years of age; Jacob, of Penn township, Snyder county; Aaron, who died in infancy; Levi; Catharine, wife of Absalom Beaver, of Union township, Union county; Elias J., of Buffalo township; and Lavina, who died at the age of eighteen years.

Levi Beaver, of this review, is a self-made man, who, since the age of nine years, has been dependent upon his own resources. At the age of ten he received twenty-five cents per day for his service as a farm hand. He was energetic and persevering, and if he had once worked for a man he could always secure employment with him again. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of Charles Bellman, of Buffalo township, but after a year returned to Union township, and was employed by various farmers.

On December 24, 1862, Mr. Beaver was married to Miss Mary J. Swartzlander, who was born in Penn township, Snyder county, December 31, 1842. Her parents, Daniel and Susanna (Oldt) Swartzlander, had seven children, namely: John, Mary, Elizabeth, Emanuel, Charles, Lydia and Benjamin F. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and when a young man worked in Brush Valley, Centre county, hauling grain to that point from Lewisburg. He died at the age of seventy-five, and his wife, who passed away at the age of seventy-seven, was buried by his side in New Berlin cemetery.

After his marriage our subject located in Limestone township, Union county, renting a home there, and was employed in the mines. In March, 1865, he enlisted in the 74th P. V. I., as a member of Company D, and joined his command at Beverly, W. Va. At the close of the war he returned home, and for five years was employed by Sheriff David Gross, in Union township. He afterward worked at different places until the spring of 1879, when he rented a farm in Dry Valley. In the spring of 1881, he came to the Peter Voneida farm, near Cowan, where he has since lived. In the spring of 1896, he purchased a small farm of twenty-seven acres in Buffalo township.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Beaver has been blessed with the following children: Anna E., wife of John Reedy, of Buffalo township; Franklin H., a carpenter of Buffalo Roads; Charles I., a farmer of West Buffalo township; Jerome E., a farmer of New York; Daniel A. and Bertha M., at home. The parents are members of the Evangelical Church, and the family

is one of prominence in the community, its representatives being leaders in the social circles in which they move. Mr. Beaver gives his political support to the Democracy, and is a member of the Farmers Alliance. He makes the most and best of life, is a loyal citizen and a good neighbor, and has the respect of all who know him.

J THEO. SMITH, druggist, New Berlin, Limestone township, Union county, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS O. CRISWELL, a well-to-do agriculturist of Kelly township, Union county, now residing at Taylorville, is a member of a family which has long been prominent in that locality, his grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Hutchison) Criswell, having been among the leading pioneers. The late John Hutchison Criswell, the father of our subject, was a man who stood high in the esteem of the community, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Jane Mathers, so endeared themselves to all by their kindness and sterling worth that they were universally known as "Uncle and Auntie Criswell." The former was born March 20, 1812, and died April 17, 1894, while his wife's life extended from June 24, 1811, to September 4, 1884, and both were mourned on their departure as but few have been.

They had ten children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: Joseph, February 19, 1835; James, April 16, 1837, deceased; William, April 12, 1839; Elizabeth (Mrs. Daniel Kuhns), September 24, 1841; Mary A., July 15, 1843; Isabella, July 21, 1845, deceased; Rachel, April 21, 1848, deceased; John, May 5, 1850, deceased; Sarah M., October 10, 1852, deceased; and Thomas O., September 2, 1853.

Thomas O. Criswell was born at the old Criswell homestead, and until the age of twenty-one his life was passed there in the healthful work of the farm, his education being acquired in the neighboring schools. On arriving at his majority he began working the farm on shares, but after continuing this arrangement six years he made a trip to the West, visiting Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota and Colorado. One year and nine months were spent in sightseeing and prospecting, his expenses being met by work on farms, in elevators, and, in fact, whatever he could find to do. Naturally he found no place more attractive than this favored section, and returning home he resumed work at the homestead for a year, when he took another farm in the same

township, belonging to his father, and conducted it until 1894. He then purchased his present estate from John Reedy, and, having delegated the active work of the place to other hands, he is enjoying a well-deserved leisure.

He has a pleasant home and an interesting family. On September 27, 1885, he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Prutzman, and they have four children: James Lee, born November 13, 1886; Clarence T., December 17, 1888; Jennie E., January 27, 1891; and Harvey F., January 28, 1895.

Mrs. Criswell was born in Hartleton township, Union county, February 16, 1856, is a daughter of the late Enoch G. Prutzman, who died in Union county, in 1891, aged seventy-one years. He was by occupation a shoemaker, and he had been throughout his life a staunch Democrat in political faith. He was a native of Reading, Penn., as was his wife, Susanna Dilcamcamp, who was born in January, 1817, and is now living in Mifflinburg, Penn. Both united with the Reformed Church many years ago and remained devout and consistent members of the same. They had the following children: Jacob, a farmer in California; Hiram, a shoemaker at New Berlin, Penn.; George, a blacksmith at Winfield, Penn.; Daniel, a farmer in Kansas; Sarah, widow of Peter Guyer, of Mifflinburg; Lizzie, Mrs. Criswell; Mary, who married Joseph Raybuck, a farmer in Buffalo township, Union county; and Edward, who is also engaged in agriculture in that township.

Thomas Criswell is a most agreeable companion, having a genial nature and an active, clever mind. As a good citizen he takes an interest in the problems of the time, and, politically, he supports the doctrines of the Republican party. He and his wife are prominent members of the Reformed Church.

J R. ZELLER, retired, post office Mifflinburg, Union County, Pennsylvania.

MRS. PRISCILLA E. AMMON, widow of Elijah W. Ammon, is one of the most highly respected ladies of Vicksburg. Union county. She was born in West Hanover township, Dauphin county, Penn., February 26, 1828, and is the tenth child and sixth daughter in the family of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, belonging to John and Christina (Killinger) Early. The father, who was a farmer in early life, served as justice of the peace many years, and, although not wealthy, he was in comfortable

circumstances, able to provide his family with many luxuries and pleasures which money only can bring. He died at the age of eighty-two, and his wife when eighty-eight, and both were buried in West Hanover township, Dauphin county. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, while she held membership in the Reformed Church, and both were honored and esteemed citizens of the community where they so long made their home.

In her native township Mrs. Ammon was reared and educated, the school house she went to being some distance from her home. With the other children of the family, she was taught lessons of obedience and respect to those older, and was twelve years of age before she knew her father's first name, having always heard him called father, at home, and squire, by strangers. On September 28, 1848, she gave her hand in marriage to Elijah W. Ammon, their wedding being celebrated in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ammon was born in Robinson township, Berks county, Penn., January 24, 1824, and was a miller by trade, following that occupation in Dauphin county at the time of his marriage. During the eleven years that he continued milling there, he purchased the property known as Early's Mill, which he finally sold, and purchased a hotel at Linglestown, Dauphin county, conducting the same for several years. Later he engaged in farming in West Hanover township, that county, but in 1870 came to Vicksburg, where he bought the "Great Western Hotel," and carried on business until his death, which occurred August 31, 1877. He was laid to rest in the Dreisbach cemetery. He was an unswerving Republican in politics, and was widely and favorably known.

A woman of rare business ability, Mrs. Ammon successfully conducted the hotel for several years after her husband's death, and then erected her comfortable residence in Vicksburg, where she has since lived. Having no children of their own, she and her husband reared three others. Agnes Baker, a niece of Mrs. Ammon, was born in Dauphin county, June 7, 1862, and from the age of six years she has made her home with her aunt. She is now the widow of Peter Guyer. Edward A. Baker was taken to their home when only twenty-two months old. He was born in Dauphin county in September, 1864, the child of Mrs. Ammon's youngest sister, Rebecca, who had just died. Here he remained until 1881, when he went west, where he spent several years, and, after returning to Pennsylvania on a visit, went to Nicaragua. At Greytown, in that country, he was accidentally killed by a falling lighter, October 25, 1890, and was buried there.

Robert Patrick lived with Mr. and Mrs. Ammon until seventeen years of age, learning the miller's trade with the former. He now lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Since fifteen years of age Mrs. Ammon has

been a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and her straightforward, womanly course and many excellent traits of character have gained for her the love and high regard of all with whom she has come in contact. Mrs. Guyer holds membership in the Reformed Church.



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