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John W. Albright, farmer, Newport, Perry County, Pa., son of **John G.** and **Susan (Bitner) Albright**, was born at Loysville, Perry County, June 15, 1831. His paternal ancestors came from Germany, his grandparents being the first in their line to emigrate to this country. **John G. Albright** was born December 25, 1800, in York County, Pa., where he lived until just before his marriage, when he came to Perry County, Pa., and settled near Loysville; he removed later to Centre Township, in the same County. He was a shoemaker, and worked for some years at this occupation, but abandoned it, and bought a farm in Centre Township. Later he sold this place and removed to Newport, where he died in 1872, aged seventy-five years. In the war of 1812, he served as a drummer boy, and was stationed at Baltimore, Md. **John G. Albright** married **Susan Bitner**, of Perry County, Pa., who survived him many years, and died at Harrisburg, Pa., December 25, 1889. Their children are: **William**, deceased; **Mary A.**, widow of **George C. Smith**, Harrisburg, Pa.; **Catherine (Mrs. B. P. Bador)**, Harrisburg, Pa.; **Simon**, deceased, served in the late war; **John W.**; **Henry W.**, served in the late war, resides at Harrisburg, Pa.; **Laura (Mrs. Richard Latchford)**, of Oliver Township; **George**, was a soldier in the late war, resides in Harrisburg.

When **John W. Albright** was a little boy, his father removed with him to Centre Township, where he received his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years, he began driving mules on the tow path of the canal. He soon mastered the whole business of boating and finally took charge of a boat, and in this occupation was employed for twelve years. In 1862, he enlisted for nine months' service in Captain Tressler's Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered in at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa. He participated with his regiment in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, and in the latter battle was wounded in the breast, the abdomen and the hip. These wounds confined him to the hospital until the following spring, when he was honorably discharged from the service on account of disabilities resulting from them. He was brought home on a stretcher and lay in bed for six months before he was sufficiently recovered to be able to walk. Some time afterwards, he went to Philadelphia and had his hip replaced, and in the course of three or four years was able to begin business in a grocery store, which he kept for four years. During the next two years, he was a hotel keeper at Newport, having charge first of the Dunkle House and then of the Ninth Ward House.

In the spring of 1889, he bought the farm he now occupies, formerly called the Wertz farm, which contains eighty-six acres, and the greater part of which he has much improved. For several years he worked at shoemaking. **Mr. Albright** is a staunch Republican, and has served for some years as supervisor and as notary public. In 1851-52, he was under-sheriff of Luzerne County, Pa.

On March 21, 1861, **Mr. Albright** was married to **Margaret Roth**, of Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., daughter of **John** and **Elizabeth (Miller) Roth**, both deceased. The children by this marriage are: **John Edward**, born in Centre Township, April 10, 1862, died August 23, 1864, aged two years, four months and thirteen days; **W. H.**, born in Newport, February 25, 1864, is in

the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Harrisburg; **Emma E.**, born in Newport, October 2, 1865, died June 9, 1871, aged five years, eight months and seven days; **Charles T.**, born in Newport, March 18, 1866, farms at home; **Francis R.**, born in Newport, September 28, 1868, works for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona, Pa.; **George S.**, born in Newport, July 9, 1870, is a day laborer; **Jennie Bell**, born in Newport, December 13, 1873, died May 20, 1875, aged one year, five months and seven days; **Milton S.**, born in Newport, May 6, 1876, died December 15, 1893, aged seventeen years, seven months and eight days; and **Curtis J.**, born in Newport, March 18, 1878.

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