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W. J. Allen, M. D., New Germantown, Perry County, Pa., son of **Ephraim R.** and **Isabella A. (Leach) Allen**, was born in Juniata County, Pa., December 27, 1861. **W. J. Allen** was three years old when his parents removed to McCoysville, Juniata County, Pa., where he received his early education. After teaching for two years, he borrowed money enough to complete his education at Airy View Academy, Port Royal, Juniata County. During his vacations he worked for the neighboring farmers, and drove the stage on his father's route, thus earning money to pay in part for his tuition. In 1881, he began the study of medicine at McCoysville, Pa., where he remained for three years, during which time he also taught school to defray his expenses. In the autumn of 1883, he entered the University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md., and graduated in the class of 1886. During the last year of his medical course, he lived in New Germantown, Pa., and was the assistant of **Dr. Gutshall**, of Plain, Pa. After his graduation he opened an office in New Germantown, where he is now a well-known and successful physician. **Dr. Allen** is a self-made man, and a firm friend and supporter of higher education. His attention is turned to advanced medical work; with untiring zeal he executes his studies, and labors for the advancement of his chosen profession. He has taken special courses in surgery and medicine, has a constantly increasing practice, and he is a prominent member of the Perry County Medical Association. He is a staunch Democrat, and has been Senatorial conferee and a member of the county convention for six years. For one term he was clerk of the county, and is now serving his third term as auditor. He is a member of the P. O. S. A., has passed all the chairs in the lodge in New Germantown, and is highly esteemed and respected.

W. J. Allen, M. D., was married at McCoysville, Pa., May 27, 1886, to **Flora L.**, daughter of **John H.** and **Hannah (Kepner) Randolph**. Their children are: **Roy Randolph**, aged ten; **Hannah Belle**, aged eight; and **Helen May**, aged seven. **Dr. Allen** was a member of the Presbyterian Church. There being no church of that denomination in New Germantown, he has not connected himself with any church, but contributes liberally to all. **Mrs. Allen** was born in McCoysville, Juniata County, Pa., May 31, 1861. She was educated in the public schools and in the academy at McCoysville under Professors William Gill and Wilson Kidd. At her graduation she received a high grade certificate, and taught for one term.

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