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William B. Anderson, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., son of **Alexander B.** and **Mary A. (Lackey) Anderson**, was born in Perry County, December 17, 1856. His grandfather, **William Anderson**, was born in Scotland in 1771. He was among the early settlers of this region, and one of the most extensive land owners; he took up land in Perry County while it still formed part of Cumberland County, and during that early time, represented Cumberland County in the State Legislature. Andersonburg received its name from his family, and some of his descendants still reside on the **Anderson** farm in that vicinity. In 1820, when Perry County was organized, **William Anderson's** property had the highest valuation on the assessment list of Toboyne Township; he was the only person in the township assessed with a negro slave. In the same year, he was made one of the associate judges of the new county, and held that post of honor at the time of his death in 1832. **William Anderson** was married to **Isabella Blaine**; their children are as follows: **William B.**, for three years in the State Legislature as representative, and for three years as senator; **Matilda**, wife of **Rev. Lindley Rutter**, of Lancaster County, Pa.; **Margaret (Mrs. Stuart Turbett)**, of Juniata County, Pa.; **Hon. Alexander B.**; and **Mary**, wife of **B. F. Grosh**, M. D., for many years the principal physician of the county. **A. B. Grosh**, only surviving son of **Dr.** and **Mrs. Grosh**, was for six years the efficient prothonotary of Perry County, and is now editor of the Perry County Freeman.

Alexander B. Anderson, eldest son of **William** and **Isabella (Blaine) Anderson**, was born in Perry County, December 25, 1819. His scholastic education was begun in the common schools of his native county, and completed by graduation from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He immediately began reading law with **Benjamin McIntire**, Esq., was admitted to the bar in April, 1846, and practiced with distinction until he was elected associate judge of Perry County, in which office he served for five years. His term having expired, he removed to his farm in Madison Township; there he was again and again elected justice of the peace, filling that office for many years. His conciliating manner made him popular; and his information and excellent judgment were so fully appreciated that persons of all classes and ages sought his advice. **Alexander B. Anderson** was married in 1853 to **Mary Ann**, daughter of **William** and **Elizabeth (Titzel) Lackey**. Of their six children, two are deceased: **Isabella (Mrs. T. H. Butturf)**; and **Annie E.** Those surviving are: **William B.**; **Alexander L.**, of Nevada; **Charles A.**; and **Benjamin H.** **Mr.** and **Mrs. Anderson** were both faithful members of the upper Presbyterian Church at Blain, Perry County; he held various offices in the church, and was ruling elder at the time of his death. **Mrs. Anderson** still resides on the homestead. Most of the boyhood of **William B. Anderson** was passed on his father's farm, and after attending the common schools and the Bloomfield Academy until he was twenty years of age, he continued to be occupied with farming until 1887. Meanwhile, he had filled several township offices, and in 1883, was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he served five years, less two months. In April, 1888, he went west with the intention of locating a land claim. Having gone as far as Chicago, his plans underwent modification, and he engaged with **Mr. Kepner**, formerly of Perry County, to run a paper wagon. About six months later, in October, he returned to his home in Madison Township, where he remained until the following spring. He then became engaged in the business of

machinery and farming implements with his brother-in-law, **T. H. Butturf**, at Newport, Perry County.

In 1891, while still employed in this business **Mr. Anderson** was appointed to his present office, clerk of the county commissioners of Perry County; he proved efficient and reliable, and was re-appointed in 1894. He is a staunch Republican. Both in business and in social circles, **Mr. Anderson** is highly esteemed.

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