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J. Calvin Baker, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, July 3, 1859, son of **William** and **Lucy (Reber) Baker**. The paternal grandparents were of German descent; the grandmother's family name was **Weibly**. They were engaged in farming. Their children were: **John**, deceased; **Samuel**, deceased; **William**; **James**; **Peter**; **Abraham**; **Joseph**; **Elizabeth**; and **Catherine (Mrs. James Lochford)**. **George Reber**, **Mr. J. C Baker's** maternal grandfather, was German by descent; he lived in Perry and Cumberland Counties, dying in the latter county. His children are: **William**; **Benjamin**; **George**; **Lucy (Mrs. William Baker)**; **Annie (Mrs. Harry Sweiner)**; **Elizabeth**, widow of **Mr. Comp**; and **Henry**, deceased. **Mr. and Mrs. William Baker** are both natives of Perry County. **Mr. Baker** was for years a shoemaker, which trade he had learned in his youth; he also engaged in farming, and finally turned his attention to mercantile business, at Donnallys Mills, in Tuscarora Township. He is still prosperously carrying on that business. **Mrs. William Baker** is a daughter of **George Reber**; the children of **William Baker** and his wife are: **Harry**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. William C. Leonard)**; **George**; **J. Calvin**; **Charles**; **Alice (Mrs. D. C. Flickinger)**; **Nora (Mrs. Frank Baser)**; **John W.**; **Priscilla (Mrs. E. Mickey)**; **Clara (Mrs. John Baker)**; and **Gertrude**. Both parents are members of the Baptist Church.

J. Calvin Baker attended the common schools until he was fifteen years old. In 1875, he went west and there engaged in farming for six years. He then gave a year to the marble business, with the intention of learning it, but resumed farming at the end of that year, and two years later, in the winter of 1884, returned to his native township, bought a half interest in the mill property, and a tract of land, upon which he has ever since been successfully engaged in farming and milling. He is a Republican, and has served one year as judge of elections.

J. Calvin Baker was married, August 21, 1886, to **Annie M.**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Weibly) Schwartz**. They have two sons: **Ralph E.**; and **John W.** **Mr. Baker** belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and his wife is a member of the Reformed Church. Her father, **John Schwartz**, was born in York County, Pa. He was a very successful farmer, and in this his lifelong pursuit, has laid up a competency for his declining years so that he is now enjoying well-merited rest. During his years of activity, he served the township as supervisor and for three terms of three years each, as director of the poor. He was first married to **Miss Keyser**; their children were: **Jonathan**; **George**; and **Jacob**, deceased. His first wife having died, **Mr. Schwartz** married **Mary Weibly**; their children are: **David**; **William**; **Annie (Mrs. Baker)**; **Charles**; and **Elizabeth**, died in 1894. Both **Mr. Schwartz** and his wife were members of the Reformed Church. She is now deceased.