

Samuel Barner, Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., was born at **Barner's Church**, Liverpool Township, April 4, 1821. **Adam Barner**, his grandfather, was born in Switzerland and emigrated to America in early manhood, before the period of the Revolution. He was a tailor, and was hired out for seven years to pay his passage across the ocean. When the Revolutionary war broke out, he was pressed into the military service, and continued in the army until the close of the war, after which he settled in Liverpool Township, on the farm now owned by **Henry Kline**. This place was in the wilderness, and it caused much time and hardship to clear the land and erect buildings suitable for a home. But he had determination and energy and soon had the soil under cultivation, and a comfortable barn and dwelling. In addition to farming, he worked at his trade. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and active in the promotion of all religious work. He married the widow of **John Dunn**; they had five daughters, whose names are unknown, and two sons, **Henry** and **George**.

George Barner, father of **Samuel Barner**, was born and grew up in Liverpool Township, Perry County, on the farm now owned by **Henry Kline**. He had only six weeks' schooling, but while not proficient in mathematics, he was an excellent reader. Later, he bought the mansion farm, now owned by his son **Samuel**. It was then principally in timber, and he set to work to clear and improve the place. He built a log house, which still stands, having been improved and weather boarded by the present occupant; in 1823, he built a log barn. His energy and industry were un failing; for these traits and other excellencies of character, he was esteemed by all his neighbors. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His death occurred in 1862, in the eighty-third year of his age. He married **Mary Dups**, who died three years before him, in her eightieth year. Their children are: **Henry**, died in Liverpool Township, married **Elizabeth Smith**, deceased; **Elizabeth**, married first **Isaac Pfoutz**, and second **Capt. Joseph Ultz**, both are deceased; **Sarah**, married **John Kepner**, both died in Buffalo Township, Perry County, Pa.; **Fanny**, died unmarried; **Jacob**, died in Liverpool Township, his wife was **Elizabeth Wagner**, deceased; **Adam**, deceased, married **Catherine Smith**, who survives him; **Mary**, married **Frederick Row**, deceased, and she, a widow, resides at Liverpool, Pa.; **Samuel**; **Lydia**, widow of **Samuel Shaffer**, resides in Liverpool Township.

Samuel Barner attended the common schools for a limited time. He was brought up on the farm, and remained with his father until he was thirty-eight years of age. In 1858, **Mr. Barner** was married to **Miss Amelia Gougler**, of Liverpool Township. In 1862, his father died and he bought the home farm and cultivated it until the spring of 1887, but as it contained 210 acres it seemed too large for him to work; he therefore bought the **Fultz** farm of 45 acres, occupied it for two years, and then bought his present property, on which he has since made his home. Besides this, he owns four other farms. **Mr. Barner** has never been a seeker for office, but he is a good Democrat and good offices have frequently sought him. In 1882, he was elected county commissioner and served the term of three years; he has served as school director eighteen years, as tax collector two terms, and as assessor four terms. Originally he joined the Reformed Church, and served as elder in that church for sixteen years, but of late years he has been a member of the Lutheran Church. His children are: **John C.**, farmer in Liverpool Township, married **Irene Hufford**; **Lizzie (Mrs. Ben. Rine)**, of Juniata County, Pa.; **Jacob I.**, farmer in Liverpool Township, married **Miss Rinehart**; **Mary (Mrs. G. W. Wilt)**, resides with her brother, **Samuel Barner**; **Alice**, married **J. E. Shaffer**, a book-keeper in Brooklyn, NY.; and **Annie**, at home.