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**Charles Barshinger**, Keystone, Perry County, Pa., was born in York County, Pa., August 23, 1834, son of **Henry** and **Mary (Austine) Barshinger**, both of German ancestry, and natives of York County. Hon. **Mr. Austine**, father of **Mrs. Henry Barshinger**, represented York County in the State Legislature in 1834. **Henry Barshinger** died in 1845, and his wife in 1880, both in York County, where they had passed their entire lives. Five of their family of eleven children are deceased; the survivors are: **Henry**, of Red Lion, York County; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Emanuel Keller)**; **Samuel**, of Windsor Township, York County; **Charles**; **Mary Jane (Mrs. Henry Tyson)**, of York County; and **Amos**, of York County.

The youth of **Charles Barshinger** was spent upon his father's farm, in his native county, where he continued to reside until he was twenty-five years of age. He was educated in the public schools. After leaving school, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1859, when he removed to Rye Township, and has ever since been a resident and a merchant of Perry County. He has proved himself a useful and trustworthy citizen; has served for eighteen years on the school board of Rye Township, besides filling the offices of assessor and tax collector. For thirty-six years, he has been postmaster at Keystone. He supports Republican views. **Charles Barshinger** was married, January 5, 1860, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Francis** and **Elizabeth Idel**. Their children are: **Mary Jane (Mrs. John Shaffer)**; **Clara V. (Mrs. D. W. Sunday)**; **Milton A.**, deceased; and **Talbot N.**, of Rye Township. **Mr. Barshinger** and family attend the Evangelical Church, of which he has been a trustee for twenty-five years; for the same length of time he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

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