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**George E. Beaver**, farmer, Millerstown, Perry County, Pa., was born in Liverpool Township, Perry County, Pa., September 24, 1843, and is a son of **George** and **Maria C. (Long) Beaver**. **George Beaver**, great-great grandfather of **George E. Beaver**, emigrated from Germany in 1740 and settled in Chester County, Pa. He participated in the Indian wars and fought in the Revolutionary war under Gen. Anthony Wayne. His occupation was that of farming. His children were: **George**; **Jacob**; **Abraham**; **Hannah (Mrs. Rosenberger)**, of Lebanon County, Pa.; **Houdeter** and **Benjamin**, both killed in the Revolutionary war. **George Beaver**, great grandfather of **George E. Beaver**, was born May 1, 1755, in Chester County, and removed to Franklin County, settling at Reefers Church, near Strasburg, where he died. He married **Catharine** (or **Barbara**) **Keefer**, and their children were: **Peter**; **Mary (Mrs. Gudekuntz)**; **Samuel**, died in South America; **Hannah**, also married a **Mr. Gudekuntz**; **Betsey (Mrs. Edwards)**; **Peggy**, who was also **Mrs. Gudekuntz**; **George**, died in Shippensburg, Pa., in 1868; **Sarah (Mrs. Delaney)**; **David**; and **three daughters** whose names are not known.

**Rev. Peter Beaver**, grandfather of **George E.**, was born December 25, 1782, in Lebanon County. He was ordained in 1809 at Elkton, Ohio, by Bishop Asbury, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years he preached in both the English and German languages, so that all in his congregation might be equally benefited. He was also engaged in mercantile pursuits in Pfoutz Valley, where he died August 25, 1849; his wife, who was **Elizabeth Gilbert**, having died before him. Their children were: **George**; **Samuel**, born in 1804, married **Maria Lehman** and died March 20, 1834; **Jacob**, married **Eliza Adams**, engaged in mercantile business at Millerstown, Pa., and died in 1840, aged thirty-five; **Jesse**, born March 8, 1811, married **Mary Ann Schwartz** and died December 9, 1892; **Thomas**, born November 16, 1814, and died in Danville May 16, 1891; **Peter**, born June 28, 1816, married first **Miss Simonton**, and then **Mrs. Elliott**, and died June 13, 1890; **Sarah (Mrs. Aaron Nevins)**, born November 25, 1808, and died in Ohio, September 13, 1892; **Eliza F.**, born February 1, 1818; **Catharine**, born June 25, 1819, widow of **Rev. Archibald Greenlee**; **Mary**, born November 22, 1820, widow of **Henry Miller**; **Elmira**, born May 9, 1839, died December 13, 1859; **Amanda** and **Lydia**, both deceased.

**George Beaver**, father of **George E.**, was born in Lebanon County, September 21, 1802, but soon removed to Perry County. After receiving an education in the public schools he learned the trade of tanner at Stumpstown, in his native county, and then conducted business in Pfoutz Valley, Perry County. In 1830, he purchased the farm now the home of his son, **Samuel**, and continued to devote his energies to its cultivation until his death, December 31, 1878. One year before his death, he also bought the farm on which his son, **George E.**, now resides; both places had, about 1800, been owned by **John Long**, grandfather of **Mrs. Beaver**. **Mr. Beaver** was a Democrat until 1851, belonged to the Know-Nothing party during its brief existence, and then became a Republican. In company with several others, he at one time conducted an independent Democratic journal which afterwards became the Republican People's Advocate and Press. **Mr. Beaver** served efficiently in the State legislature, being elected in 1841; he also served as county commissioner in 1883-34. He was married April 15, 1827, to **Maria C.**, daughter of **Jonathan**

**Long.** Their children were: **Mary Ann**, deceased; **Elizabeth (Mrs. George M. Brubaker)**, deceased; **Samuel L.**; **Sarah Catharine**, deceased; **Sophia (Mrs. D. M. Rickabaugh)**; **Peter**, deceased; **George E.**; and **Ellen Jane (Mrs. Uriah Shuman)**, deceased. **Mr. Beaver** was a very influential citizen, because of his sound judgment and integrity. He was a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife was a consistent member.

**Mr. Beaver's** lot, in his boyhood, was that of the majority of farmer boys, busy days of farm work in the summer, and a few months of study in the common schools in the winter. In addition to this schooling, it was his good fortune to enjoy for a time more extended tuition in the Bloomfield Academy. These means of education were diligently employed, and other sources of information was found in the few good books and periodicals which fell into his hands. Being quick and observant, he read many useful lessons in the books of nature and of human nature, and in his training on the farm he was every year preparing for the work of life. He reached manhood with a fair amount of intelligence, and with habits of industry and familiarity with practical affairs, which made it safe to predict for him a good degree of success. According to his view two people are better and stronger than one, and hence he early sought marriage with one who would be a genuine help meet in his coming battle with the world; this helper he found in the person of **Miss Elizabeth Sieber**, to whom he was united in marriage, January 18, 1870. Fortunately for the young people, there was room and employment ready for them on the farm of his father, and there they lived prosperously for nine years. By the exercise of a wise economy, they accumulated a fund which added to the means received from **Mr. Beaver's** father, enabled them to purchase a good piece of land, on which is the home where he now lives. Buildings were lacking, but industry, perseverance and prudent management have supplied this lack, and they now have a farm and a home, furnished with necessaries, conveniences and comforts, adequate to their wishes and tastes. They have also been blessed with a family of bright children, whose names are: **Margaret**, at home; **James S.**, married **Katie Gayman**, and resides in Greenwood Township; **Mary (Mrs. William Kearns)**, of Mifflin County; **Katherine**, at home; **Charles E.**, at home; and **George G.**

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