



Samuel L. Beaver

Samuel L. Beaver, farmer, Millerstown, Perry County, Pa., son of **George** and **Maria C. (Long) Beaver**, was born March 2, 1831. The history of his ancestors is found in this volume in connection with the sketch of **Mr. George Beaver**, of Greenwood Township.

The birthplace of **Samuel L. Beaver** was an old log house on the farm he now owns, which is the old **Beaver** homestead. When he was fifteen years, he helped to carry the brick for the house in which he now lives. He attended the common schools, held for three months in the winter season, but his schooling was sometimes shortened by his being called upon to do extra work on the farm and during busy seasons his assistance in the farm work was given constantly. He continued at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he became a clerk in the store of his brother-in-law, at Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pa. His tastes naturally inclined him to mercantile business and he might perhaps have found his life occupation in that line; but at the end of seven months

spent in the store, the hay harvest came with its urgent demand for additional help on the farm, and his father sent for him to come home. His return proved to be the determining move of his life, for he never again left the farm, but continued with his father, and took charge of the farming operations until he was thirty one years old.

This brought him to the important event of his marriage, which occurred June 12, 1862, when he was united to **Miss Mary E. Kipp**, born at Milroy, Mifflin county, October 11, 1838, daughter of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth (Harmon) Kipp**. After their marriage **Mr. Beaver** conducted their old home farm for three years; he then bought a farm of 100 acres in Perry Valley, which he cultivated for twelve years; he then returned and purchased and occupied the old homestead, taking care of his parents as long as they lived. **Mr. Beaver** is a staunch and true Republican; he has served acceptably as school director and as county auditor. Formerly, he was connected with the Methodist Church, but is now a member of the United Brethren Church, and has always contributed generously to the cause of benevolence and religion. During the war he was drafted for service, but after medical examination at Carlisle, Pa., was rejected. His children are: **Thomas K.**, married **Fanny Seiber**, of McAlisterville, was born January 8, 1861, was first a farmer and is now a merchant at Academia, Juniata County, Pa.; **William A.**, born May 5, 1865, married **Emma Troutman**, of Greenwood Township, Perry County, Pa., and is now a farmer at Academia, Pa.; **Laura (Mrs. Lewis Zeigler)**, born November 22, 1866, is deceased; **George E.**, born June 10, 1868, at home; **Jennie**, born May 25, 1871, died in infancy; **Samuel G.**, born August 6, 1873, is a clerk in his brother's store at Academia, Pa.; **Bessie**, born August 1, 1875, died in infancy; **Mary Ella**, born November 2, 1877, at home; **Lizzie**, born December 1, 1880, at home; **Minnie C**, born August 8, 1884, at home.