



John W. Beers, a lumberman, and one of the representative men of Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Horse Valley, Toboyne Township, Perry County, December 27, 1848. He is a son of **Joseph B.** and **Anna (Kelley) Beers**. **Andrew Beers**, his grandfather, was born in Ireland. At an early date he came to America, and engaged in farming near Concord, Franklin County, Pa. The remainder of his life was spent in that place. He was twice married, both of his wives being natives of the Emerald Isle. **Joseph B. Beers**, the father of **John W. Beers**, was the youngest child to the second union. **Joseph B. Beers** was born near Concord, Franklin County, in June, 1815, and received his education in the schools of that district. After leaving school he learned tanning. He removed to Horse Valley, in Toboyne Township, Perry County, where he purchased a farm and cultivated it until 1863, when he removed to New Bloomfield, Perry County, where he worked for one year at his trade of tanning. In 1864, he went to McVeytown, Mifflin County,

Pa., where he continued for about three years in the tanning business. Later, he engaged in the manufacture of patent medicines, in which he was very successful. He became widely known as the maker and proprietor of "Beers' Famous American Liniment," a sovereign remedy for headaches, colds, etc. After conducting the patent medicine business for eighteen years, he retired and spent the remainder of his days with his son, **John W. Beers**, in Marysville. Here, after a well spent and useful life, he passed away, December 2, 1889, at the age of seventy-four years, five months and sixteen days. **Joseph Beers** was married in Toboyne Township, January 22, 1846, to **Miss Anna**, daughter of **John** and **Margaret Kelley**, she was born July 23, 1817, and died at the residence of her son, **John**, in Marysville, March 1, 1895. Their children were: **Andrew Jackson**, born October 19, 1846, now residing in Oliver Township, Mifflin County; **John W.**; **Margaret E.**, born March 26, 1851, died August 29, 1851; **Joseph Alexander**, born March 1, 1853, residing in Oliver Township, Mifflin County; **Sarah E.**, born September 13, 1855, died September 18, 1856; and **Cambridge Graham**, born November 29, 1857, residing in Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pa.

John W. Beers received his early education in the public schools of Toboyne Township. This was supplemented by a course at the New Bloomfield Academy, after which he studied telegraphy. He was then a news agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad for about six months, after

which he was engaged as a salesman in a general store at Mattawana, Mifflin County. In 1869, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona, Blair County, Pa., and was soon after appointed foreman in the Maintenance of Way Department. In the following year, he was transferred to Marysville, and on March 1, 1873, was appointed foreman of sub Division No. 4, which position he filled until his resignation in September, 1880. In 1877, he was nominated by the Republican Party for sheriff of Perry County, and was defeated by only nine votes. In 1880, he was renominated for sheriff, and was elected. During his term of three years, he fulfilled all his duties in the most satisfactory manner. At the expiration of his term of office, he was engaged with the Bell Telephone Company. Since 1884, he has carried on the lumber trade. **Mr. Beers** was the contractor for furnishing the water supplies to New Cumberland and Marysville.

He is a member of the borough council; has served as school director; and has filled other minor offices. He is a member of Perry Lodge, No. 458, of Marysville; of the F. and A. M., of Newport, Perry County; and of Beulah Lodge, No. 269, K.P. **John W. Beers** was married in Lewistown, Mifflin County, September 16, 1873, to **Rebecca E.**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Martha Kauffman**. Their children are: **Joseph C.**, born November 27, 1874; **Pearl M.**, born December 4, 1876; **Albert W.**, and **Walter B.**, twins, born October 14, 1879. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Beers** are faithful members of the Lutheran Church.

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