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Henry Berrier, deceased, formerly of Shade Valley, Huntingdon County, Pa., was born near Germantown, Toboyne Township, Perry County, April 19, 1831. He is a son of **Henry** and **Maria (Barnhart) Berrier**. He was one of six children; his parents both died in Perry County. **Henry Berrier** received a very limited education. When he was only twelve years old, he began to earn his own living by driving a team to and from Baltimore, Md., for the firm of Foss & Elder, tanners of Perry County, Pa. After driving for some years, he bought a small farm in Perry County, which he cultivated until 1861, when he enlisted in Perry County, for one year, or until the close of the war, in Company F, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Capt. G. C. Palm. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and took part in some of the most desperate battles of the war. As Mr. Berrier was never either wounded or in the hospital, he was with the regiment until the end of the war. In 1866, he sold his farm in Perry County and bought a farm of eighty eight acres in Shade Valley, Huntingdon County, Pa. He cultivated this farm until the time of his death, and greatly improved his property by building a comfortable frame dwelling and a convenient barn. He also planted an orchard. Mr. Berrier was interested in the affairs of the township. He was a member of the Democratic party, prominent in Huntingdon County; and was well known and esteemed by his neighbors.

Henry Berrier's first wife was **Miss McFeeters**, of Shade Valley, Huntingdon County. They had eleven children: **Lucinda (Mrs. E. Wallace)**, of Illinois; **Alexander**, living on the homestead in Shade Valley; **Lillie O. (Mrs. John Culver)**, of Illinois; **Elmer**, deceased; **John**, resides at Harrisburg, Pa.; **Richard**, living in Huntingdon County; **Emma**, resides in Illinois; **Roland H.**, of Tuscarora Valley; **Nancy (Mrs. David Biggs)**, of New Philadelphia, O.; **Martha**, of Illinois; and **William**, of Lack, Juniata County, Pa. **Mr. Berrier** was afterwards married at Concord, Franklin County, Pa., to **Mary**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth (Reisinger) Bender**, who was a native of Perry County. They have one son, **William**, who was born in Perry County. He married **Miss Harriet Hess**, of Perry County and has one son, **James M.** **Mr. Henry Berrier** was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died at his home in Shade Valley, in 1890. His disease was caused by the exposure he endured while in the army. After the death of her husband, **Mrs. Berrier** sold the farm in Shade valley, on which her husband's sons are now living. In 1890 she removed to Port Royal, Juniata County, where she bought a home. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Berrier's grandfather, **George Bender**, was a native of Germany. He emigrated to America when a boy and settled in Chester County. He learned shoemaking, and after working at his trade for several years in Chester County, he removed to Perry County, where he continued shoemaking and also cultivated a farm. **George Bender** was married to **Susan Carter**, of Chester County. They had one child, **Jacob**. **Mr. and Mrs. George Bender** are buried in the graveyard in Saville Township, Perry County. **Mrs. Berrier's** father, **Jacob Bender**, was born in Chester County.

When he was eleven years of age his parents removed to Perry County, where he received his education. He was able to use both German and English, and was a particularly fine reader. He

learned shoemaking with his father and worked at his trade all his life. He also owned and cultivated a farm of sixty acres in Saville Township, on which he built a large house and barn, planted a peach orchard and made many other improvements. **Mr. Bender** was a Republican, interested in all the affairs of the township.

Mr. **Jacob Bender** was married in Saville Township, Perry County, to **Elizabeth Reisinger**, who was born at New Ickesburg, Perry County. They have thirteen children: **Susanna (Mrs. William Otto)**, of Perry county, deceased; **Margaret (Mrs. James Barrick)**, deceased; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Fritz)**, of Perry County; **John**, deceased; **George W.**, deceased; **Samuel**, resides in Madison Township, Perry County; **Mary (Mrs. Henry Berrier)**; **Jacob**, living on the homestead; **Benjamin F.**, deceased; **Martha E. (Mrs. Samuel Everil)**, of Perry County; **Catherine**; **Lucinda H. (Mrs. W. H. Sonder)**, of Milford Township, Juniata County; and **Sarah (Mrs. G. J. De Lancy)**, of Madison Township, Perry County. **Mr. Bender** was a member of the (German) Reformed Church, and a diligent student of the Bible. He died at the homestead, April 13, 1882; his wife died in 1879.

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