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Daniel W. Billman, Dellville, Perry County, Pa., son of **Daniel** and **Catharine (Wentzel) Billman**, was born in Northumberland County, Pa., September 16, 1836. His paternal grandparents were natives of Germany, who came to America in early life, and settled in Northumberland County, where they engaged in farming. They had six children: **David; Peter; Jacob; Solomon; Daniel;** and **Rebecca**. Both grandparents were members of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Billman's** maternal grandfather, **Abraham Wentzel**, was also a native of Germany, and an early settler of Northumberland County. In his younger days he worked at weaving, but his later years were spent in farming. He married **Miss Coble**, and they had these children: **Hannah (Mrs. Jeremiah Adams); Daniel; John**, deceased; **Sarah (Mrs. John Snyder)**, deceased; **Mary (Mrs. Isaac Sortman)**, deceased; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Adams)**, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wentzel were Lutherans.

Daniel Billman, father of **Daniel W. Billman**, was born in Northumberland County. He was a shoemaker, but later engaged in farming. He was a Democrat, and filled various township offices. He married **Catharine**, daughter of **Abraham Wentzel**. Their children are: **Henry; Daniel W.; Rebecca (Mrs. Daniel Zerphie); Henrietta (Mrs. John K. Stambaugh); Isaac; Mary (Mrs. Daniel Campbell); Adam; Elias**, deceased; **Jordan**, was killed by lightning, in 1873, aged twenty one; **John**, died at the age of fifty; and **Herman**, died in 1889, aged forty. The **father** died at the age of seventy-eight; the **mother** also is deceased. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel W. Billman was educated partly in the common schools of Northumberland County, and partly in those of Perry County, whither his parents removed in 1858. He spent two years in learning masonry, afterwards working at that trade for nine years, but since his marriage he has been engaged in farming. In 1878, he removed to his farm in Carroll Township, where he has since resided. He is a Democrat, but has never sought political preferment.

Mr. Billman was married, January 10, 1865, to **Rebecca**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (Tressler) Wagner**. Their children are: **Charles V.**, resides in South Dakota; **George A.**, also of South Dakota; **Lizzie A.; Harry S.; Mary C.; Daniel E.; David W.;** and **Cora R.** **Mr. Billman** and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, in which the former was deacon for many years, and is at present trustee, and a member of the Sunday school.

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