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Henry L. Book, Shade Valley, Huntingdon County, Pa., son of **Samuel** and **Anna (Coder) Book**, was born in Hull Valley, Cromwell Township, December 27, 1846. His paternal great grandfather, whose first name is unknown, came from Germany and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he lived until his death. The grandfather, **John Book**, was born in Lancaster County, where he married, and soon afterwards came to Juniata County and settled near Oakland Mills. Here he bought a farm, which he continued to cultivate up to the time of his death. His wife also died on the farm. Their children are: **John**, married **Miss Holtzapple**, and resided on a farm near Mexico, Juniata County, where he died; **Samuel**; **David**, died young; **Henry**, married **Miss Mitchell** and lived near Lewistown, Pa.; **Abraham**, married and lived near Oakland Mills, deceased; **Daniel**, married **Miss Price**, lived and died near Orbisonia, Pa.; **Catharine**, who married **Lewis Evans**, the former dying in Huntingdon County, the latter in Fulton County; **Martha**, who is unmarried and lives on part of the old homestead near Oakland Mills. Besides these there were **two** children who died in infancy, names unknown.

Samuel Book was born on the old homestead near Oakland Mills, June 14, 1808. He attended both German and English schools and received a fair education. His youth was spent at home, and while still young he learned cooperage, which occupation he followed for several years, and then turned his attention to farming. After his marriage he resided near Lewistown, Mifflin County, where he worked at his trade. He later removed to Hill Valley, near Orbisonia, where he bought a tract of farm land, which, after cultivating it for a few years, he sold, and bought 150 acres in Tell Township. To this he added 150 acres more, and with true progressiveness began the erection of two good barns and several out buildings. He was an industrious farmer, and very energetic, and for many years prior to his death could do as large a day's work as any young man. He many times labored all day on the farm and at night worked at his trade. Even his wife would sometimes take a hand at the farm work. During one winter he threshed with a flail over 600 bushels of grain. When he first began, wages were very low, his compensation for a day's work being often not more than twenty-five cents. Many of the boys refused to work for this, but he used to say that when night came he was by that twenty-five cents and his board ahead of the other boys. **Mrs. Samuel Book** died in 1883, and her husband in 1887; both are buried in Brook graveyard, in Tell Township. They were devout Christians, members of the German Baptist Church, of which he was a deacon for many years. He was a Republican. Their children are as follows: **Edmund D.**, a farmer near Blain, Perry County, whose first wife was **Miss Goshorn**, his second, **Elizabeth Long**; **Isaac**, farmer in Juniata County, married **Mary Shearer**; **John**, died in the service during the late war, at Maryland Heights; **Elizabeth (Mrs. James Seibert)**, Williamsport, Pa.; **Samuel**, who married **Mary Widner**; **Catharine (Mrs. Jacob Long)**, Wormleysburg, Pa.; **Henry L.**; **Mary A. (Mrs. Wilson Row)**, Hagerstown, Md.; **David**, farmer of Blain, Perry County, married **Sarah Dobbs**.

Henry L. Book attended the public schools until he was old enough to work the farm for his father, with whom he remained until after his marriage in 1870, to **Miss Salinda**, daughter of **John** and **Barbara (Harnish) Silverthorn**. For a short time after this he remained at home and then for two years worked for **Moses Burge**, of Tell Township. During the next two years, he

rented a farm of **Mrs. Samuel McMarts**. At the end of this time he again took up his residence on the homestead and farmed for his father for ten years. Then, in partnership with **J. M. Blair**, he opened a general store at Blairs Mills, which they conducted for two years. He then sold out and opened a general store at Richvale, but after five years he disposed of it and since then has resided on the homestead, part of which was bequeathed to him by his father. **Mr. Book** is a Republican, and has filled worthily many township offices. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Waterloo, Pa.; he is ruling elder of the same. He is a close student, a lover of books

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