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Amos Boyer, furniture dealer, Millerstown, Perry County, Pa., was born in Susquehanna Township, Juniata County, Pa., May 7, 1863, son of **Joseph** and **Mary A. (Schaffstalle) Boyer**. **Joseph Boyer** was born near Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pa. Having learned several trades and kinds of business, he was variously occupied; among other things, he was for some time a farmer, at one time had a saw-mill, and also worked more or less at carpentry. He remained in Dauphin County until after his marriage, when he removed to Snyder County and bought a farm, and cultivated it until he removed to his present residence in Susquehanna Township, Juniata County. He married **Miss Mary A. Schaffstalle** in Dauphin County; they are both living and in the enjoyment of good health, and both are members of the United Brethren Church. **Mr. Boyer** is a Republican. Their children are: **Penrose**, in the furniture business with his brother in Millerstown; **Amos**; **Ella**, married and resides in Duncannon; **Wilson**, married, and resides in Snyder County, Pa.; **Frank**, at home; **Annie**, residing in Harrisburg; **Lydia** and **Charles**, both at home; **Priscilla**, the eldest born, died in infancy.

Amos Boyer was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. About the age of twenty-three or twenty-four years, and before his marriage, he went abroad in the world to make his way in life. For one season he found employment at peeling bark in Raccoon Valley, then returned home and remained a short time, spending two years in learning carpentry. His apprenticeship being finished, he worked about three years at his trade as a journeyman, at Shamokin, Pa., after which he was for two years engaged in farming on his own account in Juniata County. At the end of this period, he formed a partnership with his brother **Penrose**, and embarked in the furniture and undertaking business at Millerstown, Pa., which has prospered, and their trade is extending and is altogether satisfactory in its results. **Mr. Boyer** is enrolled as an active worker in the Republican Party, but does not sustain membership in any fraternal order or in any church. By his own efforts, industriously and wisely put forth, and by the exercise of the homely virtues of frugality and economy, accompanied by the display of social qualities, **Mr. Boyer** has attained an honorable success and enjoys an honorable name.

Amos Boyer married **Miss Louisa Cox**, of Juniata County, and their children are: **Ralph Paul**, at home; **Willis J.**, at home; and a bright infant **boy**, not named at this writing.

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