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**John W. Brown**, blacksmith, of Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born in Petersburg, now the borough of Duncannon, July 6, 1850. He is the son of the late **Henry** and **Sarah (Helsel) Brown**. **Henry Brown** became a resident of Duncannon in 1840. He was a blacksmith, and after carrying on business for a number of years on his own account, was for thirty years employed as blacksmith by the Duncannon Iron Company. He had nine children, of whom four survive: **Jane M. E. (Mrs. William Pennell)**, of Duncannon; **John W.**; **Annie M. (Mrs. William J. Nepp)**, of Kansas City, Mo.; and **Harry E.**, an employee of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, who resides in Philadelphia.

The boyhood of **John W. Brown** was spent under the parental roof, his education being acquired in the public schools of his native borough. After leaving school, he learned blacksmithing with his father, and has followed that occupation continuously since that time. Since 1885, he has been in the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, the officials of which regard him as a skilled workman and a man worthy of their highest confidence. He is a staunch and earnest supporter of Republican principles and policy. **Mr. Brown** has been honored by an election to the borough council, in which he has ably and worthily served to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

**John W. Brown** was married in Duncannon, August 2, 1893, to **Rebecca E.**, daughter of **John H.** and **Elizabeth J. Harman**, residents of Perry County. Their children are: **Henry Paul**, born October 24, 1893; and **Sarah Elizabeth**, born March 17, 1896, died October 5, 1896. **Mr. Brown** attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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