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J. W. Burkholder, Dellville, Carroll Township, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, May 24, 1859, son of **John H.** and **Caroline (Leiby) Burkholder**. His paternal grandfather came to America in 1845, and was a farmer of Carroll Township. In 1863, he enlisted in the army, and was killed in battle. His wife, now eighty-two years of age, resides in Wheatfield Township. **Mr. Burkholder's** maternal great-grandparents were natives of Perry County. They had five children, two of whom survive; **Caroline**; and **Frederick**. Those deceased are: **Alexander**; **Samuel**; and **Benjamin**. His maternal grandparents resided first in Adams, afterwards in Perry County; the grandfather cultivated a farm in Juniata Township, two miles north of Milford. They had a family of eight children. Those surviving are: **Alfred**; **Lydia (Mrs. William Foltz)**; and **Abraham**. The deceased are: **John**; **Hannah (Mrs. Alfred Fickes)**; **Joseph**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. George Leiby)**; and **Rebecca**. **John W. Burkholder** was a miller and a farmer of Perry County; he spent a few years in Ohio. **Mr. Burkholder** was a Republican. He served in various township offices; he was a justice of the peace for a number of years, and was constable in Howe Township. He married **Caroline**, daughter of **George** and **Eliza Leiby**. They had one child; **J. W.** **Mr. Burkholder** died aged fifty-four years, eleven months and nine days. Both he and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church; she now resides in Perry County.

J. W. Burkholder attended the public schools. He learned his trade with Michael Miller & Co., potters, working two years. In 1878, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Harrisburg, as a trackman. After two years, he was transferred to the Northern Central Railroad, Baltimore Division, working four years as brakeman. He returned to Harrisburg, and worked a while in the railroad yards. In 1884, **Mr. Burkholder** came to Perry County and was for two years engaged in farming. He was next track foreman on the Perry County Railroad for about five years; he then resumed farming in Carroll Township. In 1895, he moved to the farm on which he now resides. **Mr. Burkholder** is a Republican. He has served as clerk of elections.

J. W. Burkholder was married, January 1, 1882, to **Ida**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Ellen (Durham) Fry**. They have one child, **Ellen**. **Mrs. J. W. Burkholder's** parents were residents of Perry County. Her father was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in December, 1881, at the age of forty one years. **Samuel Fry** was married April 30, 1863, to **Ellen**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Stone) Durham**, who died March 21, 1874, aged twenty-nine years, six months, and twenty-six days, leaving six children: **Ida (Mrs. J. W. Burkholder)**; **Harry S.**; **Elizabeth**; **Kate (Mrs. Charles Askins)**; **Emma**, who died aged one year and ten months; and **Amy**, who died March 2, 1874, aged one year and six days. **Mr. and Mrs. Fry** were members of the United Brethren Church.

Daniel Fry, **Mrs. Burkholder's** paternal grandfather, was a farmer. He married **Ann Sunday**. They had four children; the only one surviving is **Catharine**, widow of **Thomas Stone**. Those deceased are: **Henry**, who was killed in battle; **Mary Ann (Mrs. Samuel Matloe)**; and **Samuel**. **John Durham**, maternal grandfather of **Mrs. Burkholder**, was a native of Chester County, and for a number of years was a sailor. He married **Mary**, daughter of **Ganett** and **Sarah Stone**. They had eleven children. Those surviving are: **Clara (Mrs. William Shearer)**; **William**; **David**; **Lewis**; and **Jacob**. Those deceased are: **Jane**; **Emma**; **Sarah**; **Annie**; **John**; and **Ellen**.