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**James P. Calhoun**, sheriff, Mifflintown, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pa., June 30, 1845, and is a son of **Armstrong** and **Abigail (Hench) Calhoun**. The father came to Juniata County as a young man and was a fuller by trade. He married **Abigail Hench** and settled in Turbett Township. In political views he was a Democrat. His death occurred in Juniata County, Pa., in 1850. His wife died in 1879. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their living children are: **Wilson**; **Jane**, wife of **B. F. Goodman**; **William**; and **James P**.

**James P. Calhoun** was reared in Turbett Township and received his education in the Township schools. He was engaged in telegraph repairing for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for about twenty-five years.

In 1894 he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of sheriff, being the only successful candidate on the ticket. He has served seven years as school director, and as tax collector and constable. **Mr. Calhoun** is a member of Tuscarora Lodge, No. 556, I. O. O. F. of Port Royal. He was married first in 1866, to **Miss Jennie Peck**, daughter of **John D. Peck**, of Perry County, and she died in 1869, leaving two children: **Irvin E.**, bookkeeper, Memphis, Tenn.; and **Mary Ellen (Mrs. George Boyer)**, of Turbett Township. He was married secondly, September, 1872, to **Annie Carstetter**, daughter of **Peter Carstetter**, of Milford Township, Juniata County, Pa., and by her he had seven children, of whom six are living: **Jennie M.**; **Austin J.**; **Banks H.**; **Catherine M.**; **Annie M.**; and **Alton J.** **Mr. Calhoun** is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and **Mrs. Calhoun**, the two daughters and one son are members of the Lutheran Church.

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