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**Wilson Calhoun**, Turbett Township, Port Royal P. O., Juniata County, Pa., was born in Turbett Township, November 15, 1829. He is a son of **Armstrong** and **Abigail (Hench) Calhoun**. **John C Calhoun**, grandfather of **Wilson Calhoun**, was born in one of the southeastern States, but subsequently moved to Pennsylvania, and settled in Perry County. He married **Miss Dill**, of Allegheny County, Pa., to whom six children were born: **Armstrong**; **John C.**; **Martha J.**; **Margaret A.**; **Jane**, wife of **J. Speer**, of Chambersburg, Pa., both deceased; and **Chambers**, deceased. **Armstrong Calhoun**, father of **Wilson Calhoun**, was born in Perry County in 1800, and died in Juniata in 1850. He married **Abigail Hench**, to whom eight children were born: **Wilson**; **Jane**, wife of **Frank Goodman**; **Mary A.**, deceased; **John**, deceased; **William**; **Caroline**, deceased, wife of **Josiah Umholtz**; **James P.**, Sheriff of Juniata County; and **Samuel**, who died in the army.

**Wilson Calhoun** received his education in the public schools of Turbett Township, and has always been engaged in farm work. In 1857, he moved to his present home. He has invented a hoisting machine, which was patented in 1877, and is now used generally by telegraph companies. In 1854, **Mr. Calhoun** was married to **Hannah J. Darrh**, daughter of **Henry** and **Mary (Wilson) Darrh**. Their children are: **Elizabeth**, deceased; **Le Clerc**; **Pliny**; **Du Viency**; **Berencie**, wife of **John Wharton**; **Anson**; **Vanini**; and **Catharine**, deceased. **Mr. Calhoun** is a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

**John C. Calhoun**, uncle of **Wilson Calhoun**, had a family of three sons and one daughter, who, upon the death of their father, removed with their mother to Illinois. Two of the sons are ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church; **Winfield Scott Calhoun** being located at Tuscola, Ill., and **John Dill Calhoun** at Cambridge in the same State. The other son, **William**, is well known, being the special commissioner sent by President McKinley to Cuba for the purpose of investigating the real condition of affairs in that country. **William** was born in Madison Township, Perry County, Pa. For a number of years he has been engaged in newspaper work, and has also met with well-deserved success in the political field, having served three terms in the State Legislature, one term as speaker of the House.

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