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James A. Cameron, Thompsontown, Juniata County, Pa., was born September 14, 1868, in Thompsontown. He is a son of **Noah** and **Eliza (Wilt) Cameron**. No name is more illustrious in the history of Scotland than that of the clan of **Cameron**. Many of the name have sought honor in the new world, and have, in the country of their adoption made it equally conspicuous. **Noah Cameron**, whose ancestors came to America at an early period, was a lumberman in Thompsontown, shipping to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. In his younger days **Mr. Cameron** gave some attention to farming.

He married in Juniata County **Miss Eliza Wilt**. Their children were: **Erasmus B.**, a carpenter; **Sarah**, wife of **H. Z. Sowers**, of Lewistown, Pa.; **Agnes**, wife of **Charles Roberts**, of Steelton, Pa.; **Ledman G.**, of Perry County; **Ida A.**, wife of **Warren S. Ward**, of Pennsylvania Furnace, Huntingdon County, Pa.; **S. W.**; and **James A.**, of Thompsontown; **Katie**, died at the age of twenty-three; **Willie** and **two** other children, who died young. In politics **Mr. Cameron** was a Whig, and later a Republican. Among positions which he filled was that of constable of Thompsontown. He was an earnest member of the Lutheran Church, in which he was an elder. He died in Thompsontown in 1880. His widow died at the residence of her son, **James A.**, in 1896.

After attending the schools of Thompsontown, **James A. Cameron** was employed as a clerk in the store of J. P. Wickersham, remaining three and a half years, after which he learned telegraphy and was for two years in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Thompsontown station. In 1892 he purchased an interest in the general store of J. H. Harman & Co. He subsequently bought out the firm, and entered into a partnership with S. S. Stroub. The new firm has met with abundant success, doing an extensive business in general merchandise, including transactions in coal and grain. **Mr. Cameron** is a member of Sincerity Lodge, No. 357, I.O. O. F., of Thompsontown; and the Blue Lodge of the F. and A. M., of Newport. In politics he is a Republican. **Mr. Cameron** is a progressive and practical business man, who has shown himself adapted for mercantile affairs. He is universally regarded as a liberal minded citizen of sound judgment, and occupies a deservedly high standing in public estimation.

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