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Robert H. Campbell, New Germantown, Perry County, Pa., was born February 7, 1845, in his present home. He is a son of **Thomas** and **Margaret (Adams) Campbell**. **James Campbell**, the paternal grandfather, was born in 1772. He emigrated from Ireland, his native country, in his youth; settled in Carlisle, Pa., and later removed to what is now Toboyne Township, Perry County. He was twice married. The children of the first marriage were: **John**; **Robert**; and **Mary**. His first wife dying, he married **Mrs. Martha Wadell**. She was born in January, 1780, and was the daughter of **Alexander Fleming**, an officer in the English army, who died toward the close of the eighteenth century in active service, and it is thought upon the field of battle, leaving herself and an older sister, **Mary**, without paternal care. After the father's death they went to live in the North of Ireland with their maternal grandfather, who was named **Watson**. Here **Mary** married an Englishman, a weaver by trade, and went to live in England. At the age of sixteen years, **Martha** married **William Wadell**.

In 1798, she being then eighteen years of age, her husband, herself and their infant son, **Willie**, set sail for America. On the way over yellow fever broke out on the ship, and before they were permitted to land in New York, her husband and child, as well as nearly all the other passengers were dead, and she found herself a widow in a strange land and among strangers. As soon after landing as she was able, she proceeded to Carlisle, Pa., where in December, 1801, she was married to **James Campbell**, then a young widower. Soon afterward they settled in Toboyne Township, where **Mr. Campbell** acquired many hundred acres of land, owned and operated a grist-mill and died wealthy. The children of **James** and **Margaret Campbell** were: **James Jr.**, born December 20, 1802, died February 19, 1854; **Elizabeth**, born February 20, 1805; **Nancy**, born June 11, 1807; **Samuel Pencil**, born August 9, 1809; **Hance**, born February 21, 1812; **Alexander F.**, the only one now living, born October 4, 1814; **Thomas**, born March 1, 1817; **Margaret Jane**, born July 22, 1820, died January 19, 1842; **William**, born March 28, 1822, and **Lucinda**, born July 9, 1826. **James Campbell**, the father, died March 8, 1842; his wife survived him several years.

Thomas Campbell, father of **Robert H.**, was a native of Horse Valley, Toboyne Township. He enjoyed no educational opportunities, but farmed all his life. About 1840, he bought the farm now owned by his son **Robert**, which was then a wild tract; he cleared and cultivated it, building a stone house and making other improvements. To this property he added at intervals, until he owned 300 acres. He was a steady and industrious worker. **Thomas Campbell** married **Margaret Adams**. Their children were: **Robert H.**; **Lucinda (Mrs. John Wolf)**, of Bedford County, Pa.; and **two** who died in infancy. **Mrs. Campbell** died in 1859; and her husband in February, 1893.

Robert H. Campbell attended the schools of the township. His father was anxious to educate his children, but **Robert** preferred an active life to a studious one. At the beginning of the war of the Rebellion, he ran away to Harrisburg, and tried to enlist, but was refused, on account of his youth and of his not having the consent of his parents. He returned home much crestfallen, but a short time after, he wrote a recommendation for himself, went to Harrisburg, and enlisted August

10, 1862, as a private in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, a Bedford organization, to which he had been assigned, although he had hoped to enter a Perry County regiment. This regiment went to Fredericksburg and took part in the battle December 16, 1862, when **Mr. Campbell** was wounded in his right elbow by a minie ball. He went to Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Washington, D. C, on December 17, 1862, and remained there until March 31, 1863. He was then discharged on account of disability, and returned home. During the summer, he studied under **Professor Lesher** at New Germantown, and assisted his father on the farm. In September, 1864, he again enlisted, in Company F, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain Palmer, for nine months. He took part in the battles of Fort Steadman and Petersburg, and in the grand review at Washington, D. C. He was discharged at Alexandria, Va., whence he went to Harrisburg, Pa., and then to his home, where he farmed for his father until his marriage. In 1867, he bought a small tract of land which he farmed for two years, then bought the farm adjoining the homestead, and in February, 1891, he bought the homestead from his father. **Mr. Campbell** is a Republican. He has served his township as supervisor.

Robert H. Campbell was married in June, 1867, to **Mary Edith**, daughter of **David Kern**, of Toboyne Township. Their children are: **Lucinda Lucetta** (**Mrs. John Kennedy**), of Bedford County, Pa.; **Daisy Iona** (**Mrs. Harry Pierson**), of Colorado Springs, Col.; and **Ava Ola** (**Mrs. Dr. Lightner**), of Lancaster County, Pa. **Mr. Campbell** is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Germantown.

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