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P. M. Carman, a prominent dog fancier and breeder, is a well known citizen of Wrightsville, York county, where he has lived nearly thirty years.

The **Carman** family is of German extraction, Grandfather **Andrew Carman** being the first to settle in this country. He was a farmer near Stewartstown, York County. In politics he supported the Democratic Party. His children were as follows; **Nathan**; **Rebecca**, wife of **Adam Ziegler**, deceased; **Julia**, wife of **John Kniver**, deceased; **Betsey**, wife of **Jerry Zeigler**, of Stewartstown; **Hannah**, wife of **Eli Waltemeyer**, deceased; **George Wesley**, of Yoe, York County; and **Henry A.**, of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County.

Lieut. Nathan Carman, father of **P. M. Cannan**, was born in Hopewell Township, York County, in 1822. His calling was that of a brick maker. From the spring of 1861 to the spring of 1864 he served in the Union army as second lieutenant of Company G, 12th P. V. I. He was twice wounded, being struck in the left thigh by a piece of shell at the battle of the Wilderness, and in the left arm by a minie ball at White Oak. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg. **Lieut. Nathan** married **Henrietta Mead**, and they lived at Stewartstown, where he died in 1892. His widow is still living, at the age of seventy seven. She married (second) **John Honnigan** and (third) **Henry Kunkle**. The children of **Lieut. Nathan** and **Henrietta (Mead) Carman** were as follows: **Arthur S.**, of Harford, Md., **Sarah Jane**, who died young; **William**, of Stewartstown, who married **Becky Cooper**; **George W.**, of Stewartstown, who married **Ella Fetters**; **P. M.**, who is mentioned below; and **Nathan McClellan**, deceased. **Lieut. Carman** was a lifelong Republican, a member and past commander of the G. A. R. Post in his home town. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

P. M. Carman is a native of Stewartstown, where he was born Feb. 9, 1854. He learned the trade of cigar maker with **Giles J. Green** of Stewartstown, and when he was eighteen went to Alliance, Stark Co., Ohio, and began to work at his trade. In 1876 he returned home, and after four months went to Wrightsville, where he was employed at cigar making by **S. R. Kocher** for nearly twenty years. **Mr. Carman** married, Jan. 1, 1878, **Annie Newcomer**, who was born in Wrightsville, Oct. 23, 1859. Her father was **Henry Newcomer**, who was born in Hellam Township in 1826, and followed the trade of shoemaker. He came to Wrightsville as a young man, and there married **Sarah Collinwood**, who was of English parentage. **Mr. Newcomer** carried on his trade in Wrightsville successfully until his death. He was a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: **Oliver**, **John** and **Milton**, deceased; **Isabella**, **Mrs. Jacob Ballou**, of Perry County, Pa.; **Annie**, **Mrs. P. M. Carman** and one that died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman settled down to housekeeping at once, and began saving to make a pleasant home. In addition to his work at cigar making **Mr. Carman**, in 1887, established his now famous kennels. Until 1902 he carried on both occupations, but since then he has devoted himself exclusively to his kennels. These are known as the Royal Forest Beagle Kennels, and their specialty is blooded Beagle hounds.

The children born to **Mr. and Mrs. Carman** are as follows: **Milton**, born Nov. 6, 1878, an art student in Philadelphia; **Minnie**, born Feb. 8, 1880, at home; **Lura V.**, born Dec. 13, 1882, wife of **John Corpman**, of Wrightsville, and mother of **George Raymond**; **Carrie Belle**, born Dec. 9, 1884, at home; **Arthur**, born March 2, 1896, and **Grace Marguerite**, born Nov. 13, 1898. The family are members of the Methodist Church. In politics **Mr. Carman** is a Republican; he was once elected tax collector, but never qualified for office. He is a charter member of the Jr. O. U.A. M.; of the K. of G. E., in which he is past chief; and a member of Chihuahua Lodge, No. 317, I. O. O. F, Wrightsville, of which he is past grand master.

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