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Thomas P. Cathcart, merchant, Millerstown, Perry County, Pa., son of **Robert** and **Josephine (Cochran) Cathcart**, was born in Greenwood Township, Perry County, September 9, 1861. The **Cathcarts** came originally from Scotland. **Alexander Cathcart**, grandfather of **Thomas P. Cathcart**, was born in Cumberland County, Pa. He was a farmer, and accumulated a large amount property, after which he lived retired from active pursuits, at Carlisle, Pa., for many years. **Robert Cathcart**, father of **Thomas P. Cathcart**, also a native of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., received his primary education in the common schools, and was a student at college. After completing his course, he entered a store at Harrisburg, where he learned the details of mercantile business, after which, in connection with his brother **William**, he opened a general store. This business was continued for some years, but was eventually sold. **Mr. Cathcart**, after being for several years conductor on a passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, settled on a farm in Greenwood Township, Perry County, and cultivated it for two or three years; he then opened a general store on the site now occupied by his son. He continued to manage the store in Millerstown until the close of his business career in 1871; after retiring from the burdens and cares of active life, he passed the remainder of his days in Millerstown and Carlisle, where he died amid the scenes of his early childhood, in 1883. He was a Republican.

Mr. Cathcart was a man of great personal worth, and was highly esteemed. He married **Josephine Cochran**; their children are: **Laura**, resides with her mother in Chicago, Ill.; **Thomas P.**; **Alexander**, married **Mary Elliott**, resides in Chicago, Ill.; and **Mary**, at home. **Mrs. Cathcart** survived her husband, became the wife of **Thomas Cluck** and now resides in Chicago, Ill.

Thomas P. Cathcart attended the common schools at Millerstown, Pa., until he was sixteen years of age, and then devoted three years to learning a trade at Cochranville, Pa., after which he worked at his trade for eight months at Oxford, Chester County, Pa. Thence he went to Rising Sun, Cecil County, Md. Returning to Cochranville, he remained there until December, 1883, at which date he came to Millerstown, Pa., and erected his present store room, in which he placed a general stock of goods. Here he has built up the largest and most profitable trade in the place. **Mr. Cathcart** is a Democrat; he has served one term as councilman. He is a member of Golden Eagle Lodge, No. 289, of Millerstown, Pa.

Thomas Preston Cathcart was married September 23, 1885, to **Lynda Holman**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Sarah Ann Wallace**, of Liverpool, Perry County, Pa. Their children are: **Laura**, died in infancy; and **Stanley Holman**, at home, and attending school.

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