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Jacob N. Clay, Dellville, Perry County, Pa., was born January 24, 1854, son of **Martin** and **Leah (Kasner) Clay**. His grandfather, **Nicholas Clay**, was a farmer, and a native of Cumberland County. He had a family of nine children. The only surviving member is **Caroline (Mrs. Christian Rathfon)**. Those deceased are: **Elizabeth; Sophia; John; Martin; Henry; Kate; Solomon;** and **Mary**. **Nicholas Clay** and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. **Mr. Kasner, Mr. J. N. Clay's** maternal grandfather, was a farmer and the father of four children. One survives, **Sarah Theresa**.

Martin Clay was born in Cumberland County in the part since included in Perry. He came to Carroll Township when a young man and here engaged in farming. He married **Sarah Kasner**, of **Perry County**. Their children are: **William; Samuel; Jacob N.; Kate (Mrs. David Gussler); Sarah (Mrs. William Rathfon);** and **Henry**, who was made prisoner during the war and starved to death at Andersonville. **Mr. Clay** died at the age of sixty seven years. He was a member and a trustee of the Methodist Church for many years. His wife survives, and resides with her son **Jacob**. **Mrs. Clay** is a member of the Methodist Church.

Jacob N. Clay attended the public schools. He assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then began farming on his own account, and has continued since with much success. Mr. Clay is a Democrat; he served as assessor of the township for one term.

Jacob N. Clay was married, July 29, 1883, to: **Maggie**, daughter of **Robert** and **Isabella (Caldwell) McDonald**. Their children are: **Olive; Florence; Clara; Elsie;** and **Grover**.

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