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Allen Clelan, Shermansdale. Perry County, Pa., was born in Carroll Township, Perry County, August 6, 1843. He is a son of **David** and **Eliza (Reinsberger) Clelan**. His paternal grandparents were natives of Lancaster County, Pa. His grandfather removed to Carroll Township, Perry County, and bought the homestead. He had three children: **Mrs. Jacob Shearer; James;** and **David**. **Mr. Clelan's** maternal grandparents were natives of Perry County. His grandfather was a farmer and had a large family of sons and daughters. **Mr. Clelan's** parents were born in Perry County. His father, **David Clelan**, spent his life in farming. **Mr. David Clelan** was married to **Eliza Reinsberger**. Their children are: **Mary (Mrs. John Boyer) ; Robert; Margaret**, widow of **George Shatto**, who died in Libby prison; **Agnes (Mrs. William Boyer); Allen; Annie E. (Mrs. William Bench); Lemuel; Clara**, deceased; and **Wilson**, died in September, 1896, aged forty-one. **Mr. David Clelan** and his **wife** were members of the Lutheran Church. He died in 1874, aged seventy-five; his widow is living at Carlisle, Pa., at the advanced age of ninety.

Allen Clelan received his education in the public schools of his native county. He remained at home working with his father on the farm until he was twenty-five. He learned masonry, serving a three years' apprenticeship and afterwards working as a journeyman for two years. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for nine months. He took part in the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, and in the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. In this battle he received a wound in the shoulder which disabled him for a year. He received his discharge in May, 1862. After his return from the army he worked at his trade, but finding that his wound had unfitted him for such labor, he began farming on the homestead, where he now resides, cultivating the land which his grandfather bought. **Mr. Clelan** is interested in the affairs of his township, and has served as school director for three years.

Allen Clelan was married May 24, 1866, to **Louisa**, daughter of **David** and **Louisa (Ault) Black**. They have seven children: **Minnie (Mrs. Henry Yard); Emma; Sarah; Susan; Alice; Frank;** and **one** who died in infancy. **Mrs. Clelan's** paternal grandfather was a carpenter, a native of Lebanon County, Pa. He was married to **Elizabeth Bricker**. Their children are: **Rosanna (Mrs. Henry Sergeant); Sarah. (Mrs. John Rudy); Henry; Hiram; Elizabeth; Louisa; John;** and **Adam**. The last four are dead. Her maternal grandparents were natives of England, who came to America in early life, and settled on a farm. Her parents were natives of Lebanon County. Her father, **David Black**, marble-cutter, was married to **Louisa**, daughter of **David** and **Elizabeth (Miller) Ault**. Their children are: **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Ebersole); Sarah (Mrs. Ezra Roland); Louisa (Mrs. Allen Clelan); John; Emma (Mrs. Jacob Imboden); Samuel; Annie; Aaron; Norman; Rosanna;** and **Maria**. **Mr. Black** and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He died December 18, 1871, aged sixty-one; his **wife** December 11, 1893, aged eighty-four years.