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**Clemson, L. W.**, was born in Watts Township, Perry County, Pa., July 23, 1826. He is a son of **Leonard** and **Mary (Bechaman) Clemson**. **Joshua Clemson**, grandfather of **L. W. Clemson**, was a major in the war of 1812. He was at York, Pa., when General Ross was shot near Baltimore. **Leonard Clemson**, father of **L. W.**, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., on "Hallow Eve," 1800. He was energetic and persevering. He drove for his father, who ran a line of teams from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. When the State Capital was removed he hauled the first six horse wagon load of State records from Philadelphia to Harrisburg. He died July 23, 1892, being run down by a freight train in Halifax. His wife was a daughter of **Robert Bechaman**; she died aged about seventy-five years. They had ten children: **L. W.**; **Lydia Ann**, wife of **Alexander Lingle**; **Maria Louisa**, widow of **John Brubaker**; **Alfred Buchanan**; **Amos**; **Jemima Jane**; **Mary**; **Laura Cecilia**, wife of **John Metzinger**; **Charilla Jacevis**, and one infant, not yet named.

**L. W. Clemson** received his early education in the private schools of his native township. At twelve years of age he went with his parents to Dauphin County, and attended the public schools until he was eighteen. From that time until he reached his twenty-sixth year he assisted his father on his farm on Clemson's Island, opposite Halifax. He was afterwards engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal, between Bellefonte and Philadelphia, on his own account, until the autumn of 1859. In 1860 his father purchased the present homestead, which **L. W. Clemson** cultivated on his own account until his father's death in 1892. Succeeding his father in the ownership of the place, he has occupied it since that date. **Mr. Clemson** was married to **Mary**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Margaret Livingston**. The grandfather of **Daniel Livingston** was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Clemson** had twin children, **Harry** and **Lillie Elizabeth**, born September 24, 1852. **Mrs. Clemson** died February 9, 1858, aged thirty years, five months and twenty-six days.

On December 29, 1859, **Mr. Clemson** married his second wife, **Mary Jane**, daughter of **John G.** and **Eliza (Hampton) Nowvirck**. Of their three children two are deceased: **Leonard Alfred**, born April 30, 1861, died March 11, 1866, and **Emma Cecilia**, born September 30, 1862, died April 4, 1872. Their surviving child is **Maggie May**, born May 24, 1869; married, February 13, 1890, to **Charles Bricker**, one of the five children of **John** and **Amanda (Stout) Bricker**; has had two children, **Mamie Edna**, born September 5, 1890, died January 8, 1894, and **John Wesley**, born August 3, 1894.

**Mr. Clemson** had been an earnest and active worker for the welfare of Dauphin County. He is a successful business man and a prominent citizen. His fellow-citizens have repeatedly honored him by calling him to places of public service. He has served two consecutive terms as auditor, and two as director of the poor of Dauphin County; also one term as supervisor of Middle Paxton Township. **Mr. Clemson** is a Republican. The family attends the Presbyterian Church.

The parents of the present **Mrs. Clemson** had six children: **Louis**; **John**; **William**; **Mary Jane**, who is **Mrs. Clemson**; **Elias**, and **Emma**. **Mr. Nowvirck**, her father, died in January, 1852, aged fifty-seven; her mother died in October, 1858, aged about forty nine years.