

A. H. Clouser, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., son of the late **Simon** and **Elizabeth (Hostetter) Clouser**, was born in Centre Township, June 23, 1847. His grandfather, **Philip Clouser**, was a native of Perry County, and a farmer. He married **Miss Keener**, and their children were: **Simon; Michael; George; Mary;** and **Susan Jane**, all of whom are now deceased. **Abraham Hostetter**, **Mr. A. H. Clouser's** maternal grandfather, was a native of Adams County, Pa.; he was a farmer, to which he added the business of burning lime. He married **Elizabeth Wellet**; their children were: **Mary (Mrs. John Bender); John; George; Elizabeth; Christine (Mrs. David Gardner); Lydia (Mrs. Henry Souder); Abraham; Lucetta;** and an **infant** that died. **Abraham Hostetter** died at the age of thirty-eight; his wife died aged seventy-six; both were members of the Reformed Church. **Simon Clouser**, father of **Mr. A. H. Clouser**, was born April 5, 1800, in Perry County. When a young man he was for a short time engaged in shoemaking, but turned his attention to farming, and meeting with success, continued for the remainder of his life in that calling. He was a Democrat, and for a few years held the office of supervisor. His wife, **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Abraham** and **Elizabeth (Wellet) Hostetter**, was born in Adams County, Pa., May 10, 1810. Their children are: **George**, died September 8, 1858, aged twenty-six years, five months and eleven days; **Mary A.**, deceased; **John S.**, died October 21, 1861, aged twenty-five years, one month and twelve days; **Jane B.**, died August 1, 1871, aged nineteen years, one month and twenty-eight days; **Elizabeth**, deceased; **Catherine (Mrs. Abraham Fleurie); David; Cyrus; William A.; A. H.;** and **W. K. Simon Clouser** died October 8, 1867; his age was sixty-seven years, six months and three days. **Mrs. Clouser** died May 21, 1884, at the age of seventy-four years and eleven days.

Brought up on his father's farm, **A. H. Clouser** was educated in the common schools of his township, and after leaving school, was from time to time engaged in assisting his father on the farm, so long as the latter lived. In 1870, he began farming for himself on a part of the homestead, which he still cultivates, and where he has his home. He has not been engrossed with his own business to the exclusion of the interests of the township, but has filled the office of inspector of elections, that of supervisor, to which he was elected in 1883, and various other posts of responsibility. He is a member of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F. **A. H. Clouser** was married, January 8, 1881, to **Catherine**, daughter of **William** and **Mary Ann (Carroll) Garlin**. Their only child is **Ross K. Mr. Clouser's** family are members of the Lutheran church.

Peter Garlin, **Mrs. Clouser's** paternal grandfather, was born in Perry County, and was a farmer. He married **Miss Smith**; of their sixteen children, the following survive: **William; John; Abraham; Jonas; Daniel; Catherine; Elijah;** and **Rebecca (Mrs. Charles Dunkelberger)**. **Peter Garlin** died at the age of eighty-five years; his wife died at about fifty years of age. They were members of the Church of God. **Mr. Carroll**, the maternal grandfather of **Mrs. Clouser**, was also a farmer; he married **Catherine Miller**. Their children were as follows: **Samuel**, died in February, 1888; **Sarah**, deceased; **Mary**, deceased; **William; John; Susan (Mrs. Leonard); Lydia;** and **Ann (Mrs. George Kulp)**. **Mr. and Mrs. Carroll** are deceased, the latter died at the age of seventy-nine. They were members of the Lutheran Church. **Mrs. Clouser's** father, **William Garlin**, has also been all his life engaged in cultivating the soil; he added to his calling for some years that of constructing post fences. The children of **William** and **Mary (Carroll) Garlin** are: **Catherine (Mrs. Clouser);** and **Amos**. **Mr. Garlin** was for one year tax collector of Centre Township. **Mrs. Garlin** died March 3, 1895, at the age of sixty-six years, five months and nine days; she was a congregational member of the United Brethren Church; **Mr. Garlin** is a member of the Church of God. He resides in Carroll Township, and is still engaged in farming.