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John O. Collier, a prominent and enterprising farmer of Penn Township, Perry County, Pa., was born in the Fishing Creek Valley, Rye Township, Perry County, December 21, 1840. He is a son of **Nathan** and **Susan (Ogle) Collier**, both deceased. **Nathan Collier** was born in Perry County, and settled in Penn Township early in 1847, having purchased from the heirs of **Isaac Ogle** the farm now occupied by **John O. Collier**. **Nathan Collier** was a farmer of thrift and enterprise. His children were as follows: **Sallie (Mrs. Brown)**, of the vicinity of Columbia, Union County, Pa.; **John O.**; **Zachariah T.**, of Marysville, Perry County; **Nathan A.**, who died at the age of twenty-two years; **George W.**, residing at Marysville; and **Mary Jane (Mrs. Amos Glendenning)**, of Riverton, Cumberland County, Pa.

The entire life of **John O. Collier** has been passed in Penn Township, upon the homestead farm. He was educated in the public schools of Penn Township, and has, since boyhood, been engaged almost exclusively in agricultural pursuits. Animated by patriotic impulses, he enlisted in 1863, in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which regiment he served with honor and credit for sixteen months. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, he received his discharge at Harrisburg, Pa. His fellow-citizens of Penn Township have shown their appreciation of **Mr. Collier's** good judgment and practical business management by electing him for one term, to the office of school director, and for two terms to the office of supervisor. **Mr. Collier** is a Republican.

John O. Collier was married in Penn Township, December 24, 1869, to **Margaret E.**, daughter of **Joseph** and **Susan Dissinger**, old and honored residents of Penn Township, both deceased. **Mr. and Mrs. Collier** have five children: **Joseph N.**; **John M.**; **Harry H.**; **George G.**, deceased; and **Florence P.** The family attends the Lutheran Church.

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