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William L. Cook, Pleasant View, Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Lack Township, Juniata County, Pa., September 20, 1830. **Christian Cook**, grandfather of **William L. Cook**, was a native of Franklin County, Pa. Upon removing to Juniata County he settled on the **Pomeroy** farm in Lack Township. He married a **Miss Wolfkill**, of Franklin County. Their children are; **Peter; Elias; Christian; Mary (Mrs. Thomas McVitty)**. **Elias Cook**, father of **William L. Cook**, was born in Franklin County, Pa. He owned a small farm in Lack Township.

In 1840, he removed to Milford Township, where he farmed one year, after which he bought a farm in Horse Valley, Perry County, upon which he built a tannery. He operated both farm and tannery until his death in 1862. **Mr. Cook** was married in 1823, to **Catherine Lyon**, a daughter of **John Lyon**. Their children are: **William L.; Mary (Mrs. Dr. John Campbell); Thomas, Alexander** and **Augustus**, all deceased; and **two** children who died in infancy. **Mrs. Cook** died at the home of her son, **William L.**, in 1884. **Mr. Cook** was a Democrat. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was a class leader.

William L. Cook attended the public schools of Lack Township until nine years old. In 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months. He then farmed in Perry County until 1868, when he went to Juniata County, and settled on the farm where he now resides. **Mr. Cook** was married at Concord, Franklin County, Pa., in 1866, to **Elizabeth J. Harris**, a daughter of **Thomas Harris**, a shoemaker by trade. Their children are: **Mary L.**, at home; and **two** children died in infancy. **Mrs. Cook** died December 21, 1893. **Mr. Cook** is a sound money Republican, and has filled the offices of school director, tax collector, overseer of the poor and assessor of the township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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