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**Cumbler, J. H.**, station agent at Halifax, Pa., was born in Newport, Perry county, Pa., April 6, 1850; son of **William** and **Elizabeth (Bowman) Cumbler**, natives of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, **Jacob Kumler** (as the name was then spelled), was a farmer in Perry county, where he died. **William Cumbler**, father of **J. H. Cumbler**, was a farmer and merchant in Perry County, Pa. He was married three times. His first wife was a Miss **Oren**; their children were: **William, Jacob, Henry**, and **George**; all deceased except **George**, who is president of the Middletown and Highspire Street Railroad Company, at Steelton, Pa. The second wife of Mr. **Cumbler** was **Elizabeth Bowman**, by whom he had three children: **Henry**, a farmer in Perry County, Pa.; **Elizabeth**, wife of a railroad contractor at Seattle, Wash., and **J. H.** The mother died in 1855. The third Mrs. **Cumbler** was **Isabelle Finton**; she had no children. **Mr. Cumbler** was a Republican and a member of the Church of God.

**J. H. Cumbler** lived with his parents, first in his native place, Newport, afterwards in New Buffalo, where they removed in 1855, then in Montgomery's Ferry, and then again in Newport; he attended school in all these places. At the age of seventeen his education was far enough advanced for him to become a teacher, and he began to exercise his gifts in that line by teaching two terms. For the next five years he was clerk in the hardware store of J. W. Franklin, at Newport. He was also bookkeeper at Steelton for his brother, and then was in mercantile business for himself for two years. He then removed to Halifax, where he has since resided, and been continuously employed in the Northern Central railway office, first as clerk, and since May 1, 1889, as agent; also, since September, 1884, he has been agent for the Adams Express Company. **Mr. Cumbler** has been a director in the Halifax Bank since 1890, and is a stockholder and director of the Halifax Shoe and Manufacturing Company. He is a charter member of Syrian Commandery, No. 133, A. & I. O. K. M., Millersburg; also charter member Millersburg Conclave, No. 102, I. O. H.; and a member of P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 576, of Halifax, Pa. **Mr. Cumbler** is also a member of the International Association of Ticket Agents, and in 1890 accompanied his fellow-members to Florida, in 1892 to Canada, and in 1894 to California.

**Mr. Cumbler** is a Republican; he was elected chief burgess of the town in 1885, and is a member of the school board, in which he is serving his second term. **Mr. Cumbler** was married, in Halifax, December 25, 1877, to **Miss Elizabeth**, daughter of **Judge Landis**. Three of their four children died in infancy. Only their daughter, **Margaret**, survives. **Mr. Cumbler** is a member of the Methodist Church.

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