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David Deckard, retired. Acker, Perry County, Pa., was born in Buffalo Township, Perry County, Pa., in September, 1813. His father, **Philip Deckard**, was born in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, and previous to his marriage settled in Buffalo Township, Perry County, where he resided until his death. He married **Miss Alsbaugh**, of Perry County, whose death occurred one year before his own. Their children were: **Julia Ann; Henry; David; Eliza; Sarah;** and **Mary;** all deceased, except **David**. He was a Democrat and was a member of the United Brethren Church.

David Deckard was reared on the farm and attended the public schools in the winter. When he attained his majority, he began work on his own account, and in 1850, settled on his present farm, of which he came into possession at the death of his father. It contains 300 acres of excellent land, and under **Mr. Deckard's** skillful management, has been vastly improved. Among his most substantial improvements is a commodious and beautiful residence, which is a credit to his enterprise and good taste. He has passed his entire life on the place, and has something of value to show for his many years of industry. He is now quietly retired from active pursuits and is enjoying the well-earned fruits of his labor and frugality in former years. **Mr. Deckard** is an adherent of the Democratic Party. He has served efficiently as school director.

David Deckard married **Miss Barbara Stenz**, of Buffalo Township, who died in October, 1890. Their children are: **Charles**, at home; **John**, a physician; and **Calvin**, a farmer in Howe Township. **Mr. Deckard** has won the esteem of the community by his honorable conduct in the various relations of life.

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