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Charles E. DeLancey, M. D., Newport, Perry County. **Francis DeLancey**, grandfather of **Dr. Charles E.**, was born in Paris, France, where he was educated for the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church, but abandoned his calling and came with General Lafayette to America, serving under him in the army during the continuance of the Revolutionary war. At the close of the war he purchased a large farm near Kistler, Perry County, upon which he resided during the rest of his life, and where he died from the effect of injuries, at the age of eighty-three years. He was married first to a French woman, by whom he had several children. **William** and **Oliver DeLancey**, lawyers, of New York, are sons of **Bishop DeLancey**, of New York, by his first marriage. In his second marriage he was united to an American woman; they had several children, among whom was **William W.**, the father of **Dr. DeLancey**. The second wife of **Francis DeLancey** survived him a number of years. **William W. DeLancey**, the father of **Dr. Charles E.**, was the youngest of twenty one children, and was born on the homestead near Kistler, Perry County, Pa., in 1810, where he was reared and where he remained until after the death of his father; the home was then sold by his mother, and the family removed to Landisburg, in the same county. His educational opportunities were few and slender; he became apprentice to a weaver while quite young, and worked at that occupation during the winter months; in the summer season he worked as a mason in brick and stone, and followed the latter branches of business until his retirement from active pursuits. His public profession of religion was made by connecting himself with the Presbyterian Church, and this profession he abundantly adorned by a devoted Christian life. His death occurred in 1883, and was universally lamented by his friends and neighbors, by whom he was highly esteemed and beloved. **William W. DeLancey** was married first to **Miss Mary Lightner**; their children are: **Mary J.**, widow of **David Miller**, Odebolt, Ia.; **William P.**, bricklayer, Newport, Pa.; **Catharine (Mrs. Patton)**, Bennington, Kan. His second wife was **Susan Wilant**, and the children of this union are: **Margaret (Mrs. David Bittner)**, of Loysville, Pa.; **Charles E.**; **James O.**, bricklayer, Loysville, Pa.; **Jerusha (Mrs. George Wolf)**, residing near Loysville; **Joseph**, bricklayer, Elliottsville, Pa.; **Clara (Mrs. Samuel Kline)**, residing near Elliottsburg, Pa.

Dr. Charles E. DeLancey was born at Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., August 20, 1846. He first attended school at the Oak Grove school house, and found his first teacher, **Mr. Graham**, a very strict disciplinarian. At eight years of age he went to live on a farm in Juniata County, with his uncle, **Jacob DeLancey**, for whom he worked on the farm in the summer time; his compensation was his board and clothing and the privilege of attending school in the winter. Here he remained until he was sixteen years of age, and then returned to Perry County. In 1863 he enlisted in the army, becoming connected with the emergency service in Captain Jones' Company, called the Curtin Horse Guards, doing duty in Pennsylvania and Maryland; he was discharged at the end of two months. After this, he enlisted in the regular service in the quartermaster's department, under Maj. E. C. Rickenbaugh, his duty being to look after horses and teams and their management and supply; in this service he remained until June 4, 1866, and was among the last men discharged from the service. At the close of his military career, he returned to Perry County and learned bricklaying with his father and brother. He devoted the summer months to this business, and in the winter season attended school, following these pursuits in different parts of the United States

until 1875. In 1868, he worked at Williamsport for two months, then was at Parkersburg, West Virginia, for three months; in the following spring he returned to Parkersburg, and in the summer of the same year, went to Pleasant Hill, Mo., thence to Lafayette, Ind., and thence to Harrisburg, Pa. At Williamsport he worked several years, returning during the winters of these years to attend school. Finally, September 13, 1875, he went home, and during the ensuing winter took a course of study in the Bloomfield Academy; in September of the next year, 1876, he was enrolled as a student in the medical department of the University of New York, where he remained until the spring of 1877; he then returned home, and taught penmanship at the Bloomfield Academy during the summer term. In the autumn of the same year, he rejoined his class at the University, and in February, 1878, was graduated and received his medical diploma. Milltown, Perry County, Pa., was chosen as a location for beginning his professional work, and here he remained for eighteen months, after which he formed a partnership for medical practice with **Dr. W. E. Cessna**, at Ickesburg, in the same county. At the expiration of eighteen months, this partnership was dissolved, and **Dr. DeLancey** entered the University of Pennsylvania for a post-graduate course. In March, 1887, he began practicing at Loysville, Pa., continuing there until May 8, 1889, when he removed to Millmount, Union County. Here he remained until October 8, 1891, when he removed to Newport, and has since been engaged in professional work in that place. While at Loysville, **Dr. DeLancey** was physician at the Tressler Orphans' Home and at the County Almshouse at Newport. He has secured an extensive and profitable practice. The Doctor is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, at Williamsport, Pa., of the K. G. E., the K. P., and of Elias Rice Post, No. 529, Landisburg, Pa.

Dr. DeLancey was first married May 15, 1884, at Hartleton, Union County, Pa., to **Miss E. Arabella Moyer**, who died October 5, 1888, at Loysville, Pa. She was a music teacher at the Orphans' Home, where she had been a pupil. They had two children: **Fairlie M.**, born March 5, 1887; and **Irene A.**, born July 15, 1888, died July 4, 1889. In his second marriage, which occurred April 27, 1893, **Dr. DeLancey** was united to **Miss Mary L. Baker**, a native of Juniata County; they have one child, **Carrie A.**, born August 1, 1895. In his religious profession, **Dr. DeLancey** is a Lutheran. In every fair sense of the word, he is a self-made man, having worked his way from early boyhood, secured his own education, and attained a most honorable position in society.

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