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**Capt. Albert B. Demaree**, deceased, of Newport, Perry County, Pa., was born in Newport, January 29, 1839. The ancestors of **Captain Demaree** came from France. His father, **Abraham Demaree**, was born in Adams County, Pa., and came to Newport, Pa., when quite a young man. Here he embarked in the mercantile business, in which he was continuously engaged until his death in 1849. He married **Miss Margaret Van Horten**, of Baltimore, Md., whose death occurred before his own. They had several children, but **Albert B.** was the only one who lived to maturity.

In his boyhood, he attended the common schools and took an academic course at New Bloomfield, Pa. Not being studiously inclined, he did not seek to acquire a liberal education, but early sought employment in business pursuits. In 1858, he was received into the store of his uncle, **John S. Demaree**, where he was carefully instructed and trained in business methods. He afterwards formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, **John R. Lowther**, and bought the store of his uncle.

At the breaking out of the War, he was instrumental in forming a company, of which he was commissioned the captain. This company became Company I, of the One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. At the battle of Fredericksburg, **Captain Demaree** received a serious wound, by which he was disabled for a short time, and was sent to the hospital at Washington, D. C. When partially recovered, he was sent home on a furlough, and in about six weeks his wound was so far healed that he was able to rejoin his regiment in time to take part in the battle of Antietam. At the end of his nine months' term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged from the service, upon which he returned to his home and resumed the management of his business. About 1870, he sold his interest in the store and removed with his wife and family to Stockton, Cedar County, Mo., where associated with a partner, he opened a general store and was occupied with its management for seven years. At the end of this time, he disposed of his interest and came east, again taking up his residence at Newport. A boot and shoe house at Philadelphia gave him employment as traveling salesman, in which capacity he was continuously engaged until his death, December 1, 1891. In political matters he acted with the Republican Party. He did not hold membership in any religious organization. In character and reputation he was a type of noble manhood, exact in the duties and genial in the amenities of life. He won and retained the regard and confidence of all associated with him. His remains are interred in the cemetery at Newport, Pa.

In 1869, **Captain Demaree** was married to **Miss Victoria Lowther**, daughter of **Capt. William Lowther**, of Concord, Juniata County, Pa. **Captain Lowther** was reared at Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pa., and came to Newport when he was quite a young man. In early life, he was engaged in boating on the canal and was afterwards employed as a railroad contractor, in which business he continued until his retirement. His death occurred at Newport. **Captain Lowther** was three times married. The mother of **Mrs. Demaree** was **Christiana Rider**; they had two children: **John P.**, builder and contractor in New York City; and **Victoria, Mrs. Demaree**, who was but two years old when her mother died.