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**Samuel H. Derick**, a progressive farmer of Penn Township, Perry County, Pa. was born July 1, 1853, in Centre Township, Perry County. He is a son of **Harry** and **Mary (Bird) Derick**; the former is a native of Adams County, and the latter of Perry. **Harry Derick** came to Perry County early in life and spent there the greater part of his days. He was a shoemaker, but was also engaged in farming. He still survives; but his wife passed away in the year 1882. Of their eight children, one died in infancy. Those surviving are: **Catharine (Mrs. George Shearer)**; **George W.**; **Christian C**; **Michael**; **Samuel H.**; **Sarah (Mrs. Jacob Laman)**; and **Mary (Mrs. George W. Arthur)**.

The entire life of **Samuel H. Derick** has been spent in Perry County. After receiving his education in the public schools of Penn Township, he entered, while still a mere boy, the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, in which he continued for eleven years. For the past eighteen years, however, he has been engaged exclusively in farming. He is a member of Vandelburg Lodge, No. 288, K. P., of Duncannon; and of the Duncannon Iron Company Burial Association. His politics are Democratic.

**Mr. Derick** was married, in Penn Township, January 14, 1875, to **Alice**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Sarah Jane (Hench) Pee**. They have eight children: **Leah E.**, born March 22, 1876; **Anna C.**, born April 14, 1879; **Henry M.**, born January 22, 1882; **Benjamin F.**, born October 3, 1884; **Thomas W.**, born January 22, 1888; **Grace Pearl**, born October 23, 1889; **Oliver McCurdy**, born June 3, 1892; and **Margaret May**, born May 18, 1896. The family attends the Presbyterian Church.

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