

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

**H. A. Dick**, one of the most skillful embalmers and undertakers of Cumberland County, and an extensive furniture dealer of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was born July 2, 1849, in the city of York, York County, Pa., son of **A. J.** and **Magdalena (Stambaugh) Dick**, and grandson of **Samuel Dick**, a cooper by trade.

**Samuel Dick** was born in Maryland and came of an old Scotch-Irish family. By occupation he was a cooper. **A. J. Dick** was born in York County, Pa. He learned the cooper's trade, and followed it in connection with farming. He married **Magdalena Stambaugh** and they became the parents of fourteen children, namely: **H. A.**; **William**, deceased; **Frank**, of Cumberland County; **Samuel**, deceased; **Mary**; **Edward**, of Kansas; **Charles**, of Perry County, Pa.; **Annie**, unmarried, of Kansas; **Michael**, of Kansas; **Catherine**, of Kansas City; and four who died young. About 1875 **Mr. A. J. Dick** and his wife moved to Kansas where both died. In politics he was a Democrat, while in religious belief he was a Lutheran.

Until he was fourteen years of age **Mr. H. A. Dick** remained with his parents in York County, and he then worked for farmers for several years, after which he came to Cumberland County and located on a farm near Mechanicsburg. A few months later, however, he returned to York County, where he learned the trade of a wagon maker. Once more he settled in Cumberland County, this time at Wertzville, and he followed his trade for twenty-five years. During this time he learned embalming and undertaking, and in 1901 he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he established himself as an undertaker and furniture dealer at No. 44 West Main Street.

On April 18, 1872, **Mr. Dick** married **Miss Agnes Walters**, a native of Cumberland County, and a daughter of **Joseph** and **Elizabeth Walters**, the former of whom also a native of Cumberland County, was a blacksmith by trade. **Mrs. Dick** is a member of a family of six, the others being; **Simon**, of Cumberland County; **Mary**, the wife of **Jeremiah Bretz**; **John**, a farmer of Cumberland County; **Joseph**, and **Agnes**. Three children were born to **Mr. and Mrs. Dick**: **Andrew W.** and **Walter**, twins, born Oct. 16, 1873; and **Murray Luther**, born Oct. 18, 1879, who is a clerk in the First National Bank of Mechanicsburg. **Andrew W.** and **Walter** both died Feb. 24, 1898, and were buried together. **Walter** was a teacher in the schools of Cumberland County, and **Andrew**, a graduate embalmer. Both were intelligent and promising young men, leading devoted Christian lives. This mournful event was one which affected the entire community, and called forth many tokens of warm sympathy and affection for the sorrowing parents and brother.

In politics **Mr. Dick** is a staunch Democrat, and for six years was a wise and judicious school director. **Mr. Dick** is very active in the work of the Lutheran Church in which he has held prominent positions, and he is very active in the Sabbath school.

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