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**Maj. Henry S. Dimm**, Perry County, Pa., was born August 29, 1836, in Greenwood Township, Juniata County. He is a son of **Jacob** and **Eva (Stimeling) Dimm**. His great-great-grandfather, **John Dimm**, emigrated from Germany, coming over in a sailing vessel and landing in Philadelphia, where for a time he worked at his trade as a carpenter, after which he removed to Berks County, where he died. One of his sons, born on the Atlantic Ocean, during the passage to this country, was **Christopher Dimm**, great grandfather of **Henry S. Dimm**. **Christopher Dimm** was a farmer and stock raiser. After his marriage, he purchased a large tract of land in Lycoming County, Pa., and resided there. He had five sons and two daughters. One of his sons was **Henry Dimm**, grandfather of **Henry S. Dimm**. He was also the grandfather of **W. W. Dimm**, of Walker Township, and of **J. C. Dimm**, editor of the *Mifflintown Star*. **Henry Dimm** was born in Lycoming County and received a good education in English and German.

While still a young man, he rode on horseback to Juniata County and settled at Seven Stars in this county, where he engaged in farming. Here he married **Susannah**, daughter of **Adam Wilt**, a farmer of Greenwood Township. He continued farming in Juniata County during the rest of his life. **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dimm** had five children: **Adam**, who met death by drowning; **John**; **Samuel** and **Jacob**, twins; and **Mary (Mrs. Henry Stroup)**, of Snyder County. **Henry Dimm** was a Democrat; he was an upright, industrious and conscientious man, universally respected in the community. He was a zealous member of the Lutheran Church. Both he and his wife died in Greenwood Township, Juniata County.

**Jacob Dimm**, son of **Henry Dimm**, was born in Greenwood Township, Juniata County, Pa., July 6, 1806, and received his education in subscription schools; he was all his life a farmer, and in his old age resided with his son **Samuel**, in Loysville, Perry County. He married **Eva**, daughter of **David** and **Barbara (Hook) Stimeling**. She was of German descent, and was born in Snyder County. They had seven children: **Sarah A. (Mrs. Thomas J. Cameron)**, Lewistown, deceased; **Henry S.**, of Port Royal, Juniata County; **Susannah (Mrs. John J. Graham)**, of Juniata County, deceased; **Samuel T.**, a farmer of Perry County; **Elizabeth**, widow of **Christian Shelley**, of Nebraska; **Louisa (Mrs. N. Rinehart)**, deceased; and **Foster W.**, of New Germantown, Perry County. **Jacob Dimm** was universally respected; he died at a good old age in Perry County, in 1890. His faithful partner in life's toils died in the same county, in May, 1894. **Mr. Dimm** was a Democrat. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, and active in church work.

**Henry S. Dimm**, during the winter months, attended a public school of Greenwood Township, in an old log school house. He began life on the farm with his father, and at the age of eighteen, learned the trade of millwright. He worked at his trade and also operated his father's sawmill until, at the age of twenty-five the perils of the nation opened to him a wider and more exciting field of action.

**Major Dimm's** war record is of the most brilliant and honorable character. September 11, 1861, he recruited in Juniata County in Company I, of that brave and illustrious regiment, the Fifty-

third Pennsylvania Volunteers. He took out a company of eighty men, whom he bravely led through all the vicissitudes of three years of bloody battle. At the battle of the Po River, in 1864, he was promoted to the rank of major. Besides many minor engagements, **Mr. Dimm** participated in nearly all of the prominent battles of the Army of the Potomac, including such fierce and bloody battles as Yorktown, Gaines Mills, Peach Orchard, Savage Station, Fair Oaks, June 1, 1862, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Centreville, South Mountain, Antietam, Bristow Station, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where he was wounded by a ball passing through his thigh. After Gettysburg, he was engaged at Mine Run, the Wilderness, Po River and Spottsylvania Court House, in which engagement the Second Corps, with which he was connected, covered itself with glory by participating in the capture of five thousand prisoners, including two Confederate generals, Stewart, and Johnson, and also taking a large amount of artillery. The next engagement in which he fought was the bloody field of Cold Harbor, June 3, 4, 5, and 6, 1864, where he was wounded by a ball passing through his hand. He was honorably mustered out, September 13, 1864. He desired to re-enlist, but could not gratify his desire, and accordingly returned home. Soon after, **Major Dimm** engaged in milling, at Liverpool, Perry County, which he continued for six years; he then returned to Juniata County, and went into the lumbering business in Delaware and Greenwood Townships, running a sawmill night and day until the great panic of 1873. He then worked at his trade two years, and afterwards he went to Newport, Pa., where he was manager of Cook's sawmill until 1880. In that year he became foreman of the planing mill, which position he retained until 1895, when he retired from active duties, and has ever since resided at Newport, Pa.

March 17, 1864, **Major Dimm** was married, in the State Capitol Hotel, at Harrisburg, by the Rev. J. A. Hackenberger, of Liverpool, to **Miss Louisa E. Cox**, born in Greenwood Township, Juniata County, a daughter of **William** and **Christina Cox**, of the same township. Their children are: **Cora M.**, a merchant, of Port Royal, Juniata County; **Lewis G.**, engaged in mercantile pursuits; **Harry**, a watchmaker, of York, Pa.; **Mary E.**, a school teacher; **Maggie**; and **Isaac Newton**, a clerk. **Mr. Dimm** has held numerous offices both in Juniata and Perry counties, having been township tax collector in both; he has also at various times, acted as judge of elections, inspector of elections, and school director. He is a member of Adams Lodge, No. 319, F. and A. M., of New Bloomfield, Perry County; and is also an honored comrade in Lieut. Arnold Lobaugh Post, No. 297, G. A. R., at Newport. **Major Dimm** is a firm Democrat. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church; he was deacon of the church at Liverpool, and was also a Sunday-school teacher.

**Miss Cora M. Dimm**, eldest child of **Major Henry S. Dimm**, the first lady in Port Royal Juniata County, Pa., to engage in mercantile pursuits, has been conspicuous in that thriving and progressive borough, by the enterprise she has displayed. She was born in Liverpool, Perry County, and educated at Newport, in the same county, where she also learned the millinery trade, at which she worked for seven years. In 1894, she removed to Port Royal, and began work there as a milliner. After some time, **Miss Dimm** enlarged her sphere of operations, by branching out into a general mercantile business, which she has conducted with success without abandoning her trade of millinery. She is an earnest member of the Lutheran Church.