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Wilson W. Dimm, Van Wert, Walker Township, Juniata County, Pa., was born June, 7, 1849, in Greenwood Township, Juniata County. He is a son of **Samuel** and **Leah (Shellenberger) Dimm**. **Henry Dimm**, his grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, a farmer, who took up land in Juniata County, where he spent the remainder of his days. Among his children was **Samuel Dimm**, born in Juniata County, who, after receiving a good English and German education, taught school for several terms in Greenwood Township, Juniata County. He spent some time in distilling and milling, and was also one of the most extensive farmers in Greenwood Township, devoting much attention to raising fruit and rearing improved stock. He married **Leah**, daughter of **Christian** and **Barbara (Moyer) Shellenberger**. She was born in Juniata County, where her father was a farmer. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Dimm** had seven children: **Joanna**, deceased; **Jennie (Mrs. Ferd. Rinehart)**, of Illinois; **Wilson W.**, postmaster at Van Wert; **Franklin**, a resident of Kansas; **Irvin**, of Lewistown, Pa.; **Benton T.**, of Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pa.; and **Simon C.**, bookkeeper for the Omaha Iron Company, Omaha, Neb. **Samuel Dimm** took an active part in all public affairs. He held numerous official positions, among which were those of school director, supervisor, and constable. He was a Democrat. He was also prominent in the affairs of the Lutheran Church, in which denomination he held the offices of elder and deacon. He died in Kansas in 1887. His aged widow still survives, residing with her married daughter in Illinois.

Wilson W. Dimm received his education in the common schools of Greenwood Township, during their short winter sessions. He worked with his father on the farm, until he was twenty-four years of age, when he began business for himself on a rented farm in Greenwood Township, where he remained for six years. Removing to Perry County, he engaged in mercantile business in Pfoutz Valley, in 1882, succeeding **J. M. Welsh**. He continued here three years, meeting with success, and then removed to Van Wert, where he has ever since conducted a similar business, and holds at the same time the office of postmaster. In 1887, he erected, at a cost of over two thousand dollars, a fine dwelling house and store adapted for a general mercantile business.

Wilson W. Dimm married in 1870, in Perry County, **Miss Emma Ulsh**, a native of the county, and a daughter of **Leonard Ulsh**, a farmer of the vicinity. They have had three children: **Carrie**; **Ethel**; and **Jay**, who died young. **Mr. Dimm** is a man of energy and enterprise, highly esteemed and appreciated in the communities in which he has resided. He was for six years a member of the school board, and was president and treasurer. In 1896, he was elected auditor of Juniata County on the ticket of the Democratic Party, which he upholds. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and has borne the offices of elder and deacon. He is also identified with the Sunday-school work as a teacher.

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