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**Ditty, Joshua**, was born in Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., December 10, 1831. He is a son of **Simon** and **Mary (Brant) Ditty**. The grandfather, **Henry Ditty**, came with his parents from Lancaster County, and settled with his parents in Dauphin. He was married to **Miss Catharine Miller**, and lived to a ripe old age. The father, **Simon Ditty**, was a native of Washington Township, Dauphin County. In early life he moved to Liverpool, Perry County and engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods, until 1854, when he moved to Halifax Township. Three years later he moved to Clark's Ferry, Reed Township, and served as lock tender and collector. He was accidentally killed by the cars in 1867, and his wife died in 1889, in Duncannon, Pa. Their children are: **Sarah Ann, Levi, Joshua, Mary, Rachel, John, William, Catharine**, deceased, and **Rebecca**.

**Joshua** received his education in the public schools of his native place and at Montgomery's Ferry. When nineteen years old he began to learn the trade of milling at Baskin's Mill, Halifax Township. After serving an apprenticeship of three years he followed his trade a short time, but owing to an injury was compelled to relinquish that business. He then worked on a farm for a time and next became a boatman on the canal, and continued thus for fourteen years. He then came to Halifax and clerked for his brother-in-law, **George Etter**. After purchasing and residing on a farm for two years, he returned to his former position.

He enlisted in company H, One Hundred and Ninety-second regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, and went first to Camp Chase, Ohio, thence to Harper's Ferry and up the Shenandoah Valley. In 1883 **Mr. Etter** became steward at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., which position he retained for four years, when sickness compelled him to resign. He was married, March 13, 1860, to **Miss Mary Lebo**, who was born in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, March 10, 1837, and is a daughter of **Jacob** and **Catharine (Kramer) Lebo**. In politics **Mr. Ditty** is a Republican, and has served as burgess two terms, and is now serving his second term as councilman. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and president of the board of trustees.

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