

A. K. Dobbs, Kistler, Perry County, Pa., son of **John E.** and **Rebecca (Arbuckle) Dobbs**, was born November 2, 1838, in Tuscarora Township, Juniata County, Pa. His paternal ancestors were Irish, and those on his mother's side, Scotch. **Thomas Dobbs**, his paternal grandfather, was born and reared in Juniata County, in Tuscarora Township, where he died in 1840, at a very advanced age; his wife had died some time earlier. They were devoted members of the United Presbyterian Church, worthy and consistent Christians. Their children were: **Thomas**, went to Ohio, and settled first in Richmond County, afterwards in the town of Mansfield; **John E.**; **Martha**, died unmarried; and **Mary (Mrs. William Borton)**, deceased, whose husband died in the west. The second of this family, **John E. Dobbs**, was a native and lifelong resident of Tuscarora Township, Juniata County. He was a farmer. He married **Rebecca**, daughter of **William M. Arbuckle**, of the same township with himself. Both were active and devoted members of the United Presbyterian Church. **Mr. Dobbs** died on the farm, on which he was reared, September 14, 1839, at forty years of age. **Mrs. Dobbs**, with her infant son and only child, returned to her father's house, and lived there a widow for seventeen years. At length she was married to **Joseph Wallace**, and spent the latest years of her life near Johnstown, Pa. She was always faithful in her attendance on church worship, and would often go nine miles to attend a service at McCoyville. She died July 4, 1891; **Mr. Wallace** still survives her.

Her only child, **A. K. Dobbs**, who was, as has been seen, not yet a year old at the time of his father's death, was brought up in the house of his maternal grandfather, **William M. Arbuckle**. He first attended the common schools, completing his educational training at Tuscarora Academy, Academia, Pa. In 1856, he began work as a clerk at McCullochs Mills, Juniata County, where he remained one year. He then occupied similar positions in the employ of **Samuel Milligan**, Sandy Hill, Perry County, for nearly three years; of **A. J. Ferguson**, Waterford, Juniata County, for two years; and of **J. B. Okeson**, of Port Royal, Pa., with whom he remained until sometime in 1863. He would gladly have enlisted in the Union army for the war of the Rebellion, but being an only child, and not in vigorous health, he complied with his mother's wish, and remained at home. **Mr. Dobbs** spent part of 1863-64 in the west. On May 4, 1864, he married **Sarah E.**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Sarah (Rice) Rice**, of Madison Township, Perry County. After their marriage, they lived for seven years on their present farm, which was owned by **Mrs. Dobbs'** father. **Mr. Dobbs** then bought a farm in Madison Township, near the Pine Grove School; here they lived from 1871 until 1883, when they moved back to the **Rice** farm, as the parents of **Mrs. Dobbs** were growing aged and infirm. In 1891, **Mr. Dobbs** sold his other farm. He now owns and cultivates 250 acres. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens, as may be inferred from his having been elected to several township offices. He served as justice of the peace, and being a candidate for re-election, claims that he had a majority, but was deprived of the office by a miscount of the votes. He is a staunch Republican.

The children of **Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Dobbs** are: **Annie V. (Mrs. B. T. Holabaugh)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Charles H.**, was accidentally killed on the railroad at Lewistown Junction in 1893, at the age of twenty-five; **Samuel E.**, of Madison Township, married **Rebecca Kistler**, is a school teacher; **Sarah J.**, also a teacher; **Edward M.**, a farmer, at home, married **Clara M. Showers**. **Mrs. Dobbs** is a member of the Reformed Church, and **Mr. Dobbs** of the Lutheran; he is a trustee of the congregation at Kistler, with which he is now connected, and was formerly an office bearer in the church at Buffalo Mills.