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Zachariah M. Dock, Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., was born in Freeburg, Snyder County, Pa., November 24, 1847. He is a son of **Benjamin F.** and **Margaret (Menges) Dock**. His ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were German, and were among the pioneer settlers of Snyder County. **Benjamin F. Dock** was a native of Snyder County, and resided there throughout his life, engaged in farming. The surviving children of **Benjamin F.** and **Margaret Dock** are: **Benjamin F.**, of Freeburg, Snyder County; **Margaret (Mrs. William Strayer)**, of Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Ia.; **Jacob M.**, of Kantz, Snyder County; **Peter**, of Dubois, Clearfield County, Pa.; **Abbie (Mrs. Samuel Watt)**, of Williamsport, Pa.; **Catherine (Mrs. Henry Holtzapple)**, of Kantz, Snyder County; and **Zachariah M. Elizabeth (Mrs. Nathan Roush)**, of Snyder County, died, leaving a son about three years old; **George Washington**, died aged twenty. **Benjamin F. Dock** died when his youngest child, **Zachariah M.**, was but four weeks old.

Until he was fifteen years of age, **Zachariah M. Dock** attended the common schools of Freeburg, and helped in cultivating the farm. After that, for five years, he was engaged in boating on the canal; he then went into the mill of his uncle, **Samuel Haas**, of New Mexico, Juniata County, Pa., to learn the business. He followed the calling of a miller for about nineteen years, and at the end of that time returned to his early occupation of farming. In 1875, he removed to Spring Township, Perry County, where he resided for four years; for the last seventeen he has been a continuous resident of Tyrone Township. He is widely and favorably known, and is a skilful and progressive farmer. He has served two terms as school director of Tyrone Township; he is Republican in his political views.

Zachariah M. Dock was married in Freeburg, Pa., June 16, 1873, to **Catherine**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Elizabeth (Turner) Custer**; she died September 18, 1892. **Mr. Dock** was married the second time, October 26, 1893, to **Sarah E.**, daughter of **Frederick** and **Elizabeth (Kell) Souder**, of Spring Township, and widow of **A. M. Billman**. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Dock** have one daughter, **Orpha Elizabeth**, born August 31, 1894. By **Mrs. Dock's** first marriage she had six sons, four of whom survive: **Frederick H. Billman**; **Daniel M. Billman**; **Irvin S. Billman**; and **Erasmus M. Billman**. **Mr. Dock** and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

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