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The **Doyle family**, which has been known in the state of Pennsylvania for a number of generations, and of which **John C. Doyle**, of Fermanagh Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, is a descendant, has been identified mainly with the milling and agricultural interests of the state. In these fields of industry they have borne their share as good citizens, and when the country had need of their services as soldiers, they have nobly arisen in defense of its rights and liberties.

(I) **John Doyle**, grandfather of **John C. Doyle**, was of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and followed the occupation of milling during the active years of his life.

(II) **Richard**, son of **John Doyle**, was born in 1814. He was a resident of Bell Township, and a miller by occupation. Upon the outbreak of the civil war he was one of the first in the district to volunteer his services, and fought bravely during that struggle. In the ranks of the Republican Party he wielded considerable influence, and for a long period of time he served as internal revenue assessor. Thrifty and industrious, he amassed a considerable fortune, and was the owner of a large amount of real property. He married **Nancy Criswell**, a member of the well-known **Criswell family** of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Their children were: **Adeline** and **Nannie**, who died in infancy; **John C.**, see forward; **James, Ella, Margaret, Jennie, Charles** and **Evelina**, who died in infancy.

(III) **John C.**, son of **Richard** and **Nancy (Criswell) Doyle**, was born in Bell Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1847. He acquired his early education in the public schools of his native township, then became a student for several years at the Tuscarora Academy, from which he was graduated. In his early manhood he was apprenticed to learn the trade of printing, with which he was occupied for a period of five years. He then took up the study of dentistry, but never engaged in active practice in this profession. For some years he was busily engaged in agricultural pursuits, then having become associated with railroad work, was thus occupied in various positions for twenty-eight years. Always a great lover of nature, he now returned to farm occupations, and has continued in this direction up to the present time. He has a beautiful farm of sixty-three acres, and keeps this in a fine state of cultivation. In political matters **Mr. Doyle** entertains progressive ideas, and prefers to form his own opinions independently rather than have them formed for him. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Mifflin.

Mr. Doyle married, in 1868, **Margaret C.**, a daughter of **George** and **Hannah (Souders) Goshen**, the former a farmer of Perry County, Pennsylvania. They have had children as follows: **Harry R.**, unmarried, is in the employ of the Carnegie Steel Works, at Homestead, Pennsylvania; **George**, who is in the west; **Belle**, now deceased, married **John Cibulka**, a tailor; **Nellie**, married **Dr. Hammond**, of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; **Mamie**, is a trained nurse in Philadelphia; **Anna**, married **Robert Spanogle**, a dentist of Cambria County, Pennsylvania; **Grace**, died in childhood; **Mildred**, died in 1910, at the age of nineteen years.