

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

William E. Drawbaugh, farmer and dairyman, of Newton Township, Cumberland County, was born Nov. 3, 1855, in West Pennsboro Township, a son of **John** and **Nancy (Zeigler) Drawbaugh**. The father was born in Cumberland County, a son of **George** and **Katherine (Bloser) Drawbaugh**.

After marriage the parents of **William E. Drawbaugh** settled in West Pennsboro Township, where he became a prosperous farmer. His death occurred Oct. 7, 1882. His widow, who was a daughter of **William** and **Margaret (Adams) Zeigler**, survived him until Oct. 9, 1893. They had nine children, eight of whom lived to maturity: **Ezemiah** married **S. W. Lehn**, and died Nov. 15, 1904; **Anna M.** died Oct. 9, 1882; **Wilson** is deceased; **Margaret G.**, the widow of **Rev. M. M. Foose**, resides at Lancaster; **William E.** is mentioned below; **George A.** died Nov. 6, 1882; **John F.** died Oct. 4, 1882; **Rev. David Porter** is a prominent Lutheran minister.

William E. Drawbaugh spent his boyhood on the farm and attended what is known as Smith's schoolhouse. At the age of eighteen years his school days ended and he assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-two. Soon after he married **Miss Isabel Sharpe**, eldest daughter of **Andrew** and **Eliza (Jacobs) Sharpe**. The **Sharpe family** is one of the pioneer families of Cumberland County, of Scotch-Irish extraction, and as proud of their honorable ancestry as of their attachment to the Presbyterian Church. **Andrew Sharpe** was an intelligent man and successful farmer and one of the most liberal supporters of the church in Newton Township. He died on the old **Sharpe** homestead Nov. 13, 1865. His widow survived him until Jan. 20, 1868. The grandfather of **Mrs. Drawbaugh**, **John Sharpe**, one of the first settlers in Newton Township, married **Martha Huston**, and died at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The great-grandfather was **Robert Sharpe**, who married **Margaret Boyd**. Both died in September, 1815. They were pioneers in the Cumberland Valley and settled in Newton Township about 1740. They were active in all good works and much credit is due their religious zeal in the establishing of the Presbyterian Church in this locality.

After marriage **William E. Drawbaugh** settled for one year in Frankford Township and then removed to Newton Township, where he lived a number of years. In 1894 he moved to his present farm which is known as the old **Sharpe** homestead, or a part of it, containing 100 acres. He also owns an adjoining farm of seventy-seven acres, upon which are good buildings, erected many years ago. **Mr. Drawbaugh** has met with unusual success in the raising of wheat, of which he has made something of a specialty. His farm is well stocked with first-class hogs, cattle and horses, and he has given attention to dairying.

Mr. and Mrs. Drawbaugh have one son and one daughter, **Edgar Sharpe** and **Nancy Zeigler**; the latter was educated at the Cumberland Valley State Normal School at Shippensburg, and is now teaching. **Mr. Drawbaugh** and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder since 1892. In politics he is a Democrat, but no office seeker. He ranks with the leading and most progressive citizens of Newton Township.