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T. M. Dromgold, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., son of **Manasseh** and **Sarah (Loy) Dromgold**, was born in Perry County, August 27, 1843. His great-grandfather, on his father's side, was a native of Ireland, but his grandparents on the same side were born in Perry County, and where farmers. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Dromgold, **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Loy**, were natives of Perry County. They had these children: **Annie (Mrs. David Zimmerman)**; **Samuel**, resides in Ohio; **Elizabeth**; **George**; **John**; **William**; **Catharine**; and **Susan**; all being deceased except the first two. **Mr. and Mrs. Loy** were members of the German Reformed Church. **Mr. Loy** enjoyed the distinction of having the town of Loysville, Perry County, named for him.

Manasseh Dromgold was born in Perry County. In early life he was a laborer, but later became a farmer. He was married to **Sarah**, daughter of **Michael Loy**, and they had six children: **Mary J. (Mrs. Lewis Paul)**; **T. M.**; **John W.**; **David B.**; **George C.**, deceased; and **Jemima (Mrs. Michael Aker)**, died in 1875, aged thirty-three years. **Manasseh Dromgold** died in August, 1857, at the age of forty-three years, **Mrs. Dromgold** surviving him until 1893, when she died aged seventy years. Both parents were members of the Lutheran Church.

T. M. Dromgold received his education in the public schools, and was reared partly on a farm. At the age of eleven years, he began an apprenticeship of two years with a tanner, and worked at the tannery for about twenty-eight years. In August, 1862, **Mr. Dromgold** enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for nine months. Re-enlisting September, 1864, in Company G, Ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, he served until the end of the war. During his first enlistment, he was taken prisoner and retained for ten days. He fought in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. In his second enlistment, he took part in the engagements at Waynesburg, and Savannah. He received an honorable discharge at Newberne, N. C, in June, 1865. Having returned from the war, he resumed the tanning business, in which he continued until 1893, when he began farming. Besides farming, he is at present engaged in the sale of tombstones. He is a Republican, and has served as tax collector for two years, as school director and treasurer of school board, as inspector, and as clerk of elections.

Mr. Dromgold was married, **December 16, 1869**, to **Annie**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Amelia (Henderson) Cunningham**. Their children are: **Martha May (Mrs. Lewis Robinson)**; **Amelia Pearl (Mrs. Harry S. Brown)**; **Bessie M.**; **Lettie V.**; **Lewis T.**; and **Thomas Roy**. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church, **Mr. Dromgold** having formerly held the office of elder. **Mrs. Dromgold's** father, **Benjamin Cunningham**, was born in Perry County, and was a farmer all his life. He married **Amelia Henderson**, and they had the following children: **Margaret (Mrs. George Robinson)**; **Annie (Mrs. T. M. Dromgold)**; **Elizabeth**, deceased; **James**, deceased; and **Benjamin**, died in the army, in 1864, aged about twenty years. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church. The father died in 1874, aged seventy years.