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Samuel Duffield, Port Royal, Juniata County, Pa., was born April 13, 1827, in Saville Township, Perry County, son of **Thomas** and **Susan (Yohn) Duffield**. His grandfather, **Patrick Duffield**, a native of Ireland, emigrated to America with his brother, **George**, landing at Baltimore, Md. **George Duffield** settled in Cumberland County, Pa., while **Patrick** went to Perry County, purchased a farm in Saville Township, and applied himself to its cultivation. He married, and was the father of six children, one of whom was **Thomas Patrick Duffield** was a Whig. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred near Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., November 20, 1831. **Thomas Duffield**, born August 11, 1791, in Saville Township, Perry County, received his education in the schools of his vicinity, and had a mind well stored with knowledge by extensive reading. He learned tanning, which occupation he followed for some years in Perry County. He was also expert as a maker of post and rail fences, which calling he followed during the latter part of his life. His home was in Saville Township, where he died March 14, 1868. **Mr. Duffield** was originally a Whig, afterwards becoming a Republican. He was a useful and intelligent citizen, and was esteemed accordingly. **Thomas Duffield** was married in Perry County to a native of that county, **Susan**, daughter of **John Yohn**, a farmer of German descent. **Two** of their children died in infancy; the surviving ones were: **Margaret (Mrs. John Sherlock)**, of Beale Township, Juniata County, born July 25, 1817, deceased; **Susan (Mrs. John Breckbill)**, born October 6, 1819, deceased; **James B.**, born October 24, 1822, deceased; **Fannie**, born August 18, 1824, widow of **Joseph Kennedy**, of Milford Township; **Samuel**, of Turbett Township; **Jonathan**, born December 20, 1828, died in early life; **Henry B.**, born November 2, 1830; **Elizabeth J. (Mrs. Jacob Klinepeter)**, born September 20, 1832, deceased; and **Sarah A.**, born April 23, 1834, wife of **Calvin Bartley**, an architect of Altoona, Pa. **Thomas Duffield** was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church.

In early youth, **Samuel Duffield** attended the public schools of Saville Township, and of Ickesburg, during their short winter terms. At the tender age of nine years, he was put out to work as a farmer's boy, in Lack Township, Juniata County. For two years he labored for **Joseph Robinson**, after which he returned home, and worked for two years among the farmers in the vicinity of Ickesburg. He then worked two years with **James Irvin**, of Saville Township, Perry County, also two years with various farmers of the same township, and then two years with **Simon Kell**. During all this time, young **Duffield** received but meager wages, which he regularly sent home to assist in the support of his parents, having but fifty cents for himself during a period of ten years, he then spent twelve years as a farm laborer with **Robert Boden**, of Saville Township Perry County. This time having expired, he learned plastering with **John Sanderson**, remaining with him in all eleven years, as apprentice, as journeyman, and finally as partner. They did contract work in various parts of Juniata and Perry Counties. **Mr. Duffield** then engaged in business for himself at Ickesburg, and worked altogether in the two counties just mentioned, about forty consecutive years. He mastered many of the church edifices of this section of the State, including buildings at Marklesville and Loysville, Perry County, and at Ickesburg and Reeds Gap, Juniata County. In 1886, he removed to Port Royal, where he purchased a fine residence, the surroundings of which he has greatly improved. He retired in 1891 from active business, and is now enjoying in quietness and leisure the fruits of an

industrious life, and the respect and kind regards of his friends and neighbors. On September 5, 1864, **Mr. Duffield** enlisted at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company G, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. A. B. McCalmont commanding.

He had no opportunity to participate in any but minor engagements; was present at the second battle of Hatcher's Run, February 15, 1865. Before active operations opened up around Petersburg in the spring, he was, unfortunately, taken ill, and sent to the hospital at City Point, Va. After three weeks there, he was sent to a Washington City hospital, and subsequently to one in Philadelphia, in which city he was discharged. He was in Washington at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. **Mr. Duffield** is a Democrat. He has never sought office, but was honored by his fellow citizens with an election to the town council for two terms. He is a member of Wilson Post, G. A. R., at Mifflintown, Pa. **Mr. Duffield** holds membership in the Lutheran Church.

Samuel A. Duffield was first married in Saville Township, Perry County, to **Mary A.**, daughter of **Jacob Klinepeter**, a farmer and blacksmith; she was a native of Saville Township. Their children were: **Catherine (Mrs. Calvin Orris)**, deceased; **Mary Jane**, deceased; **Calvin E.**, a plasterer, of Kansas City; **Robert**, a plasterer, of Port Royal, Pa., married **Annie Ressinger**; and **Susan (Mrs. Henry Bailor)**, deceased, had two children. **Mrs. Mary A. Duffield** having died in 1879, **Mr. Duffield** was married in 1882, to **Margaret Sweiger**, widow of **William Yohn**, of Perry County; to this marriage there was no issue. His second wife having died in October, 1894, **Mr. Duffield** married, July 26, 1895, **Martha J.**, daughter of **Jacob Kauffman**, and widow of **John Beaver**. She was born in Walker Township, Juniata County, and was married first to **Luther Dillman**, of Walker Township; to which union were born four children: **William P.**, deceased; **Minnie G.**, deceased; **Jennie M.**; and **Mary M.** **Mr. Dillman** having died, she married, secondly, **John Beaver**, a blacksmith of Port Royal, who died in 1891.

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