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Samuel A. Dum, Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., was born in Spring Township. Perry county, December 22, 1856, and is a son of the late **John** and **Mary C. (Tressler) Dum**. The Dum family are of Swiss or German ancestry. Mr. Dum's grandfather, **Frederick Thumma** (for so the name was originally spelled), came to America at an early date, settled in Perry county, and was for many years a resident of what later became Spring Township; he died there. He is referred to in the sketch of **W. R. Dum**, of Spring Township, in this work. He married **Elizabeth Souder**, of Carroll Township. Perry County; their family consisted of thirteen children, of whom the only ones now living are: **Lydia (Mrs. Henry Smith)**, of Newport, Perry County; and **William**, of Elliottsburg, Pa. Their son,

John Dum, was born in Madison Township. Perry County, in 1816; his parents removing to Spring Township while he was a child, he resided in that township until 1870. At that date, he, in connection with Amos Smith, purchased an interest in the White Hall Soldiers' Orphan School, at Camp Hill, Cumberland County, Pa. **Mr. Dum** became principal of the school, March 1, 1875, and served in that capacity until 1877. In that year he removed to Tyrone Township, where he passed the remainder of his life. The children of **John** and **Mary C. Dum** are: **Mary C. (Mrs. Amos Smith)**, of Camp Hill, Pa.; **Frederick E.**, deceased; **Elizabeth R.**, widow of **Moses F. Noll**, residing at Americus, Kan.; **David T.**, who was killed in battle, having enlisted for the defense of the Union; **William H.**, of Tyrone Township, Perry County; **Mary E. (Mrs. John B. Hench)**, deceased; **Anna S. (Mrs. John H. Noll)**, of Greenwood Township. Perry County; **John Wesley**, deceased; **Susan B. (Mrs. David R. Kane)**, of Spring Township, Perry County; **Samuel A.**; **Margaret J.**; and **George B.**, of Landisburg. **John Dum** ended a life of usefulness, March 2, 1887; his wife followed him in death, April 19, 1893.

The education of their son, **Samuel A. Dum**, was acquired in the common schools of his native township, and in the high schools of Landisburg, Bloomfield and Millerstown. This course (if training completed, he taught for sometime in the public schools of Spring Township, and has since that time been continuously engaged in agricultural pursuits; he has been a resident of Tyrone Township since 1877, and ranks among the progressive and prosperous men of the township. **Mr. Dum** has served as tax collector, and is now assessor of the township. He is a member of Mt. Dempsey Lodge, No. 172, I. O. O. F., of Landisburg, and is secretary of the lodge. He is a stockholder in the Perry County Railroad. He votes with the Republican Party.

Samuel A. Dum was married in the borough of Blain, December 30, 1880, to **Jennie S.**, daughter of **Peter** and **Eliza Jane (Kiner) Lightner**. Their children are: **Edith I.**; **Mary E.**; and **Amos**. **Mr. Dum** and his wife and daughters are members of the Church of God.

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