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John Dunkleberger, Lebo, Perry County, Pa., son of **Joseph** and **Elizabeth (Bausum) Dunkleberger**, was born in Perry County March 17, 1851. His paternal grandfather, **John Dunkleberger**, was a native of Berks County, and came to Perry County in 1814. He was a farmer all his life, and was married to **Miss Sunday**. Their children were: **Catharine**, widow of **William Loy**; **Jonathan**; **John**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob Kell)**; **Jeremiah**; **Charles**; **Samuel**; **Hannah (Mrs. Solomon Bernheisel)**; and **Joseph**. All are now deceased except the first named. The grandparents were both members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dunkleberger's great-grandfather on his mother's side was **Henry Bausum**, a native of Perry County and carpenter by trade. He married **Miss Olinger**, and raised a large family, among whom was **Jacob**, the grandfather of **John Dunkleberger**. **Jacob Bausum** was a shoemaker for a number of years, but later engaged in farming. He was married twice, the first time to **Rebecca Keiner**. Of their eleven children, only six survive: **Catherine (Mrs. David Barrick)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Dunkleberger)**; **John**; **Jacob**; **Margaret (Mrs. David Flickinger)**; **Julia (Mrs. Henry Menion)**. These have died: **Leah**; **Sarah**; **Susan**; **Mary (Mrs. Moore)**; and **William**. The first wife died in 1836, at the age of thirty-six years. **Mr. Bausum** was married the second time to **Elizabeth Shumaker**, and their children were: **Hettie (Mrs. William Bitner)**; and **Hannah (Mrs. David Bitner)**, deceased. **Mr. Bausum** died at the age of forty-seven; his wife has also passed away. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Joseph Dunkleberger, father of **John Dunkleberger**, was born in Berks County, April 19, 1814. In that same year his parents removed to Perry County, and settled on the farm on which **John Dunkleberger** now resides. He was a fuller and was thus employed for twenty years; then he engaged in farming, and so continued until 1870, when he retired and his son **John** took charge of the farm. He was married March 13, 1815, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Rebecca (Keiner) Bausum**. They had these children: **John**; **David**; **Harrison**; **Charles**; **Mary A.**, died October 6, 1850, aged two years and eight days; **Catherine E.**, died November 13, 1850, aged four years, and one month; and **Margaret**, died February 26, 1869, aged five years, four months and fifteen days. **Mr. Dunkleberger** died August 13, 1895, at the age of eighty one years. He was an active, faithful member of the Lutheran Church, in which he held all the offices. His widow, an active lady of seventy-two, resides on the home farm with her son.

John Dunkleberger grew up on his father's farm in Spring Township, and attended the public schools of his district. He worked for his father until he attained his twenty-first year and then began farming for himself. In connection with his farming interests, **Mr. Dunkleberger**, has for four years, given some time to thrashing, and has also for two seasons sold farming implements and machinery.

During the winter months he is engaged in butchering for the neighboring farmers. Besides this, his services are frequently called for as veterinary surgeon, as his skill in the treatment of diseases among domestic animals is very great. He is a member of the Democratic Party, and during the years 1875-76, filled various township offices.

Mr. Dunkleberger was married, February 8, 1872, to **Mary**, daughter of **John** and **Lydia (English) Klinepeter**. Their children are: **Martin L.**, born May 2, 1873, married to **Nannie Hassinger**, is a farmer in Spring Township; **Joseph E.**, born October 14, 1874, married **Annie Kitner**, resides in Spring Township; **William O.**, born November 16, 1875, died October 11, 1876; **Sallie V.**, born July 5, 1880; **Harvey**, born December 31, 1883; **Joseph C.**, born May 11, 1885; **Walter Scott**, born October 5, 1886; **Emma Jane**, died September 29, 1878, aged one year, one month and twenty-nine days; **Elsie**, born January 22, 1888, died September 23, 1888; **Viola**, born March 16, 1890, died July 25, 1890. On the 14th of October, 1891, **Mrs. Dunkleberger** died, aged forty-one years. She was a faithful, earnest member of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Dunkleberger** is also a member, and filled the office of deacon for many years; he is now superintendent of the Sunday school. Some years ago he organized a Sunday school at Oak Grove, of which he was superintendent for three years. He is highly esteemed by all who know him.

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