

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.

**Ira S. Eberly**, one of the well known business men and representative citizens of Mechanicsburg, a member of the well-known lumber firm of **L. F. Eberly Sons**, was born Dec. 8, 1847, in Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County, son of **Levi F.** and **Eliza (Shuey) Eberly**, the latter a daughter of **Christian** and **Magdalena (Mily) Shuey**, of Lebanon County.

The **Eberly** family is of Swiss origin, and its founder in Pennsylvania was **Johannas Eberly**, who settled in the Pequea Valley, Lebanon County, in 1730. He was the father of a son, **John**, born about 1745, who, in 1771, married **Elizabeth Bricker**, of Lancaster County, and they had a family of eight sons and four daughters, namely: **Jacob, John, David, Benjamin, Samuel, Henry, Joseph, Peter, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nancy** and **Mary**.

**David Eberly**, son of **John**, married **Catherine P. Frankenberger**, and they had nine children, namely: **Levi F.**, father of **Ira S.**, born in 1818; **David**, born in 1820; **Jacob; Nancy; Mary; Katherine; Sarah; Rebecca** and **Fannie**, all deceased with the exception of **David**, who resides in Mechanicsburg.

The **Eberly** family became firmly established in Cumberland County in 1791, and its members brought with them the quiet, peaceful ways of the Mennonite Church, in which religious body many of the family have been prominent.

On Oct. 24, 1839, **Levi F. Eberly** was married to **Eliza Shuey**, and with his wife removed to Lebanon County where he engaged in farming for several years, when he sold his property there, and removed to a fine farm in Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County. In 1859 he came to Mechanicsburg, and established the **Eberly** Lumber Company, in which business he has been succeeded by his sons. The four sons of **Mr. Eberly** were: **Harrison W., David H., Edward M.** and **Ira S.**

**Harrison W.**, born Nov. 16, 1840, now deceased, was long one of the leading citizens of Mechanicsburg; on May 25, 1863, he married **Mary C. Power**, of Perry County. **David H.**, born Oct. 14, 1842, married **Kate A. Waidley**, of Cumberland County. **Edward M. Eberly**, born April 1, 1845, married **Margaret Zacharias**, of Cumberland County. **Ira S.** is the subject of this sketch.

In 1873 **Ira S. Eberly** married **Laura Meloy**, daughter of the late **James Meloy**, of Cumberland County. The three children born to this marriage are: **Guy**, engaged with his father in the lumber business; and **Bessie** and **Miriam**, at home. In politics **Mr. Eberly** is a Republican. He is a prominent business man, on the directing board of the First National Bank, and one of the city's sound financial citizens. He is the director and leader of the Singer Band, and belongs to the Washington Fire Company, of Mechanicsburg. He has a host of friends, and is very popular.