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John Emlet, Alinda, Perry County, Pa., was born in Adams County, Pa., November 18, 1830. He is a son of **John** and **Mary (Hinkel) Emlet**. His paternal grandparents were natives of Germany. His father, **John Emlet**, a native of Adams County, was a farmer and distiller; for many years he drove a team between Baltimore, Md., and Pittsburg, Pa. **Mr. John Emlet** was married to **Mary A. Hinkel**, a native of Carroll County, Md. They had ten children: **Lucinda A.**, deceased; **Annie (Mrs. George Sheely)**; **David**, deceased; **Jacob**, deceased; **George**, married **Leah Wolf**, died in Adams County, Pa.; **Henry**, deceased; **Maria (Mrs. Jesse Roser)**; **Catherine**, deceased; **John**; and one who died in infancy. **Mr. John Emlet** and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He died in April, 1845, aged sixty-two; his wife in January, 1866, aged seventy-three.

John Emlet received a limited education in the public schools of Adams County, Pa. He worked with his father on the farm until he was fifteen, when his father died and his eldest brother rented the farm. After working for his brother for two years, he hired as a farm laborer in Adams County for two years. At the age of nineteen he learned carpentry with his brother, serving an apprenticeship of two years and three months. He worked at his trade for ten years, four of which were spent in Virginia. In 1863, **Mr. Emlet** removed from Virginia to Adams County to work in the machine shops; a few months afterwards the battle of Gettysburg was fought, the shop was closed, and he returned to farm labor. Six months later he removed to Washington, D. C., to take charge of a farm and dairy. In 1865, **Mr. Emlet** removed to Perry County and rented a farm in Spring Township, cultivating the land and engaging in hucksterage. In 1885 he bought the farm on which he now resides; his son-in-law farms the land, and he gives all his attention to hucksterage. His farm is in good condition, and is one of the finest in Spring Township.

John Emlet was married, December 7, 1858, to **Mary Ann**, daughter of **John** and **Sarah (Sugert) Bear**. They had four children: **Sarah E. (Mrs. Augustus Ellerman)**, resides in Spring Township; **William**, married **Cora Snavely**, resides in Missouri; **Mamie E. (Mrs. Richard Thompson)**; and **one** who died in infancy. **Mrs. Emlet** was a member of the Reformed Church; she died April 23, 1863. **Mr. Emlet** was married to his second wife, **Leah**, daughter of **Andrew** and **Elizabeth (Kochenhour) Beitzel**, October 31, 1865. They have four children: **Annie C. (Mrs. Charles Kennedy)**, her husband is a huckster in Spring Township; **David**, married **Emily**, daughter of **Isaac Billman**, has been engaged in hucksterage with his father since he was twelve, and in 1894 removed to Loysville, where he carries on the same business; **Ida (Mrs. Rudolph Billman)**, her husband is a huckster in Loysville; and **T. Calvin**, died May 28, 1807, aged six months and eight days. **Mrs. Emlet** is a member of the Reformed Church and a teacher in the Sunday-school. Since he was eighteen, **Mr. Emlet** has been an active member of the Lutheran Church, in which he has been deacon, trustee and elder. He is also connected with the Sunday-school, of which he has been a teacher for many years.