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William Samuel Endslow, Blain, Perry County, Pa., was born in the **Endslow** homestead, where he now resides, March 18, 1843, son of **Samuel Simmison** and **Eliza (McNeal) Endslow**. **William** and **Isabella (Simmison) Endslow**, his paternal grandparents, were both of Scotch-Irish descent; they resided in Juniata County. Their children were: **William**, first married to **Miss Junk**, of Juniata County, who died leaving five children, next to a lady in Ohio, who also died leaving several children, and lastly to another lady, by whom he had children, making in all, including step-children, a family of twenty-three **John**, married **Martha Milliken**, had children, **William**, **Samuel** and **Harvey**, who both enlisted in 1861, in Company I, Forty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and the latter died from the hardship and exposure of camp life **Milliken**, **Annie B.**, **Mary** and **Mattie**, who were twins, and one **son** and one **daughter** who died very young; **James**, married **Jane Eaton**, resided in Madison Township, Perry County, for years conducted the **McFarland** mill, had no children, and adopted **Henry Zeiders**, who succeeded to their estate, and now resides in St. Louis, Mo.; **Samuel Simmison**; **Catherine (Mrs. Butler)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. William McKillip)**; and **Isabella**.

James McNeal, maternal grandfather of **William S. Endslow**, came from Virginia in March, 1795, and settled upon a tract of land which he purchased in Jackson Township, now Perry, but then a part of Cumberland County. Here he became a very successful merchant, bringing his goods on wagons from Baltimore, Md. He acquired considerable property, and reared a family of nine children: **Martha**, lived unmarried to the age of eighty-one; **Daniel**, married and removed to Indiana, had two children, **Emily** and **Mary**; **David**, married and had a large family; resides in Ohio; **Maria**, became the second wife of **Samuel S. Endslow**; **James L.**, married **Jane Ann Quigley**, has daughters, **Matilda**, **Nancy**, **Eliza** and **Jane Ann**, and one **son** who died in early life; **Eliza**, first wife of **Mr. Endslow**, and mother of **William S. Endslow**; **John**, died aged about sixteen; **Emily**, died in early womanhood; and **Matilda**, who also died young.

Samuel Simmison Endslow, born in 1809, passed his early life in Juniata County, attending the common school, which was at such a distance from his home that he not unfrequently found himself obliged to stay there all night. He was afterwards apprentice to his brother, **James Endslow**, a miller in Kishacoquillas Valley, in Mifflin County. During his apprenticeship, he received \$37 per year, and had one week at his own disposal during the harvest season. After becoming well acquainted with the milling business, **Mr. Endslow** rented the old **Towsey** mill, in Madison Township, afterwards owned by **Mr. Bixler**, and now the property of **G. E. Beck**. Here he remained one year, and then rented **Anthony Black's** mills, at Blain, which he conducted for two years, during which time he married. In 1837, he bought the mills and property of his father-in-law, **James McNeal**, and here conducted business successfully until 1860, when he retired from active employment. It was well known that the products of **Mr. Endslow's** mill were never rejected in the Baltimore market. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1857, and rebuilt in 1858. **Mr. Endslow** was an honorable man, exemplary in every relation. He was a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; his home or his mill frequently afforded a place for meeting for worship.

Samuel S. Endslow was first married, March 9, 1837, to **Eliza**, daughter of **James** and **Alice (Gregory) McNeal**, born July 9, 1811. Their children are: **Alice Maria (Mrs. Wilson Alexander Sterrett)**, of Cumberland County, born January 20, 1838, had one **child**, and both **another** and **child** died; **Isabella Jane**, second wife of **Wilson A. Sterrett**, born May 9, 1839, has two children, **Wilson A.** and **David Kerr**; **James**, born August 29, 1840, enlisted in Company I, Forty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, died while in service, at Camp Griffin, Va., January 2, 1862; **Martha Emily (Mrs. David P. Elder)**, of Topeka, Kan., born October 9, 1811, has children, **Flora**, **Addie S.**, **Alice E.**, **Samuel E.** and **David P.**; and **William Samuel**. **Mrs. Eliza Endslow** died July 12, 1813, in her early prime, having just passed her thirty-second birthday; she was amiable and kind a faithful Christian, and was deeply mourned. In the following year, February 22, 1814, **Mr. Endslow** married her sister, **Maria McNeal**, born July 4, 1800. He died November 23, 1885, and she survived him until July 2, 1888.

Brought up in Jackson Township, **William S. Endslow** received his primary education in the public schools, and then for two terms attended the Mt. Dempsey Academy, at Landisburg, Pa. He learned the management of a mill under his father's instructions, and resided with his father until the latter part of 1868. Being married at this time, he soon after bought the mill property and the farm from his father, and began business on his own account. He has shown himself to be energetic and persevering, as well as conscientious in his business dealings. His mill was destroyed by fire July 13, 1883, and he rebuilt it in 1886. He has enjoyed a large share of patronage, and in return has always interested himself heartily in the welfare and progress of the community. He is an ardent Republican, as was also his father: the latter was a Whig in his earlier years.

William Samuel Endslow was married October 15, 1868, to **Addie S.**, daughter of **George** and **Arabella (Stambaugh) Stroup**. Their children are: **George Stroup**, born September 18, 1870, a graduate of Palm's Business College, Philadelphia, married March 7, 1895, to **Jenny E. Bryan**, has two children, **Isabella** and an **infant**; **Samuel Simmison**, born June 10, 1872, now a student at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; **Wilson Alexander Sterrett**, born April 29, 1874, now teaching a school in Jackson Township; **Elsie May Stambaugh**, born September 6, 1876; and **James Matthew Simpson**, born November 22, 1882. **Mr. Endslow** is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Blain, and has served as an officer in the congregation for some years. **Mrs. Endslow** is a member of the Lutheran Church at Blain.

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