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There are turning points in every man's life called opportunity. Taken advantage of they mean ultimate success. The career of **J. B. Ewing** is a striking illustration of the latter statement. Diligent and ever alert for his chance of advancement, he has progressed steadily until he is recognized today as one of the foremost business men of the Juniata Valley. Here he is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, who honor him for his native ability and for his fair and straightforward career. He is the owner of a large milling business in this section of the country and also has farming interests here. A son of **John** and **Mary J. (Bowers) Ewing**, **John B. Ewing** was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. July 23, 1874. His paternal grandparents were **Anthony B.** and **Mary Ann (Johnston) Ewing**, both of whom were born and reared in Perry County, Pennsylvania. **Anthony B. Ewing** was a miller in Perry and Juniata Counties, and his demise occurred at Mount Union, Pennsylvania. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: **David, James, John, Rachel, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth** and **Anthony**. All of the above are deceased except **James, Mary** and **Elizabeth**. **Mrs. Ewing** is likewise deceased. She and her husband were staunch Methodists in their religious faith, and he was a Democrat in politics. **John Ewing**, third son of **Anthony B.** and **Mary Ann (Johnston) Ewing**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1846. He was educated in the public schools of Juniata and Mifflin Counties, and as a youth learned the trade of miller under the able tutelage of his father. As a young man he owned a mill at Shirleysburg, in Huntingdon County, and in 1881 he located in Juniata County. He owned and operated mills at Mount Union and Orbisonia at the time when he was summoned to eternal rest, January 11, 1900. In 1868 was celebrated his marriage to **Mary J. Bowers**, who was born in May 1851, and who is a daughter of **John B.** and **Susan (Sherlock) Bowers**, both of Juniata County. **John B. Bowers** was for many years a prominent farmer in Juniata County, where his death occurred. He was a son of **Samuel** and **Susan (Snyder) Bowers**, farmers in Perry County. His brothers and sisters were **George, Samuel, Solomon, Mary** and **Lydia**. When old age overtook them **Mr.** and **Mrs. Samuel Bowers** became members of the household of their son **Samuel**, in Juniata County, where they both died. **Susan (Sherlock) Ewing** was a daughter of **William** and **Mary (Wallsmith) Sherlock**, the former of Scotch-Irish descent, and the latter a native of Juniata County. They both passed to eternal rest at Academia, Pennsylvania. There were three children born to **John** and **Mary J. (Bowers) Ewing**, as follows: **James Elmer**, of Mount Union; **Laura B.**, the wife of **W. J. Welch**, of Mount Union; and **John B.**, the immediate subject of this review. The mother of these children survives her honored husband and now maintains her home at Mount Union.

John B. Ewing received a fair public school education in Mifflin and Huntingdon Counties. Like his father he grew up in the milling business, and he has always been identified with that line of enterprise. He and his father erected the Orbisonia Roller Mills in 1900 and he is now sole owner of this extensive business. In recent years he acquired a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres and on the same he is engaged in diversified agriculture and in the breeding of good draught horses. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Orbisonia and is a director in the same. While not actively interested in politics, he is a stalwart supporter of Democratic

principles. He fraternizes with Cromwell Lodge, No. 572, Free and Accepted Masons, and in religious matters he and his wife are fervent Baptists.

May 5, 1898, he married **Margaret E. Carver**, a member of an old pioneer Pennsylvania family, and a daughter of **John E. and Anna (Bowman) Carver**. They have had the following children: **John Boyd, Anna Carver** and **George Ellis**. The attractive family home is the scene of many interesting social gatherings and it is noted for its genial hospitality.

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