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Abraham Fenstemaker, deceased, of Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born in Lancaster County, Pa., November 26, 1819, son of **Christian** and **Fannie (Eshelman) Fenstemaker**. His ancestors were of German descent; his paternal grandfather was born in Germany, and came to America at an early date, settling in Pennsylvania. **Christian Fenstemaker** was for a number of years a resident of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa. He was engaged in farming and in coopering. He was the father of ten children, four of whom survive: **Jacob**, of New Bloomfield; **Abraham**; **Charles W.**, of Philadelphia; and **Fannie**, widow of **Jacob Snyder**, of Chambersburg, Pa.

At about six years of age, **Abraham Fenstemaker's** parents removed to Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa.; some years later they returned to Chambersburg. He acquired his education in the schools of his native place and of Lewistown. After leaving school, he learned harness-making, at which business he worked for about seven years. In 1853, he removed to Duncannon, and was employed by the Duncannon Iron Company; his continuance in the same employ during forty-four years sufficiently indicates their high appreciation of his service and worth. He is an adherent of the Republican Party.

Abraham Fenstemaker was married in New Bloomfield, December 26, 1848, to **Isabella**, daughter of **William** and **Phebe Boyle**, old and much respected residents of Perry County. They had ten children, four of whom, **William E.**, **Harry**, **Fannie** and **Phebe**, died in childhood. The names of the six who survive are: **Charles A.**; **Mollie**; **Lydia**; **Elizabeth L.**; **Frank**; and **Annie**. The family attend the services of the Presbyterian Church.

Abraham Fenstemaker died January 13, 1897, aged seventy-seven years. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, **Isabella Fenstemaker**, died January 4, 1884, at the age of fifty-nine.

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