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David H. Fink, Thompsettown, Juniata County, Pa., was born October 17, 1837, in Huntingdon County. He is a son of **Frederick** and **Susannah (Goshorn) Fink**. **Frederick Fink** was of German descent, and a day laborer by occupation, born in Chester County, Pa., from which place he removed to Huntingdon County. Here he married **Susannah Goshorn**, born in Huntingdon County. Their children were: **Louisa**, now deceased; **Jacob**, deceased; **Margaret**, who is the wife of **John Keiser**; **John R.**, a resident of Harrisburg; **Martha G.**, widow of **Thomas Hamilton**; **David H.**, of Thompsettown, Juniata County; **George W.**, a blacksmith of Port Royal, Pa.; and **Rittenhouse P.**, deceased. Both of the parents died in Juniata County.

David H. Fink in his boyhood attended the public schools of his vicinity. His first labor was with farmers in the neighborhood, his compensation being very meager. When twenty-one years of age, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and was a track hand for two years. In August, 1862, **Mr. Fink** enlisted in Capt. John P. Wharton's Company F, of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. James G. Elder commanding. The term of service was nine months, during which time **Mr. Fink** passed honorably through the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, together with other lesser engagements, during all which time he was not off duty for a single day, receiving on all occasions the commendations of his officers as a faithful and efficient soldier. At the expiration of the term of service the regiment was discharged at Harrisburg, May 20, 1863. **Mr. Fink** re-enlisted in August, 1864, in Capt. Louis Degan's Company B, Two Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Charles Albright commanding. He participated in the battle of Piedmont and several minor engagements in the Shenandoah Valley. After twelve months of service he was mustered out at Hazleton, Pa., where he was stationed after the close of the war. Returning home **Mr. Fink** again obtained employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad, being appointed foreman on section No. 24, which position he filled for ten years, after which he was transferred to section No. 14, as foreman, in which place he remained for fourteen years. During all this long period of time his services were of a faithful and satisfactory character. In 1892, he was appointed to his present position as engineer of the Thompsettown Water station. **Mr. Fink** has acquired a comfortable property in Thompsettown, which he has greatly improved.

He was married in Lewistown in 1865, to **Miss Mary Shreffler**, who was born in Juniata County and died in 1867. Of their two children, one died in infancy. The survivor, named **Harry**, is a fireman on the Central division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. **Mr. Fink** was married, secondly, at Port Royal, Pa., in 1870, to **Miss Mary Lowe**, a native of Perry County, and a daughter of **Dr. Lowe** of that county. Of their six children, two died in infancy. The survivors are: **David E.**; **Lavenia E.**; **Mary B.**; and **Howard D.** **Mr. Fink** is a member of the G. A. R. at Newport; K. P. at Mifflintown, K. G. E., of Millerstown, and of the Railroad Relief Corps. He is a man of high repute in the community in which he has so long resided, greatly esteemed and respected for his industry and unswerving integrity. Relying on his sound judgment, his fellow citizens have availed themselves of his services as a member of the borough council, which position he has held for a period of two years. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is prominently identified with the Sunday-school work and the Epworth League.