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James A. Fitzgerald, farmer and stock-raiser, of Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County, Pa., was born October 29, 1837, in the township, in which he now resides. He is a brother of the late **William H. Fitzgerald**, of Greenwood Township, Perry County; a sketch of his father is given in this work.

James A. Fitzgerald received his education in the public schools of Spruce Hill Township, beginning life as a farmer on his father's place, where he remained until, in 1864, when he enlisted in Capt. Levi M. Coover's Company E, of the Two Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Charles W. Diven commanding. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and participated with great credit in several of the bloody engagements around the city of Petersburg, Va. At the close of the war **Mr. Fitzgerald** returned home and followed farming on the homestead until 1879, when selling out, he purchased his present farm, in which he also conducts a flourmill. He lost both the mill and dwelling house by fire, some time since, but has replaced the destroyed residence with a commodious building, besides improving the property in other ways.

In 1879, **James A. Fitzgerald** was married, in Tuscarora Township, to **Miss Nancy A. Reed**, a native of that township, and a daughter of **Robert** and **Diana (Enslow) Reed**, both of whom were of English Quaker descent. To this union of **Mr. Fitzgerald** there has been born one child, **Bessie V.**, still attending school.

James A. Fitzgerald is universally respected in the community in which he lives, as a man of industry, integrity and sound judgment. In his political views he is a Democrat, but opposed to the free silver theory. He has held the position in the township of overseer of the poor.

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