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**Henry Fleisher**, farmer, Newport, Perry County, Pa., was born February 18, 1812, on the homestead he now owns and occupies, which was originally bought at sheriff's sale by his father, and occupied as the family residence. In his early boyhood, **Mr. Fleisher** attended the common schools, but while still very young, he began to help with the farm work, which cut his school days short. Even during the winter months, there were frequently jobs to be done, such as threshing the grain, which was then trampled out by horses on the barn floor; and the small boy found very congenial occupation in riding the horses. After reaching eighteen years of age, his time was wholly given to farm work. His mother died during the war, and his father's death occurred soon after. **Henry Fleisher** and his brother, **Jacob**, then took the homestead at the price at which it was appraised for the settlement of the estate, and cultivated the farm in partnership until about 1890, when he bought his brother's interest in the place, and has occupied it alone since that time. Under his management, the old homestead has been improved and remodeled, and has been rendered more valuable and comfortable. **Mr. Fleisher's** political principles, which he claims to have inherited from his father, are of the staunch Democratic type. He has served as school director one term, and is now serving his third term as tax collector.

In March, 1871, **Henry Fleisher** was married to **Miss Christiana Kraft**, born in Lancaster County, Pa., January 18, 1852, daughter of **Henry** and **Catherine (Miller) Kraft**.

**Henry Kraft**, father of **Mrs. Fleisher**, was born in Lancaster, Pa., and owned a farm of eighty acres, now within the limits of the city of Lancaster; a part of his land is included in the grounds of Franklin and Marshall College. Here he lived until a short time after his marriage. When his daughter, **Christiana**, was six weeks old, he removed to Perry County, Pa., and bought a farm in Howe Township, now owned by **Alfred Wright**. On this place **Mr. Kraft** died in 1866, aged about fifty-five years. His wife, **Catherine**, died at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Fleisher**, in January, 1891, aged sixty-two years. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Fleisher** are: **Frank W.**, born February 11, 1874, a telegraph operator at Tyrone, Pa.; **Catherine L.**, born August 7, 1877, a pupil at the Shippensburg Normal School, preparing for the work of teaching; **Myrtle May**, born May 16, 1881, attending school in Oliver Township; **Margaret A.**, born December 15, 1885, at school. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Fleisher** is one of the solid men of the community, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

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