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Joseph W. Fleming, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa., was born near Menno P. O., April 27, 1837, son of **Joseph** and **Catharine (Scott) Fleming**. The father, **Joseph Fleming**, and his wife were life-long residents of Menno Township, where they owned a farm. Their children are: **Joseph W.**; and **William J.**, deceased, who married **Nancy Wills**, and had one child. The mother died and **Joseph Fleming** married **Rebecca Gilmore**. Their children are: **Elizabeth**; and **Joseph**. Mrs. **Rebecca Fleming** died and **Mr. Fleming** married **Elizabeth Gilmore**, her sister. They had one child, **Frank**. **Mr. Fleming** was killed by the running away of a horse which was hitched to a wagon on his farm. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. **Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming** afterwards married **George Rakerd**. Their children are: **James L.**, an attorney of Lewistown: Mary W. Mrs. _____); **Alexander**, dentist. Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa.; **Catharine**, wife of **Rev. William Hurlbut**, of Pottsville, Schuylkill County. **Mrs. Rakerd** died in 1868, at about fifty years of age.

Joseph W. Fleming attended the public schools until he was eighteen years of age. He then took courses at the Tuscarora Academy in Juniata County, and at Shade Gap Academy. At the age of twenty-four he began to cultivate the home farm for himself. It was subsequently sold, and he purchased the farm of **Joseph J. Wills**, in Menno Township. In 1871, he left the farm and began business as a merchant in Belleville, in which he was successful, but sold out in 1875. **Mr. Fleming** was nominated for sheriff and was elected by a large majority. He purchased the farm near Lewistown, where he now resides, in 1879. He is a Democrat. **Mr. Fleming** belongs to Lodge No. 376, F. and A. M., at McVeytown.

Joseph W. Fleming was married, December 25, 1861, to **Rhoda M.**, daughter of **George** and **Nancy (Taylor) Wilson**. Their children are: **Nancy Taylor**; **William George**; **Niles Scott**, deceased; **John Wilson**; **Mary Margaret**; and **Stella Reed**. **Mr. and Mrs. Fleming** are members of the Presbyterian Church at Lewistown.

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