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Abraham Flurie, farmer, Newport, Perry County, Pa., son of **Abraham** and **Leah (Trimmer) Flurie**, was born April 12, 1834, on the homestead in Oliver Township, Perry County. **Abraham Flurie, Sr.**, was born in Perry County, and died in Oliver Township in the spring of 1863, aged nearly eighty years. He married **Leah Trimmer**, whose death occurred many years before his own. Their children are: **Henry**, deceased; **Barbara**, widow of **Thomas Haney**, resides in Oliver Township; **Rosanna**, widow of **George Peterman**, resides in Miller Township, Perry County; **Margaret**, resides in Oliver Township; **Abraham**; **Eleanor**, deceased; **Isaac**; **Jacob**; and **Daniel**; the last three reside in Oliver Township.

A part of the old homestead on which **Abraham Flurie, Jr.**, was born, is in his possession, he attended the common schools when he had the opportunity, but he was one of a large family of children, and was kept busily employed on the farm a greater part of the time. When old enough to be put to regular work, he was set to chopping wood for the distillery which his father was conducting. When his school days were ended, he remained at home and worked with his father on the farm until he was twenty-two years of age, not being able to come to an agreement with his father as to his work and wages, he left home, and for one season procured work at painting bridges, but the work not proving agreeable he returned and worked at any odd job he could obtain.

About 1859, he was married to **Miss Catherine Clouser** and they made their home in Howe Township, Perry County, where for two years he was employed as a day laborer. In 1862, **Mr. Flurie** was drafted into the United States military service, and was assigned to Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers. Joining his regiment at Harrisburg, he was sent with it to Virginia, and was detailed on guard duty at Kempsville. At this place he was taken sick and was sent to the field hospital. Shortly afterward, he was honorably discharged from the service on account of physical disability, and sent to his home, having been in the service four months. It was two years before he recovered his health and strength, and then he resumed work as a day laborer. The doctors told him he could not live longer than two years if he went into the army. When he left home for the army the burden for providing for his three children fell upon his wife, and this duty, although it entailed great hardship, she cordially and faithfully performed with motherly devotion and heroic patriotism. At the death of his father in 1883, the home farm, consisting of ninety-four acres, descended to the children, and it fell to the lot of **Mr. Flurie** to take charge of it. It was much run down and in very bad shape, but proper attention and skillful culture resulted in its great improvement. In 1883, **Mr. Flurie** met with a severe accident by the fall of the top of a tree upon his left leg, which fractured the ankle joint. The Republican Party has a loyal and stalwart adherent in the person of **Mr. Flurie**. He has served as inspector of elections, and for six years as school director.

The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Flurie** are: **William**, brick maker, New Cumberland, Pa.; **Ellsworth**, brick maker, Newport, Pa.; **Lizzie**, at home; **Curtis**, works at Newport, Pa.; **Paul P.**, clerk at Hotel Central, Newport, Pa.; and **Charles**, brick maker, at New Cumberland, Pa.