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Isaiah C. Foose, Mannsville, Pa., was born in Spring Township, Perry County, July 26, 1835, son of **Michael** and **Susan (Shover) Foose**, and grandson of **John Foose**, farmer and distiller, a native of Germany, who was an early settler of Spring Township. His maternal grandparents, also of German descent, resided in Spring Township. His parents were natives of Perry County. **Michael Foose**, farmer and distiller, served in the war of 1812.

He married **Susan**, daughter of **Sebastian Shover**. Their children were: **Catharine**; **Susan**, widow of **Daniel Reapsomer**; **Elizabeth**, widow of **George Albert**; **William**; **Michael**; **Henry**; **Isaiah**; **David**, was burned to death; **Sophia**, died in infancy; **Daniel**, died in the army; **Andrew**; **Sarah (Mrs. John Garlin)**; and **two** who died in infancy. Only the first seven are living. **Mr. Michael Foose** and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He died in January, 1858; his wife in October, 1881.

Isaiah Foose attended common schools and the Loysville Academy. Until he was eighteen, he worked a farm. He served one year's apprenticeship with his brother, a blacksmith; and taught in Spring Township for five successive terms. He enlisted, September 3, 1864, in Company E, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. He took part in the attack on Fort Steadman, March 25, 1865, but was detailed for special duty at the time of the battle of Petersburg. He was discharged June 1, 1865.

Mr. Foose taught during the winter of 1866 at Elliottsburg. In the spring of 1867, he went to Oil City and spent seven months in the employ of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, teaching again in Perry County during that winter. In the summer of 1868, he collected taxes, and again taught in winter. In 1870 **Mr. Foose** began farming. He has served as inspector of elections and school director for one term. In 1880 he served as census enumerator for the borough of Bloomfield and Centre Township.

Isaiah C. Foose was married, May 30, 1866, to **Eliza J.**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Susan (Sheaffer) Foose**. They have seven children: **Austin D.**; **Kate A.**; **Agnes N.**; **Lorena May**; **Mary A.**; **Emma J.**; and **Ella M.** **Mrs. Foose** died April 15, 1884, aged forty-one years. She was a member of the Church of God. **Mr. Foose** was married October 5, 1886, to **Margaret**, daughter of **John Long**. **Mr. Foose** and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

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