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**John Fosselman**, Juniata, Perry County, Pa., was born December 4, 1810, son of **John** and **Susan (Dum) Fosselman**. His paternal grandfather, **Daniel Fosselman, Jr.**, was a farmer. He married **Miss Weitzel**. Their children are: **John; Philip; Kate (Mrs. William Sheibley);** and **Mrs. William Kistler**.

The maternal grandfather, **Frederick Dum**, came from Germany. He was a weaver, and worked at that business all his life. He married **Miss Souder**; their living children are: **William;** and **Lydia (Mrs. Henry Smith)**, of Newport, Perry County; those deceased are: **Martin; Frederick; Mary Ann (Mrs. Samuel Loy); Susan (Mrs. John Fosselman); John; Jacob; Pollie (Mrs. John Tressler); Elizabeth (Mrs. Abraham Kell); (Mrs. Daniel Adams);** and **Caroline**. The parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Fosselman**, were both natives of Perry County. The father was in the tanning business for a few years; he then turned his attention to farming, in which he was engaged until 1865. At this date, he resumed the tanning business, continuing it until his death.

**Mr. Fosselman** served the township for a number of years as tax collector and assessor. He was a good and respected citizen. **John Fosselman** married **Susan**, daughter of **Frederick and Elizabeth (Souder) Dum**. Their children are: **William; Sarah**, widow of **William Arnold; John; Mary Ann (Mrs. B. F. Clouser); Susan; Wesley; Martha (Mrs. William Wildt); Millard F.; Joseph; Daniel**, deceased; **Elizabeth**, deceased; **David**, deceased; **Matilda**, deceased. **John Fosselman** died August, 1869. His wife lived to the age of seventy two, and died in May, 1889. Both were members of the Evangelical Church, of which **Mr. Fosselman** was a trustee.

**John Fosselman** was educated in the district schools and learned farming. He attended school until he reached the age of twenty; he assisted his father until he was twenty-two and then worked his father's farm for three years on his own account. During the war of the Rebellion, **Mr. Fosselman** served in Company G, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, having enlisted August 30, 1864. His regiment participated in the battles of Fort Steadman, and Fort Hale. He received an honorable discharge June 9, 1865. **Mr. Fosselman** is a Republican. He has given his attention to farming since his return from the war. **John Fosselman** was married February 24, 1863, to **Catharine**, daughter of **William and Mary Ann (Orris) Rice**. Their children are: **Matilda (Mrs. Henry Wildt); Ulysses Grant; William; John; Robert; Myrtle Naomi;** and **Effie**. **Mr. Fosselman** is a member of the Evangelical Church; is one of the trustees, and has been a class leader for a number of years. He is held in high esteem by all his associates.

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