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Free, John W., was born in Emigsville, York County, Pa., November 9, 1832. He is a son of **Peter** and **Mary (Dick) Free**. His father resided in Dauphin County for twelve years, and then removed to Perry County, Pa., where he died in 1853. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Free** had seven children, four of whom are living: **Catherine**, wife of **Solomon Shatto**; **John W.**; **Thomas J.**, of Perry County, and **Hiram A.**, of Zanesville, Ohio.

When **John W. Free** was six years old his parents removed to the town of Dauphin, Pa., where he was educated in the district and subscription schools. His school education completed, he engaged in steam boating on the Chesapeake Bay and canal. In 1860 he engaged in mercantile business at Rockville. He was married, at Harrisburg, January 3, 1854, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Wilhelmina (Krehl) Livingston**, long and highly honored residents of Susquehanna Township. They have no children.

Mr. Free has creditably filled the offices of school director and tax collector. He belongs to Dauphin County Lodge, No. 621, I. O. O. F. His political views are Republican. He attends the Methodist Church.

He was among the first who left Rockville and enlisted in the army in defense of the Union. He served nine months in the Pennsylvania volunteers.

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