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**Washington Fritz**, one of the most successful and prominent farmers of Penn Township, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born September 10, 1837, on the homestead where he still resides. He is a son of **Israel** and **Elizabeth (Siders) Fritz**, the former a native of Perry County, the latter of Dauphin County, both of whom are now deceased. All of **Mr. Fritz's** ancestors were of German extraction. The **Fritz** family settled in Perry County, near New Bloomfield, at a very early date. **Israel Fritz**, father of **Washington Fritz**, spent all his life in Perry County. He was a stone mason, but passed the greater part of his life in farming. He died in Penn Township, April 19, 1872, in the eighty-second year of his age. His wife, **Elizabeth Fritz**, had long preceded him to the other world; she died June 1, 1847, in her fiftieth year. They had ten children, of whom four now survive: **John; Sterrit; Lingley;** and **Washington**. Those deceased were: **Elizabeth**, who died September 23, 1821, aged three years, one month and eleven days; **Robinson**, who died January 3, 1833, aged four years, six months and six days; **George** and **Henry**, who died in infancy; **Thomas**, who died October 30, 1886, at the age of sixty-five years; and **David**, who died in 1892, aged sixty-five years and ten months.

**Washington Fritz** has, like his father, spent his entire life in his native township. He was educated in the common schools; and, since boyhood, has made farming his occupation. He is a staunch and uncompromising Republican.

**Mr. Fritz** was twice married. His first marriage took place at Carlisle, Cumberland County, where he was united by the Rev. Jacob Frye, to **Lydia Ann**, daughter of **Emanuel** and **Margaret Duggan**, on February 18, 1864.

**Mrs. Fritz** died at their home in Penn Township, November 30, 1875, in her thirty-fifth year. **Mr. Fritz** was married the second time, at Shermansdale, Carroll Township, Perry County, December 28, 1880, to **Sarah F.**, daughter of **John** and **Sarah Bartruff**, of Perry County. They have three children: **John Royer**, born Thursday, April 12, 1883; **Ida Gertrude**, born Sunday, March 8, 1885; and **Edwin L. B.**, born July 4, 1888. **Mr. Fritz** and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

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