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William H. Gamber, farmer, of Penn Township, Perry County, Pa., was born June 28, 1848, in Fishing Creek Valley, Perry County. He is a son of **Henry** and **Polly (Ensminger) Gamber**, both deceased. All the ancestry of **Mr. Gamber** was German. Both the **Gambers** and the **Ensmingers** were among the earliest settlers of Fishing Creek Valley, where his parents were born and spent their entire lives. Both parents reached an advanced age; **Henry Gamber** died in 1873, aged seventy-seven years; his wife in 1882, at the great age of ninety-two years. They had nine children: **Margaret**, residing in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa.; **Eliza (Mrs. Jacob Sloop)**, deceased; **John**, residing in Kansas; **Susan (Mrs. David Sheriffe)**, deceased; **Regina**, widow of **Henry Souder**, residing in Fishing Creek Valley, Perry County; **David**, of Fishing Creek Valley; **Ellen (Mrs. David Sheriffe)**, of Cumberland County, Pa.; **Mana**, widow of **John Campbell**, residing in Cumberland County; and **William H.** The entire life of **Mr. William H. Gamber** has been spent in his native county. He acquired his education in the common schools of Fishing Creek Valley, after which he learned the blacksmith trade in his father's shop, and followed that vocation for twenty-six years. He cultivated a farm at the same time in the Fishing Creek Valley. **Mr. Gamber** subsequently removed to Duncannon, and there worked at his trade for several years; but, for the past six years, he has devoted his entire time and attention to the management of his farm in Penn Township. **Mr. Gamber** is a Democrat.

William H. Gamber was married, at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., to **Fredericka**, a daughter of **George** and **Fredericka Pipple**. One of their children died in early life; those who survive are: **George**; **Henry**; **Franklin A.**; **Adeline May**; **Edgar T.**, and **Charles William**. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

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