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John C. F. Geib, yardmaster of the Northern Central Railroad, Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Mifflintown, Juniata County, August 24, 1860, son of **David** and **Anna (Hackenberger) Geib**. Through both his father and his mother, **Mr. Geib** is of German descent. His paternal grandfather came to America before the Revolutionary war, and settled in Lancaster County, Pa. His maternal grandfather, **Mr. Hackenberger**, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. At an early date, he likewise emigrated to America, and settled in Lancaster County. Both grandparents were farmers, and both spent the remainder of their lives in the place where they first established their homes in the New World. **David Geib**, father of **John C. F. Geib**, was born near Manheim, Lancaster County, Pa., March 12, 1828. He was educated in his native county, where he also learned the milling business, with which he was occupied until 1864. In that year he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, was appointed a second lieutenant, and served bravely and faithfully until the close of the war. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Juniata County, which had been his home for several years before his enlistment, and again pursued the trade of milling. In the spring of 1866, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as warehouseman at Mifflintown Station. About 1868, he was transferred to Marysville as assistant agent, and in a short time was appointed agent at the same place. He continued in this position until the time of his death, which was occasioned by an accident on the Northern Central Railroad, February 28, 1880. **David Geib** was married in Lancaster County to **Anna**, daughter of **Peter** and **Elizabeth Hackenberger**. Of their seven children, **one** died in infancy. Those surviving are: **Amanda (Mrs. William H. Eppley)**, of Marysville; **Jane (Mrs. John H. Ellenberger)**, of Sunbury, Pa.; **Annie**, married first to the late **G. L. Davis**, and now the wife of **William Patterson**, Marysville; **Samuel G.**; **John C. F.**; and **William D. C.**, all residing in Marysville.

John C. F. Geib came to Marysville with his parents, in 1868, when but eight years old, and has been since that time a resident of the borough. He received his education in the public schools of the district, and was afterwards engaged for about three years as a salesman. In 1880, he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railroad Company, in which he has ever since continued. For the past thirteen years he has filled his present position of yardmaster. **Mr. Geib** is a member and past master of Perry Lodge, No. 458, F. and A. M.; a past noble grand of Marysville Lodge, No. 590, I. O. O. F.; and a member of Marysville Camp, No. 218, P. O. S. of A. His political views are Republican.

David Geib was married, at Marysville, June 21, 1883, to **Frances**, daughter of **John** and **Leah Rupley**. They have four children: **Lizzie E.**; **David E.**; **Harry E.**; and **Chattie**. The family attend the Reformed Church.

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