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James Gibney, Shermansdale, Perry County, January 27, 1858. He is a son of **Thomas** and **Margaret (Conrad) Gibney**. His paternal grandfather, **Luke Gibney**, a farmer and surveyor, was a native of Ireland. He came to America with his son, and settled on a farm near the old Perry Furnace in Centre Township, Perry County. He was the father of the following children: **Thomas; Michael; Catherine (Mrs. Michael Rhine); Patrick; Bryan; James; Margaret; Mary (Mrs. Patrick Smith); John; Bryan (2);** and two whose names are not recorded. **Mr. Luke Gibney** and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He died in 1867; his wife in 1863. **Mr. Gibney's** maternal grandparents were also natives of Ireland, who came to America in early life, and settled in West Chester, Chester County, Pa. They had two children; **Margaret** and **Mary (Mrs. Patrick Gaston)**. **Mr. Conrad** was killed by an infuriated bull; his wife died in 1884, aged seventy-five. Both were members of the Roman Catholic Church. **Mr. Gibney's** parents, natives of Ireland, came to America in their youth, and settled on a farm in Chester County, Pa. **Mr. Thomas Gibney** not only cultivated his farm, but was also a drover for many years. In 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served for three years. He was married in 1865, to **Margaret Conrad**. They have twelve children: **John; Mary (Mrs. James L. Brown); James; Sarah (Mrs. Charles McClinn); Edward; William; Bryan; Harry; Margaret**, deceased; **Thomas**, deceased; **Christopher**, deceased; and **one** who died in infancy. **Mr. Thomas Gibney** and his wife reside in Spring Township, Perry County, on his farm, which he still cultivates.

James Gibney was educated in the public schools of Perry County; whither his father had removed when James was a mere boy. He learned farming with his father, and when he was twelve he left home to work as a farm hand. In 1881, he began farming for himself. He also dealt in live stock. For a short time he lived in New Bloomfield, Pa., where he kept a livery stable. In 1895, he removed to his parents' home, one of the finest farms in Carroll Township, situated on the main road between New Bloomfield and Shermansdale. In addition to the cultivation of his farm, he still deals largely in live stock, and during the last year has also had a thriving business as a butcher. **Mr. Gibney** is enterprising and is interested in all the affairs of his township. He is a member of the Republican Party.

James Gibney was married, December 15, 1881, to **Mary**, daughter of **John G.** and **Louisa (Fritz) Shearer**. They have two children: **Parker**, died in infancy, in 1882; and **John E.** **Mr. James Gibney** and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church

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