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Adam Gougler, Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., was born in Chapman Township, Snyder County, Pa., March 29, 1839. His father, **Jacob Gougler**, was born in what was then Snyder County, now Union County, Pa., and died in Liverpool, Pa., in the spring of 1874, aged seventy-two years. In boyhood he attended school and became a good German scholar. In his youth he learned the carpenter trade, but never followed it as a regular occupation. For four years he was engaged in boating on the canal, and was the owner of one-half interest in a boat. He married **Barbara Wert**, who died in 1851. The children by this marriage are: **Eliza**, married and resided in Snyder County, where she died; **Mrs. Witmer**, deceased; **Daniel**, married **Susan Canby** and died in Liverpool Township; **May** married **Levi Karstetter** and resides in Mifflin County; **Fred**, resides in Dauphin County, Pa., married **Miss Castner**; **Amelia**, married **Samuel Earner**, and resides in Liverpool Township; **Absalom**; and two children died in infancy. **Mr. Gougler's** second wife was **Mrs. Gribble**, a widow.

Absalom Gougler when young lived three miles from the school house and was kept at home a great part of the time on account of sickness, consequently his educational advantages were limited, and he received only such education as could be obtained under those conditions in the public schools. When he was thirteen years of age his parents removed to Perry County, Pa., and bought a farm in Liverpool Township, on which they settled, and he then gave his time and assistance to the farm work. At times during the busy season in the summer months he hired out among the neighboring farmers, and received wages, which he gave to his father, with whom he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He then went from home and for about six years was engaged in boating on the canal, at one time owning a boat which plied between Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Baltimore, Md.

In 1862 he was drafted for the army and was assigned to Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, then at Harrisburg, Pa., and two weeks later proceeded to the front with the regiment. They were in camp at Norfolk, Va., and vicinity for three months, and then moved to Suffolk, where for some time they were on guard and provost duty. From Suffolk they went to Washington and thence to Gettysburg, Pa., arriving too late to take part in the battle there, but were ordered in pursuit of General Lee's army. The regiment was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., at the expiration of his ten months' term of service. **Mr. Gougler** then returned home and again engaged in boating.

In 1865 he was married to **Mary Jane Aumiller**, born in Snyder County, Pa., July 2, 1842, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Mary (Deitrick) Aumiller**. They at once began housekeeping in Liverpool Township, where they were renters for nine years, and then bought property at Dry Saw Mill in the same township, where he conducted a grocery store for the next nine years, after which he disposed of the business and bought his present farm of 211 acres. In 1892 the home was burned, and with it all their goods and property, including the money they had saved that summer. The loss was a serious setback, but **Mr. Gougler** has replaced the demolished house with a new substantial building, and is once more on the road to prosperity and success. He gives his entire attention to farming, in connection with cutting cord wood, bark and railroad ties. He is a Republican, and has served as school director, tax collector and in other offices. Both **Mr. and Mrs. Gougler** are members of the Lutheran Church and take an active part in all its religious and benevolent work. Their children are: **B. Theodore**, born August 29, 1865, married **Nora Troutman**, and is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Harrisburg, Pa.; **Mary E.**, born August 14, 1870, and died in 1871; **Absalom D.**, born September 11, 1883, attending school.