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Edgar K. Grabill, foreman in the rolling mill of the Duncannon Iron Company, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born at Montebello, Perry County, May 22, 1844. He is the son of **Marcus** and **Margaret (Graffe) Grabill**, both of whom are deceased. **Mr. Grabill** is of German ancestry on both paternal and maternal sides. His father was born in Lancaster County, in 1809; and when about eighteen years of age removed with his mother and other members of the family to that portion of Cumberland County which was later erected into Perry County. Entering the service of the Duncannon Iron Company, he continued in the same to the time of his death.

It is stated that he hauled the timber for the first building erected at Montebello. Early in life he had shown his fitness for receiving many delicate and important commissions of the highest trust, all of which were most faithfully executed. He was frequently employed to carry money and valuable packages between Harrisburg, Duncannon, Duncan's Island and other points. **Mr. Grabill's** mother was born in Perry County, was married and passed her entire life there. She was the daughter of **Jacob** and **Mary Graffe**. There were eight children, namely: **Washington; William**, deceased; **Jacob**, deceased; **John; Mary**, deceased; **Edgar K.; Margaret**; and **Marcus, Jr.**, deceased.

Edgar K. Grabill's boyhood was spent in Duncannon, his education being received in the public schools. When but ten years of age, he entered the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, and has been with them for a period of more than thirty years. For the past ten years he has held his present responsible position, the duties of which have always been faithfully and efficiently performed: the same may truly be said of **Mr. Grabill's** services throughout life, wherever he has been called upon to act. Burning with patriotic ardor, **Mr. Grabill** was anxious, when war confronted the nation, to do something for the cause of his country. Extreme youth prevented his enlistment at the opening of hostilities; but in 1864 he entered Company A, Two Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which regiment he served honorably and efficiently for a year, until at the restoration of peace it was mustered out at Harrisburg, in 1865. **Mr. Grabill** is a charter member of Vandelburg Lodge, No. 288, K. P. He is also a prominent and efficient comrade in Lieut. William Allison Post, No. 196, G. A. R., of Duncannon. **Mr. Grabill** is a Republican.

Edgar K. Grabill was married at the old homestead in Wheatfield Township, Perry County, in 1866, to **Louisa J.**, daughter of **William** and **Effie Krieger**, natives of Bedford County, both of whom are deceased. The children of **Mr. and Mrs. Grabill** are: **Olive M.; Hanson E.; Harry C.; Jessie V.; William M.; Anna**; and **Grace**; the last two died in infancy. The family regularly attend the Church of God.

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