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**Isaac Newton Grubb**, Thompsontown, Juniata County, Pa., was born August 25, 1845, in Wild Cat Valley, near Liverpool, Perry County. Pa. He is a son of **Henry** and **Margaret (Charles) Grubb**. **Christian Grubb**, grandfather of **Isaac** (the name was originally spelled Grubbs), was born in Chester County, Pa., of German descent. He, in company with four brothers, removed from his native county, settling on a farm near Liverpool, Perry County. One of the brothers, **David**, was a minister of the United Brethren Church at Liverpool, and also a cabinet-maker. **Christian Grubb** married **Miss Pfoutz**, a sister of **Isaac Pfoutz**. Their children were: **Henry; Joshua; Barbara; Susan; Isaac; Josiah;** and **Christian**, now of Northumberland County. He died at Liverpool at the age of ninety-one. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

**Henry Grubb**, the eldest son of **Christian Grubb**, was born in 1818, at Liverpool, Perry County. He obtained his education in the subscription schools of his neighborhood, being especially noted for his superior penmanship. He followed farming as his life occupation, owning a tract of land on which he resided up to the year 1870, when he removed to Liverpool, leading a retired life. Four years before his death he removed to Thompsontown, making his home with his son, the Doctor. **Henry Grubb** married, in Perry County. **Miss Margaret Charles**, a native of the county, and a daughter of **Jacob Charles**, a farmer, of English descent. Their children were: **Mary**, now deceased, married **Ephraim Long**, an attorney, of New Bloomfield, Perry County; **Dr. Isaac N.** of Thompsontown; **Jacob**, who died young; **Ellen (Mrs. Frederick Nipple)**, of Perry Valley; **Valentine B.**, wholesale manufacturer, Philadelphia; **Elmira**, wife of **Rev. L. L. Logan**, a Methodist Episcopal minister, of Clearfield County; **Lizzie (Mrs. John K. Blattenberger)**, of Liverpool, Perry County; and **Viola**, who died in infancy. **Henry Grubb** was a man respected and highly esteemed by all who knew him on account of his many sterling qualities. He was a good citizen, a kind husband and a loving father. In politics he was a Democrat. He died in Thompsontown in 1894. His faithful partner in life's joys and sorrows had passed away in 1870.

**Dr. Isaac N. Grubb** attended, in boyhood, the public schools of his native township, which was followed by two terms at the academy at Freeburg, Snyder County, of which George F. McFarland was principal, and two terms at the Marklesville academy. During the winter seasons he taught school for the meager compensation of twenty dollars per month, yet saved money enough from his salary for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a collegiate course. But a dark cloud was surging over the land, and **Isaac N. Grubb** was not the man to be idle in the crisis of Columbia's fate. His war record is of the most brilliant and honorable character, replete with deeds of valor, which won for him high commendation. He went into the service a private; he came out a captain, whose every step of promotion had been won by merit. He had spent 1861 and part of 1862 on the farm. On September 26, 1862, he enlisted in Capt. J. B. McAllister's Company I, of the Seventeenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Col. J. H. Kellogg. He was appointed a corporal the same year. He was made sergeant-major soon after and was commissioned first lieutenant, dating from June 5, 1863, and as captain, from the date of September 8, 1864. Having been wounded at Berryville, Va., August 21, 1864, he was sent to the

hospital, where he was obliged to remain until discharged, at Annapolis, Md., January 13, 1865, having participated in every battle in which his regiment was engaged from the time it joined the Army of the Potomac up to the time of his being wounded, which comprised most of the prominent battles of the east during that period.

Among the great engagements and operations in which **Captain Grubb** took part were: Gettysburg, Brandy Station, Upperville, Wilderness, Sheridan's raid around Richmond, Petersburg, Deep Bottom, and the operations in the Shenandoah valley, besides many others not here enumerated. So much was his health broken down by the severe campaigning and his wound that Captain Grubb was obliged to remain at home for a year before he could resume active work in any direction. Captain Grubb then taught school for two terms. The war disarranged the plans of thousands of young men and he was among the number. He found that he must forego his cherished desire for a collegiate course. He accordingly began the reading of medicine with Dr. P. L. Greenleaf, in 1866, which he continued for three years, during which time he entered the medical department of the University of New York City, from which he graduated with high honor, March, 1869. He immediately entered into a partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. Greenleaf. This was continued until the death of his partner, when he assumed entire control of the practice. He has erected a fine dwelling house and office, both tasteful and commodious, in their arrangements. In connection with his professional duties the Doctor has found time to devote considerable time to fruit culture, in a fine peach orchard in which he is interested. Dr. Grubb's ability as a practitioner, and courtesy and suavity as a man, his worth as a citizen, and his interest in all that concerns the public weal, have all contributed to make him universally popular and esteemed. He enjoys the unbounded confidence of his many patients. He has been called upon to take an active part in public affairs. For five years he has been a member of the Thompsontown town council, and for two years secretary of the school board. Dr. Grubb is an active member of Encampment No. 37, U. Y. L., of Mifflintown, of which he is a past colonel, and is, at present, the adjutant. He is an active and prominent member in Sincerity Lodge, No. 357, I. O. O. F., of Thompsontown, Pa.; of Lambertson Lodge, No. 371, F. and A. M., of Thompsontown; of Chapter No. 238, E. A. M., of Newport, Pa., and of the Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, K. T., of Harrisburg, in most of which bodies he has held prominent offices. He has been for twenty years a member of the Delaware Township Literary Society of Thompsontown. The Doctor is also a prominent and useful member in the Juniata County Medical Society. In political views Dr. Grubb is a Democrat.

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