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M. H. Grubb, merchant, Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry Valley, Liverpool Township, December 14, 1847. His grandfather, **Christian Grubb**, was born in Perry Valley, his father having removed thither from Chester County, Pa. He was a farmer and an extensive landholder. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years, and died about 1877. He married first **Miss Pfoutz**, and secondly **Susanna Wagner**. His children are: **Henry; Joshua; Barbara; Isaac;** and **Josiah**, all deceased; and **Christiana**, who resides in Sunbury. **Joshua Grubb**, father of **M. H. Grubb**, was born in Perry Valley, and became one of the leading men of that valley. He received a common school education, and was reared on the farm. After his marriage his father gave him a tract of land, entirely covered with timber. He cleared the land, erected all needful and convenient buildings, and made himself a beautiful home. In 1864, he died of typhoid fever, on the old homestead, in the forty-fourth year of his age. Five other members of the family were sick with the same disease at the same time, but recovered. He married **Catharine Holman**, who survives him and resides in Liverpool Township. Their children are: **Ira**, removed to Bellevue, O., in the spring of 1889, married **Miss Pines**, of Perry Valley; **M. H.; Frances (Mrs. Cyrus A. Frank)**, resides near Humboldt, Kan.; **Hannah (Mrs. John R. Deckard)**, of Liverpool Township, Perry County, Pa.; **Susanna (Mrs. John D. Grubb)**, in the 80's emigrated to Kansas and resides near Ellsworth; **Mary Ellen (Mrs. Wesley M. Stevens)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Annie (Mrs. George Mickey)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Charles W.**, married **Mary E. Holman**, resided at Liverpool, where he died in 1883; **Jacob H.**, married **Etta Noll**, of Perry Valley, and still resides there; and **Minnie May (Mrs. John W. Lutz)**, of Liverpool, Pa. **Mr. Grubb** took an active part in political matters as a member of the Republican Party, and held several township offices. As a member of the Lutheran Church, he was recognized as the leading spirit in all religious and benevolent movements.

M. H. Grubb received his primary education in the public schools, and at the academies at Marklesville and New Bloomfield. As a boy, he was employed as clerk by Holman & Grubb, and when the firm was dissolved in 1864' he returned and worked for his mother on the farm in the summer. In the winter months he taught school, his experience as a teacher beginning when he was eighteen years old. This round of employment he maintained for seven years.

In 1872, **Mr. Grubb** married **Laura**, daughter of **John and Margaret (Roath) Deckard**, of Liverpool, Pa. **Mr. and Mrs. Grubb** began housekeeping at Liverpool, Pa., where for the next year and a half he was employed as teller in the Farmers' Bank. For the following three years, he was in mercantile business at Centreville, Perry Valley, after which he returned to Liverpool, and became cashier of the Farmers' Bank, which place he occupied for a year and a half. He then bought from his brother the original homestead in Perry Valley, and farmed it for two years. In the spring of 1881, he opened a general store. Later, he bought the adjoining property, on which stands a warehouse and a coal and tie yard. An important part of his business is buying and shipping railroad ties, his transactions reaching each year to from 5,000 to 20,000 ties. He still owns the homestead farm, and is a stockholder in the Duncannon National Bank. **Mr. Grubb** has never sought political office, but he is an ardent Republican. Thirty years' membership in the Methodist Church testify to his interest in practical religion; during this time he has held nearly all offices in the church, and at present is steward and trustee. His gratifying success in his social and business career is mainly the fruit of his own exertions, by which he has won and held the respect and esteem of the community. His children are: **Florence Rusebia**, at home; an **infant**, died unnamed; and **Alvin**, at home.