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David K. Grube, a retired farmer and one of the most highly respected and influential men of East Hempfeld Township, was born April 1, 1830, a son of **Christian** and **Rebecca (Kurtz) Grube**.

The founder of the **Grube family** in America was **Casper**, a native of Switzerland, who located in the vicinity of Kissel Hill, in Lancaster County, and was the great-grandfather of **David**. This worthy man had two sons, of whom record has been kept: **Christian**, the grandfather of **David**, and a son (name unknown) who died at Kissel Hill. **Christian**, the grandfather, a farmer of Neffsville, who owned and operated two fine farms, is supposed to have been a member of the Lutheran Church, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-five, his death occurring in 1845. His family consisted of fourteen children: **George**, a farmer, who lived and died in Lancaster County; **Christian**, father of **David**; **Casper**, a farmer, whose whole life was spent in Lancaster County; **David**, a farmer and cattle raiser of Lancaster County; **Samuel**, a butcher, who went west to Indiana, where he died; **Joseph**, also a butcher, who lived and died in Lancaster County; **John**, a farmer, who went west to Ohio; **Jacob**; **Sally**, who married **Henry Hotenstine**; **Susan**, who was the second wife of **Mr. Hotenstine**; **Elizabeth**, who married **Jacob Sterner**; three other daughters, names unknown.

Christian Grube, the father of **David**, was born at Newville, in March, 1795, and died near that town in 1880. Early in life he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for many years, but about 1850 he turned his attention to farming. The maiden name of his estimable wife was **Rebecca Kurtz**, a daughter of **John Kurtz**. Her birth occurred at Roseville, Lancaster County, in the fall of 1795, and she died in 1867. To her husband she bore seven children: **John**, first a carpenter, later a butcher, and a resident of Perry County, Pa.; **Magaretta**, wife of **Reuben Bird**, of Neffsville; **Chrisman** a carpenter, a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; **Edward**, a cigar manufacturer, who is a resident of Neffsville; **Lydia**; **Jacob**, a resident of southern Missouri; and **David K.**

David K. Grube spent his boyhood upon his father's farm and received his education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen he commenced to earn the trade of a carpenter, and followed it successfully until his marriage, when he embarked in farming, to which he gave his attention, in conjunction with burning lime, until he retired, in 1890. The property owned by him, and upon which he resides, is a fine one, consisting of ninety-nine acres, one mile south of Petersburg, and upon it he has made many desirable improvements. Nearly all of the excellent buildings were erected by him and the entire farm speaks well for his thrifty management.

In 1867 **David Grube** was married to **Amelia Kauffman**, a daughter of **Christian** and **Martha (Miller) Kauffman**, who was born Oct. 19, 1840, and died Nov. 26, 1894, after having borne her husband four children: **Alice**, wife of **Christian Hoover**; **Morris**, unmarried, who resides in the West; **David**, unmarried, who operates a portion of his father's farm; **Jacob**, at home.

David K. Grube is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, in which he takes a prominent part, and he is highly respected throughout the community for his integrity and honesty.