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Frank A. Gutshall, M. D., Blain, Perry County, Pa., was born at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., March 15, 1844. He is a son of **John** and **Catherine (Wunderlich) Gutshall**. His grandfather, **Peter Gutshall**, of German descent, was born in 1790, at Harrisburg, Pa. When he was five years of age he was brought to Carlisle, Pa., and received his education in the district schools of that place. He learned carpentry and became a skilful mechanic and master workman. Just and conscientious in his business transactions, he was universally respected. He was married to **Sarah Hagan**, who was of Irish descent. They had two sons: **John**; and **Joseph**, married **Sarah Myers** and in 1849 went to California, returning to the east for his wife in 1851. Both died soon after settling in California, and **Mr. Gutshall's** estate, the proceeds of which amounted to several thousand dollars, was divided among strangers. **Mr. Peter Gutshall** was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church; he died at Carlisle in 1863. His wife was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Patient and charitable in disposition, a friend to all in distress, she was a true helpmate to her husband, and was beloved by all who knew her.

John Gutshall, father of **Dr. Gutshall**, was born October 9, 1818, and received a limited education in the public schools of Carlisle. He learned carpentry with his father, and while working at his trade, cherished the hope of becoming an architect. Industry, perseverance and conscientious workmanship prevailed. He became prominent in his chosen profession throughout the counties of eastern Pennsylvania. The jail, the county almshouse, the barracks, and many of the finest houses in Carlisle were built by him. In 1856, he planned and built the jail at Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa. Many other buildings in different counties show his skill as a workman. **Mr. John Gutshall** was a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican Party, he became an ardent Democrat. He is actively interested in all local affairs, and has held various borough offices; he was assessor of the borough for twenty years. He was nominated for treasurer of Cumberland County, and was elected by a very large majority. **Mr. Gutshall** was a Knight Templar, and a member of the F. and A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. He was married in 1843, to **Catherine**, daughter of **Simon** and **Sarah (Crane) Wunderlich**. They have three children: **Frank A.**, M. D.; **Joseph M.**, builder and contractor, removed to South America in 1870, and has never been heard from; and **John Charles**, died aged eleven. **Mrs. Gutshall** died in 1851, aged twenty-seven. Quiet and retiring in manner, she was noted for her charities and for her generous hospitality, and her untimely death was deeply mourned by her numerous friends. **Mr. Gutshall's** second wife was **Hettie**, daughter of **James Graham**. Their children are: **Georgia**, died aged eighteen; **Catherine (Mrs. Charles Eppley)**, of Cumberland County, has one son, **Mervin**; **Sarah F. (Mrs. James Moose)**, Andersonburg, Perry County, Pa., has one son, **Roy**; and **James**, residing at Carlisle, Pa., married **Julia Claudy**, has two children, **William** and **John**. **Mr. John Gutshall** was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He died September 12, 1890.

Frank A. Gutshall received his education in the public schools of Carlisle, graduating from the high school in 1862. In the same year he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirtieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Capt. William F. Porter, in 1863, he had an attack of typhoid fever, and was discharged as disabled, February 20, 1863. Returning to his home, he began to read

medicine with Dr. J. J. Zitzer, of Carlisle, and shortly after entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and graduated in March, 1866. **Dr. Gutshall** began the practice of his profession in Carlisle, but shortly after removed to New Germantown, Toboyne Township, Perry County, where he had a large practice. In 1881, he removed to Plain, Jackson Township, Perry County, where he has an extensive and constantly increasing practice, and has become prominent in professional circles.

He is a member of the Perry County Medical Association and of the State Medical Society. **Dr. Gutshall** is actively interested in all the affairs of the community; he is enterprising and anxious for improvement in every direction. Like his father, he is a firm adherent to the principles of Democracy, and although not an office-seeker, has held various borough and township offices. He is a member of the Samuel Baker Post, No. 543, G. A. R., at Plain. He is also medical examiner for the Mutual and Equitable Life Insurance Company, of New York, and for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Frank A. Gutshall, M. D., was married, June 1, 1867, to **Mary E.**, daughter of **Levi** and **Margaret (Kunkle) Swartz**. They have two children: **John Charles**, at home; and **Daisy B. (Mrs. Newton K. Bistline)**, has one child, **Elsie**. **Dr. Gutshall's** family attend the German Baptist Church. He is a liberal supporter of all church enterprises.

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