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The Gutshall Family

The **Gutshall** family of Perry County, Pennsylvania, of which **Edward Solomon Gutshall** is a representative at the present time in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, is one which came to this country from Germany in the early days of colonial settlement, and transplanted to America the many fine traits which are inherent in the natives of that country. Since that time the family has scattered, and representatives of it are now to be found in many sections of the United States. They took up the burdens of their adopted country with the utmost eagerness and bore their share bravely during the civil war.

(I) **Solomon**, grandfather of **Edward Solomon Gutshall**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, and the greater part of his life was spent there, where he followed the occupation of a blacksmith, and also cultivated his extensive farm. He was a strong worker for Democratic interests, and filled a number of local public offices. His religious affiliations were with the Lutheran Church. He married **Margaret Rhinesmith**, and had children: **Samuel**, see forward; **Elizabeth** and **Joseph**, both deceased.

(II) **Samuel**, son of **Solomon** and **Margaret (Rhinesmith) Gutshall**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in 1847, and there received the usual education of a farmer's son at that time, in the common schools. When he was old enough, he commenced to assist his father in the cultivation of the homestead farm, and practically his entire life has been spent in farming operations. He has now retired from active life, and lives at Huntingdon. In political matters he affiliates with the Democratic Party, and has filled a number of local offices, among them being that of assessor, which he held for seventeen years. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He married **Priscilla**, born in 1849, daughter of **Simon** and **Mary (Mowel) Kern**, whose only other child was **William**, now a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Simon Kern** was a native of Perry County, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in farming: and as a representative of the Democratic Party filled a number of local public offices. Upon the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted, and served until the close of that struggle, when he was honorably discharged. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Gutshall**; **Edward Solomon**, see forward; **Luella**, born 1873, married **William Prostle**, principal of Houtzdale schools; **Oma**, born 1876, married **John McElroy**, a brick maker, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania; **Wilmer**, born 1881, is in the employ of a contractor; **Myrtle**, born 1886, married **Harry Hoffman**; **Mabel**, twin of **Myrtle**, married **McElroy**, proprietor of a restaurant at Mount Vernon, Pennsylvania.

(III) **Edward Solomon**, son of **Samuel** and **Priscilla (Kern) Gutshall**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1872. He attended the public schools of his township, and being of a naturally studious and ambitious nature he acquired a fund of knowledge which has served as a very substantial foundation for the superstructure he placed upon it. The course was supplemented by one term's attendance at Juniata College, and he then engaged in teaching, an occupation with which he was identified for a period of eight years. He then removed to

Huntingdon, where he was in the employ of the J. C. Blair Company for a considerable length of time, then abandoned this occupation in favor of farming, with which he has been identified since that time. He devotes his time to general farming conducted on scientific principles, paying great attention to intensified cultivation, from which he has had excellent results, he also has some fine specimens of Holstein cattle, and has been very successful in his dairy farming operations. A man of many-sided ability, **Mr. Gutshall** is also engaged as an agent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. He is independent in his political opinions, and his popularity is attested by the fact that he has been elected to hold a number of local offices, and has tilled these to the satisfaction of the entire community, irrespective of political convictions.

Mr. Gutshall married, in 1892, **Mollie**, daughter of **David** and **Sarah (Long) Boyd**.

Children:

1. **Claire**, born 1894; was graduated from Huntingdon high school, studied one term at Juniata College, and is now engaged in teaching.
2. **Marie**, born 1896, is a student at Huntingdon high school, member of the class of 1914.
3. **Ruth**, born 1898, is a student at high school.
4. **Catherine**, born 1905, attends public schools.
5. **Joseph**, born 1909.
6. **Edward**, born 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutshall are earnest members of the Lutheran Church. His fraternal affiliations are with Camp No. 321, Patriotic Order Sons of America; and the Royal Arcanum.

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