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Amos Hair, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born January 11, 1864, son of **David** and **Ellen (Sweger) Hair**, both natives of Perry County. They were married in 1853; **Mrs. David Hair** is a daughter of **George** and **Mary Sweger**. They now reside in Carroll Township, Perry County, where **Mr. Hair** is engaged in farming. Both are members of the Methodist Church; **Mr. Hair** has been for a long time an office-bearer in the church; he was steward and treasurer for many years, and is now a trustee. Of their thirteen children, nine are deceased: **Mary**; **Daniel**; **John**; **Henrietta**; **Sarah**; **Annie**; **Clara**; **Alice**; and **Emma**. Those surviving are: **Amos**; **Harry M.**; **William W.**; and **Adam F.**

Brought up on a farm, and familiar with the work of cultivation, **Amos Hair** received also a good plain education in the common schools, which he attended until he was eighteen. For three years from that time he worked on one of the neighboring farms, and then, having attained his majority, he thought to try his fortune in the "great west." In 1885 he went to Ohio, and remained there seven months; then further west, as far as Illinois, where he was occupied for a short time, and then decided to return to the east. On his way he stopped in Ohio, and was employed in farming there for a year, coming to New Bloomfield at last in the fall of 1888. In the following spring **Mr. Hair** embarked in the mercantile business, which has prospered so well that he has carried it on ever since. In 1891, he built a spacious and convenient residence and store on the corner of Carlisle Street, in New Bloomfield, where he does a large and steadily increasing business. His success is due to his careful attention to the wants of his patrons, and his judicious and strictly honorable business methods. In addition to this establishment, **Mr. Hair** in 1893 opened a livery stable, one of the finest and best equipped places of the kind, well provided with buggies and other conveyances for pleasure driving, and with well trained saddle horses. Reasonable charges, and the presence of all the latest adjuncts for convenience and utility, make **Mr. Hair's** establishment a popular one. His patrons include many business men, farmers and professional men; and all are sure of gentlemanly and obliging treatment. In 1892, **Mr. Hair** was elected auditor of the township, and served for three years. In 1895, he was elected justice of the peace of New Bloomfield, and still holds that position. He is a staunch Republican. He belongs to Mackinaw Lodge, No. 380, I. O. O. F.

Amos Hair was married, July 28, 1889, to **Anna V.**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Matlack**. Their children are: **David Stanley**; and **Leslie E.** The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The ancestry of **Mrs. Hair** in America is traceable to **William Matlack**, who emigrated to the New World, from Cropsell Bishop, Nottinghamshire, England, in the ship "Kent," Capt. George Marlow, in company with Daniel Wills and Thomas Olive. This ship came to Sandy Hook, near Perth Amboy, and thence to Chester on the Delaware, arriving June 14, 1677. Here the immigrants left the ship, and went up the river to the settlement now called Burlington. The "Kent" was the second ship that brought settlers to New Jersey. **William Matlack**, being a carpenter, built the first and second houses in the city of Burlington. After having served four years with Thomas Olive, he married **Mary Hancock**, who came with her brother, **Timothy Hanock**, in the ship "Paradise," Captain Evele. They arrived March 7, 1781. **William Matlack's** mother came from Brayles, in Warwickshire, England. **William** settled on the south side of Penschawkin Creek in Burlington.

The foregoing account of his coming to America and settlement at Burlington, was given in 1728 by **William Matlack** to one of his children. He had six sons and three daughters, and he lived to see his youngest daughter the mother of seven children. The children of **William** and **Mary (Hancock) Matlack** were as follows: **John**, who married **Hannah Homer** in 1709, and whose second wife was **Mary Lee**; **Timothy**, who married **Mary Haines**, in 1720, and whose second wife was **Mrs. Martha Haines**, who had one son, **Reuben Haines**, born in 1728, by her first marriage; **George**, who married **Mary Foster**, in 1709, and his second wife, **Mary Hancock**, in 1729; **William**, who married **Ann Antrim**, and settled on the patrimonial estate; **Joseph**, who married **Rebecca Haines**, in 1722, and settled at Goshen, Pa.; **Richard**, who married **Rebecca Haines**, in 1721, and his second wife, **Mary Cole**, in 1745, and settled near Haddonfield; **Mary M.**, who married **Jonathan Haines**, in 1731, and whose second husband was **Daniel Morgan**; **Jane M. (Mrs. Irvin)**, married in 1710, and settled in Chester County, Pa.; and **Sarah M. (Mrs. Carlisle Haines Everhard)**, married in 1721.

Timothy Matlack, third child of **William Matlack**, whose wife was **Mary**, a daughter of **Richard** and **Mary Haines**, was the father of the following children : **Priscilla**, who married **Isaac Warren**, in 1739, and whose second husband was **John Brown**; **Letitia**, who married **Samuel Michle**, in 1742, and whose second husband was **Thomas Flinchman**; **Ascha**, who married **Job Siddon**, in 1744; **Obi**, supposed to have died unnamed; and **Timothy**, who married the widow of **Josiah Haines**, a daughter of **Henry** and **Elizabeth Burr**, in 1730. Their children were: **Timothy**, born April 20, 1734, in Haddonfield; **Titus**; **Seth**; **Josiah**; **White**; **Marius**; **Mary**; **Tauxper**, who settled in New York; **Sybil (Mrs. David Cooper)** ; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Chandler)**. **Timothy Matlack**, as shown by Friends' certificate, February 12, 1746, moved from Haddonfield to Philadelphia, where his son **Timothy** and his second wife were married in the Friends' meeting house, November 5, 1758. She was a **Miss Ellen Yarnall**, daughter of **Mordecai Yarnall**. Their children were: **William B.**, who married **Hannah Cornwall**, in August, 1759; **Mordecai**, who does not appear to have ever married; **Sybil**, who married **Maria Jostrech**, in 1764; **Catherine (Mrs. William Murray)**; and **Maria (Mrs. Guy Bryan)**. **Timothy**, the father, served as a colonel in the Revolutionary war, and **William B.**, the eldest son, served on a privateer during the same struggle. He was captured by the British, taken to London as a prisoner, and there confined in a dungeon, where he contracted rheumatism in the limbs, from the effects of which he was a cripple for the rest of his life.

The children of **William B.** and **Hannah (Cornwall) Matlack** were: **Timothy**, born February 11, 1788, died in October, 1839, unmarried; **James**, born February 14, 1791, married **Elizabeth Reestine**, and their children were, **T. C.**, **John William**, **James**, **Guy**, **Thomas**, **Joseph**, **Samuel B.**, father of **Mrs. Hair**, and **Louise**.

Samuel B. Matlack, the father of **Mrs. Amos Hair**, was a native of Philadelphia. His wife, **Mary Ann Fry**, was born February 13, 1832, in Perry County, Pa., and died November 21, 1875. **Mr. Matlack** is now a resident of Aurora, Ill. One of their children, **Mary Elizabeth**, is deceased; those living are: **Louisa (Mrs. C. Harnish)**, Shiremanstown, Pa.; **Timothy**, Lake View, Ia.; **Martha (Mrs. Benjamin Harnish)**, Waterman, Ill.; **Emma**, a widow, residing in Chicago, Ill.; **Annie V. (Mrs. Amos Hair)**, New Bloomfield, Pa.; and **James C.**, a resident of Aurora, Ill.