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David Hair, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., son of **Peter** and **Sarah (Smeigh) Hair**, was born in Perry County, July 20, 1831. His paternal grandfather, **Jacob Hair**, was born in York County, Pa., and came to Perry County when a young man. He was a carpenter, but later engaged in farming. He was married and reared a family of nine children: **John; Joseph; Levi; Jacob; Thomas; William; Peter; Eliza (Mrs. Samuel Shatto);** and **Susan (Mrs. Henry Lackey)**. **David Hair's** maternal grandparents, **George Smeigh** and **wife**, were natives of York County, of German descent, who came to Perry County, and settled in Carroll Township. Besides farming, **Mr. Smeigh** worked at shoemaking. He was married to **Miss Messimer**, and they had nine children, all of whom have died except the first named: **David; Benjamin; Jacob; John; William; George; Sarah; Rachel (Mrs. Joseph Kain);** and **Ann (Mrs. Jacob Starper)**. His wife having died, **Mr. Smeigh** married again, his second wife being **Miss Wox**. **Peter Hair**, father of **David Hair**, was a native of Perry County, a laborer and farmer. He was married to **Sarah**, daughter of **George Smeigh**, and had eight children: **David; William**, of Dickinson County, Kas; **Carson; Elizabeth (Mrs. Washington Keller); Susan**, died July 14, 1860, aged nineteen years and four months; **Jacob**, died in one of the hospitals of Washington, D. C, March 31, 1862, aged twenty-four years, eight months and thirteen days; **Sarah**, died March 31, 1876, aged twenty-seven years; and **Mary (Mrs. William Enswinger)**, deceased. **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hair** were members of the Lutheran Church. The **father** died February 5, 1865, at the age of fifty-one years; and the **mother** died November 23, 1874, aged sixty-eight years.

David Hair's only chance for obtaining an education was found in the public schools of his district, which he attended for a few terms. He was reared on a farm, and at the age of thirteen years began to work in a sawmill, where he continued for eight years. At the end of that time, **Mr. Hair** became interested in farming, and was thus engaged until the breaking out of the war. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, Two Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for ten months and fifteen days. Returning from the war, he resumed farming.

For four years he lived a retired life, but once more returned to farming, and is still in that calling. He has devoted some time, too, to settling up the estate of his father and mother. **Mr. Hair** was married, November 11, 1853, to Ellen N. daughter of **George** and **Mary (Hallebaugh) Sweger**. Their children were: **Amos; Harry M.; William W.; Adam F.; Mary J.**, died April 13, 1858, aged eight months and sixteen days; **Sarah E.**, died August 15, 1863, aged one year; **Henrietta**, died February 6, 1864, aged five years and six months; **Daniel S.**, died February 25, 1864, aged six years, nine months and eighteen days; **Annie S.**, died May 21, 1871, aged three years, two months and eleven days; **Clara E.**, died May 25, 1871, aged one year, one month and twenty-five days; **Alice M.**, died September 6, 1878, aged two months and nine days; **Emma N.**, died August 6, 1880, aged one month and twenty-two days. **Mr. Hair** is a member of the Methodist Hhurch. At present he holds the office of trustee and treasurer.

The parents of **Mrs. Hair**, **George** and **Mary (Hallebaugh) Sweger**, were natives of Perry County, where **Mr. Sweger** was a farmer and distiller. They had these children: **Mary (Mrs. William Shearer); Ellen (Mrs. David Hair); Sarah (Mrs. Carson Hair); David; Rebecca**, widow of **William Smith; William;** and **Henry**. The above named are the children of **Mr. Sweger's** second marriage. He was first married to **Miss Markel**; their children were: **Elizabeth**, widow of **Aaron Daugherty; George; Samuel; Levi; John; Daniel;** and **Catharine (Mrs. George Smeigh)**. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, in which **Mr. Sweger** held the office of trustee. **He** died on August 27, 1851, and his **wife** in 1883.