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Harris, Samuel H., grocer, Harrisburg, was born near Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., December 23, 1855. He is a son of **Castleberry** and **Catherine (Carns) Harris**. His parents were born in Perry County, and were of Scotch and Irish ancestry. The father was a prosperous farmer; he died October 25, 1879, aged seventy-two. His wife survives him, and resides on the homestead farm in Perry County; she was born January 10, 1820. They had six children, four of whom are living: (1) **Mary J.**, born September 1, 1846, wife of **George K. Jones**, of Harrisburg; they were married in Duncannon, December 24, 1872, and have two children, **Arthur**, born October 29, 1873, died June 30, 1891, and **Burt Andrews**, born July 15, 1876; (2) **Gainor S.**, born November 24, 1848, died December 24, 1889; (3) **Hannah A.**, born February 2, 1851, widow of the late **George Lickle**, of Perry County; they were married in Bloomfield, Perry County, and have three children, **Clara Jane**, **George Caskey**, and **Chester Harris**; (4) **Samuel H.**; (5) **David C.**, born September 13, 1859, retail shoe dealer of Duncannon; he married **Miss Carrie Froehlich**, December 27, 1892; they have one child, **Mabel F.**, born March 27, 1896; (6) a son who died in infancy, unnamed. This **Harris family** is supposed to be descended from the founder of Harrisburg.

Samuel H. Harris was reared a farmer boy in a comfortable home, enjoying the advantages of a good district school during winter months. He was engaged in farming until he was nineteen. He learned carpentry, and followed his trade until 1888. Since April 1 of that year he has been in his present business.

He was married, in Duncannon, January 14, 1886, to **Gertrude E.**, daughter of **John** and **Margaret E. (Thompson) Beck**, born in Luthersburg, Clearfield County, Pa., August 9, 1868. They have three children: **Clarence D.**, born February 2, 1887; **Merle Francis**, February 25, 1892; and **Ethel Kathryn**, January 9, 1895. **Mr. Harris** is liberal in his political views. He and his wife are members of the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

John Beck, the father of **Mrs. Harris**, was born in Centre County, Pa., May 7, 1824, and is of German ancestry. He was an undertaker and a prominent resident of Luthersburg for many years; but for the past twelve years he has been an honored resident of Perry County. His wife, **Margaret Thompson**, was born in Clearfield County, September 25, 1829, and died in Luthersburg, where she had spent her life, October 9, 1874. They had five children, three of whom are living: **Boyd Quigle**; **Clarissa A.**, wife of **Stewart Council**, died March 11, 1877, leaving five children; **Mary Ellen**, died in infancy; **George W.**, and **Gertrude Emma, Mrs. Harris**.

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