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Isaiah Hartzell, Dellville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, December 10, 1841, son of **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (Clay) Hartzell**. His grandfather, **John Hartzell**, was a native of Adams County, Pa., and a miller, **George Clay**, maternal grandfather of Mr. **Isaiah Hartzell**, was a farmer, born in Cumberland County, Pa. He married three times; his first wife was **Miss Shultz**, and their children were: **Jacob**; **Mary (Mrs. George Galebaugh)**; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Hartzell)**. Mr. **Clay** was again married, to a widow, **Mrs. Buck**; the children of this marriage were: **Annie (Mrs. John D. Dickel)**; and **Rev. J. Clay**. The third wife of Mr. **Clay** was **Mrs. Bear**. He was a member of the Reformed Church; he died in 1866, at the age of eighty-four.

Samuel, son of **John Hartzell**, was born in Maryland, and came to Perry County in 1827, becoming a resident of Rye Township, for one year; then in Penn Township, where for five years he conducted a mill; he afterwards turned his attention to farming. He enjoyed a position of respect and confidence in the community, and was elected to various township offices.

Nine children composed the family of **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (Clay) Hartzell**, of whom the following are deceased: **John**; **Susan**; **Harriet M. (Mrs. Andrew J. Bird)**; **Samuel**, a soldier of the One Hundred and Eighty eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the late war, who lost his life in the defense of his country; and **Mary E. (Mr. John M. Grabill)**. The surviving children are: **Henry J.**, lives in Dauphin County, Pa.; **George A.**, and **Isaiah**, reside in Perry County, Pa.; and **Jeremiah S.**, of Newport, Pa. **Samuel Hartzell** was a member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he died in August, 1884, aged seventy-nine; his wife died in 1891, aged seventy-nine years.

After fighting the schoolboy's battles with "sums" and other tasks for several years, in the common schools of his neighborhood, and the farmer's battle with the soil and the powers of nature, **Isaiah Hartzell** enlisted, before he was out of his teens, for the more exciting battles of the war of the Rebellion. He was a member of the well-remembered "Bucktail" regiment, the Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, a rifle regiment, which did splendid service. **Mr. Hartzell** was mustered in as a private in Company B, April 19, 1861, and after faithful performance of his patriotic duty for three years, was mustered out, June 11, 1864, with his company. He then returned to his chosen pursuit of farming, in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. He has resided upon and cultivated his present farm since 1868. Besides having been inspector of elections, he has filled various township offices. He was elected to that of supervisor in 1877, and in 1894 was appointed assessor to fill an unexpired term, and was subsequently elected to that office. He is a member of the John Jones Post, G. A. R.

Isaiah Hartzell was married, February 8, 1866, to **Susan**, daughter of **Abraham** and **Catherine (Frey) Smith**. Only one of their large family is deceased: **John M.**, who died August 14, 1873, aged ten months and two days. The others are: **Ida M. (Mrs. Lewis S. Manum)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Catherine B. (Mrs. Morris Wall)**; **Abraham S.**; **Newton S.**; **Harry V.**; **Herbert M.**; **Datie A.**; **Jessie W. F.**; **Clara E.**; **Pearl E.**; **Bertie A.**; and **Mary B.**