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John C. Hebel, Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., was born December 13, 1838, in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, Pa. He is a son of **George** and **Rosanna (Matchett) Hebel**. His grandfather, **Henry Hebel**, came from Germany some time after the Revolution, and settled near Sunbury, Pa. His wife and son, **George**, accompanied him. Early in the War of 1812, they were attacked in their country home by British soldiers, driven out, and forced to hide themselves in a corn field. After that occurrence, **Henry Hebel** enlisted, and lost his life on the battlefield. His widow removed to Millersburg, Pa., where she resided for the rest of her life. Besides their son, **George**, they had one daughter, **Rebecca**, who married **Henry Rutter**, and went to reside in Ohio, where both died. **George Hebel**, who was a child at the time of their crossing the ocean, learned his trade, that of a millwright, with **Stephen McCauley**, in Lancaster or Berks County. Settling afterwards in Millersburg, he pursued his vocation in Dauphin and the adjacent counties. He built many of the mills now standing in Perry County. His wife, **Rosanna Matchett**, was born in 1811, and brought up near Halifax; after their marriage they resided for some time in Dauphin County, and about 1840, removed to Perry County, where **Mr. Hebel** bought a farm of sixty-four acres in Buffalo Township. He did not, however, relinquish his former calling, but cultivated his farm in addition to it; he also made patterns for foundry work. He was ingenious as well as industrious, and seemed, at home in any kind of work. He was active in politics, voting and working with the Republican Party. The children of **Mr. and Mrs. George Hebel** are: **David**, was in Company B, Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves, and served from 1863 to the end of the war of the Rebellion, married **Miss Thompson**, and settled in Grand Rapids, Mich., where both died; **William**, died unmarried; **Alfred**, was also in the war, and a prisoner in Libby Prison and at Andersonville, married **Miss Buchanan**, and now resides in Arkansas; **James**, enlisted in the Union army, was captured, and taken to Libby Prison, has married and resides in Clearfield County, Pa.; **Annie (Mrs. Shoop)**, lives in Ohio; **Franklin S.**, is married and resides in Ohio; and seven children who died very young. **Mrs. George Hebel** died in 1877; **Mr. Hebel** died in Buffalo Township, in February, 1884. His life was one of activity and usefulness. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in his later years he took an active part in its work.

At the time of the removal of the family to Buffalo Township, **John C. Hebel** was two years old. He attended school in that township during the winter terms of three months. As soon as he was able to work, he was expected to give his help on the farm. At the age of eighteen, he learned stone-cutting with **Joseph Eberly**, at Millersburg, Pa., serving an apprenticeship of two years, and afterwards continuing for some time in **Mr. Eberly's** employ as journeyman. In 1861, he enlisted at Liverpool in Company B, Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves. The regiment being made up, was ordered to West Chester, Pa., and from that point in about two months to Washington, D. C., where it was encamped for a short time. They were next moved to winter quarters where they were engaged in drilling and doing guard duty. In the spring, they were ordered to Manassas Junction, where the rebels had erected fortifications. They took part in the battle at Mechanicsville, in which engagement Company B had a few men wounded. After this, they performed guard duty for a time at Alexandria, Va., and were then ordered to White House Landing, on the James River, and became a part of the Army of the Potomac, under General McClellan. They next marched to Dranesville, and fought through the first of the famous Seven

Days; the next day they fought at Malvern Hill, which was followed by Gaines Mill, June 27, 1862; Charles City Cross Roads, June 30; Malvern Hill, July 1; Bull Run, August 28, 29, 30; South Mountain, September 14; Antietam, September 16, 17; and Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. **Mr. Hebel** took part in eighteen battles, among them the great engagement at Gettysburg. He was discharged in Virginia, June 1, 1864, and came first to Philadelphia, and then to his home. He has ever since followed his early calling through the summer months.

John C. Hebel was married, February 28, 1865, to **Hannah Resinger**, a native of Buffalo Township. Their children are: **William Henry**, married **Miss Cauffman**, and resides in Buffalo Township; **Milton R.**, married **Miss Buchanan**, resides in Liverpool Township; **John V.**, married **Flora Grubb**, lives in Howe Township; **Ida May**; and **Charles R.** **Mrs. Hebel** died in August, 1895, aged about forty two years. **Mr. Hebel** is a deacon in the Lutheran Church. In politics he is independent.

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