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William M. Henderson, Jr., a well known citizen of Carlisle, a civil engineer by profession, is a native of that borough and was born January 21, 1864, the son of **James Wilson** and **Jane Byers (Alexander) Henderson**. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry on both his paternal and maternal side. His paternal grandfather, after whom he was named, was a native of Perry County, but in early life settled in Cumberland County and became actively engaged in milling and agricultural pursuits, and after a long and successful career died at the homestead "Oakland," near Carlisle, in 1886, aged 92 years.

James Wilson Henderson, father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, before referred to, October 22, 1824, and died March 25, 1880. In early manhood he and **William Reed** engaged in the grain and commission business in Carlisle, besides which he gave considerable attention to his large farming interests. The mother of our subject was **Jane Byers Alexander**, daughter of **General Samuel Alexander**, who, during his life was a distinguished and prominent member of the Cumberland County Bar and Major General in the State volunteer service in the district. His wife, the maternal grandmother of our subject, was **Ann S.**, a sister of **Hon. James G. Blaine's** father, an aunt of that distinguished statesman.

Wm. M. Henderson, Jr., was educated at the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, graduating there in 1885. He has been for a number of years connected with the National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania. After serving seven years as a member the the "Gobin Guards," Co. G, 8th Regiment, N. G. P., he received his present commission. Battalion Adjutant of the same regiment.

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