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James B. Henry, McCoysville, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Beale Township, Juniata County, June 9, 1850, son of **Richard** and **Isabella (Creighton) Henry**. His paternal grandfather, **William Henry**, came from Ireland to Pennsylvania, and settled in Lancaster County. He afterwards removed with his family to Walker Township, Juniata County, where he remained a short time, and then bought 100 acres of land in Beale Township, where he farmed with much success. He improved the land, planted orchards and erected buildings. **Mr. Henry** was well known and esteemed. He was a Whig. He was married in Lancaster County, and had five children: **Mary (Mrs. Innis)**; **Elizabeth**; **William**; **Robert**; and **Richard**. **Mr. Henry** died in 1837 on the homestead, where his wife also died. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church. **Richard Henry**, father of **James B. Henry**, was widely known as a teacher of the subscription schools. He taught a number of years in Beale Township; he then took charge of the homestead farm, which he sold in 1877, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred December 11, 1895. In 1860, he bought a farm in Tuscarora Township, upon which his widow resides. **Mr. Henry** was a worthy citizen, and highly esteemed. He was a Republican. **Richard Henry** was married January 10, 1851, to **Isabella**, daughter of **Andrew Creighton**, who was born in Tuscarora Township in 1830. Their children are: **William**, of Beale Township; **Mary (Mrs. Isaac Barton)**, of Walker Township; **James B.**; **John**, of Tuscarora Township; **Maggie (Mrs. Hugh Stewart)**, of McCoysville; **Annie**; **Joseph**, of Spruce Hill; **Harvey**, a merchant of Honey Grove; **Stewart**; and **Alice**. **Mr. Henry** was a member of the United Presbyterian church of McCoysville.

After attending the schools of Tuscarora Township, **James B. Henry** became a student of the Tuscarora Academy at Academia, under Professor Patterson, and also spent two terms at Airy View Academy at Port Royal, under Professor Wilson. He then took a commercial course at the Williamsport Commercial College under Prof. F. M. Allen, and graduated in 1887. **Mr. Henry** taught school with much success for ten years in Beale, Spruce Hill and Tuscarora Townships. In 1888, he came to McCoysville and engaged in the general merchandise business, as successor to **John Laird**. He bought the store and enlarged and improved it, spending more than \$3,000 on the property. He has established a successful business, and is one of the most influential men of the town. **Mr. Henry** is also proprietor of a small farm in Tuscarora Township, and one tenant house in McCoysville. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and his position in the community is one of confidence and respect. He is a Republican; he was postmaster of McCoysville, appointed under the Harrison administration.

James B. Henry was married February 22, 1888, to **Florence T.**, daughter of **William Hoopes**. Their children are: **Mary**; **Maurice**; **Maude**, who died; and **Louis Roy**. **Mr. Henry** is a member of the United Presbyterian Church; he has served as a trustee for six years; he was a teacher in the Sabbath school, and holds the office of treasurer. **Mrs. Henry's** paternal grandparents, **William** and **Susan (Bonnan) Hoopes**, were residents first of Lancaster County, the grandfather of English, and the grandmother of German descent. They removed to Juniata County, and settled in Fermanagh Township where **Mr. Hoopes** worked at his trade, that of mason, until his death. Her maternal grandfather, **William Cooper**, was of English and Scotch

descent; her grandmother, **Abigail (Okeson) Cooper**, was a member of the **Okeson** family of Tuscarora Valley, and a cousin of **W. B. Okeson**, of Chicago. **William Hoopes**, her father, was born in Lancaster County in 1821. His early life was spent with his paternal grandfather near Wilmington, Delaware, where he attended school, and learned the trade of a blacksmith. He came to Mifflin County, and remained there working at his calling until 1852, when he removed to Port Royal, Juniata County. In 1862, he went to Patterson, where he was for two years an employee in the Pennsylvania Railroad shop. Returning to Juniata County he settled at Johnstown, Beale Township, where he remained until 1888; he then retired from active life, and took up his residence with his daughter at McCoysville. **Mr. Hoopes** is one of the oldest citizens of the township and is held in high regard by all who know him. He is a Republican, and has served as supervisor at Port Royal, and as overseer of the poor. He was married at Lewistown to **Mary J.**, daughter of **William and Abigail (Okeson) Cooper**. Their children are: **Frank**, a blacksmith and wagon maker of Fairview, Brown County, Kan.; **Florence T. (Mrs. J. B. Henry)**; **J. Okeson**, a partner with his brother, **Frank**, of Kansas; **W. Homer**, a physician at Newport, Perry County, Pa.; and **one** who died in infancy. **Mrs. Hoopes** died March 28, 1877. **Mr. Hoopes** and family are members of the Methodist Church.

Robert Henry, deceased, was born in Beale Township, Juniata County, son of **William Henry**, and brother of **Richard**. He attended the common schools and worked on the homestead farm. When a young man he settled in Indiana County, where he bought a tract of land which he farmed until his death in 1857. **Mr. Henry** was a good citizen, and had the respect of neighbors and friends. He was a Republican. He was married in Indiana County, and had these children: **Elizabeth**, who has been twenty years in the treasury department at Washington; **Harry**, a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Huntingdon County; **William**, a printer in the Public Printing Department at Washington; **Charles**, a student who died; and **Louisa**, of Washington, D. C. **Mr. Henry** was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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