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**Simon E. Hess**, the efficient yard conductor for the Pennsylvania railroad at Marysville, is a son of **Henry E.** and **Mary Jane (Eppler) Hess**. **Henry E. Hess** was born in 1841, has been a railroad man for many years and is now train master for the Pennsylvania railroad, stationed at Baltimore, Maryland. He is a Democrat in politics, has held several offices local in character and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He married **Mary Jane Eppler**, born in 1852 in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Simon G.** and **Catherine (Hebison) Eppler** and granddaughter of **John Eppler** and his wife, a **Miss Garver**. **John Eppler** was a farmer and land owner of Perry County, later moving to the town of Marysville where he lived retired until his death. He left issue, among whom were: **Simon G.** (see forward); **Herman; Reuben; Solomon; Aaron; Leah**, married **David Brightall; Susan**, married **Jacob Zang**. **Simon G. Eppler** was born December 31, 1831, on an island in the Susquehanna River, just below Harrisburg in Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, died in Marysville, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1899. He was a railroad engineer for many years at Marysville, but in later life opened a shoe store there. He was a Republican in politics and both he and his wife were members of the Church of God.

He married **Catherine Hebison**, born in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, November 22, 1830, died December 5, 1911; children: **Mary Jane**, born June 12, 1852, married **Henry E. Hess** (of previous mention); **Aaron H.**, born April 3, 1857, died aged eight years; **Sarah Ann**, born August 29, 1858, married **Philip Zimmerman**, a merchant of Highspire, Dauphin County; **Catherine**, born January 29, 1860, never married. Children of **Henry E.** and **Mary Jane Hess**: **Catherine**, residing at home; **Simon E.**, of whom further; **Lily**, married **James Sibbits** and resides in Baltimore; **Anna**, resides in Baltimore; **Mary**, married **Lindsay Pettit** and resides in Washington, D. C.; **George**, now an electrical engineer in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

(II) **Simon E.**, eldest son of **Henry E.** and **Mary Jane (Eppler) Hess**, was born in Marysville, Perry County, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1875. He was educated in the public schools and at the age of eighteen years entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad as clerk at the Marysville station. Later he entered the train service as brakeman, winning promotion to his present position of yard conductor at Marysville. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the Patriotic Order Sons of America; the Knights of Pythias and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

He married in 1897 **Cora**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Freed) Hipple**, he a farmer of Rye Township. **Mary Freed** was a daughter of **Joseph** and **Sarah Freed**, natives of York County, Pennsylvania, later resided on their farm in Perry County. Children of **John** and **Mary (Freed) Hipple**: **Arbie E.**, married **Delia Colyer** (?); **Sarah**, married **James White**; **Nettie**, unmarried; **Walter**, unmarried; **Richard**, married **Anna Bell Eppler**; **Cora**, married **Simon E. Hess**, of previous mention; children: **Miriam**, born April 30, 1899; **Theodore**, February 4, 1909.

