



John C. Hetrick

John C. Hetrick, farmer, contractor and builder. East Newport, Pa., son of **John** and **Elizabeth (Wagner) Hetrick**, was born in Miller Township, Perry County, Pa., August 23, 1828. His grandfather, **Nicholas Hetrick**, was born in Germany, and with his wife and children emigrated to America, settling at an early day in Greenwood Township, Perry County, Pa., where he died. **John Hetrick**, father of **John C.**, was born in Greenwood Township, Perry County, in 1803. He became a farmer, and after his marriage to **Elizabeth Wagner**, removed to Miller Township, where he rented a farm and cultivated it until his death in 1828. His widow married **David M. Derickson**, by whom she had three children: **Mary (Mrs. Jacob Troutman)**, of Newport, Pa.; **Henry B.**, farmer, Greenwood Township, Perry County; and **William W.**, baggage master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Harrisburg, Pa. **John C. Hetrick** was her only child by her first husband. She died in 1868, in Greenwood Township, where **Mr. Derickson** also died. In his early infancy, **John C. Hetrick** had the misfortune to lose his father.

His education was obtained in the common schools and at White Hall Academy in Cumberland County, Pa. At the age of seventeen years, he began a three years' apprenticeship at carpentry; at the end of that term, he went west and worked at his trade as a journeyman in Columbus, O., and Springfield, Ill. On his return from the west, after spending a short time at home, he found employment at his trade in Philadelphia, Pa., and in New Jersey and Tennessee. In 1866, he came to Newport where he has ever since been engaged in contracting and building. The excellence of his work is attested by the numerous substantial and elegant structures he has built, among which may be named the edifices of the Episcopal, the Presbyterian and the Reformed Churches in Newport, the court house in Juniata County, the Methodist Church at Duncannon, Pa., and the beautiful Mann residence at Lewistown, Pa. In 1884, he bought the Leiby farm of sixty acres, in East Newport.

In his marriage, which occurred in 1864, he was united to **Elizabeth M.**, daughter of **William Howe**, and to this union there is no issue. **Mrs. Hetrick** died in 1890, and her death was universally mourned. She was a worthy member of the Methodist Church, and adorned her profession by a life of active benevolence and devoted piety. She had a wide acquaintance and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her remains are interred in the cemetery at Newport. The Methodist Episcopal Church roll bears the name of **Mr. Hetrick**. He is a staunch Prohibitionist, but was formerly a Republican.