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John W. Hoffman, a prominent citizen of Wellsville, York County, who conducts a blacksmith shop, was born July 18, 1867, in Adams County, son of **Michael** and **Sarah (Brougher) Hoffman**.

Michael Hoffman is a native of Pennsylvania, being born on the line between York and Adams Counties, and was educated in the public schools. He engaged in agricultural pursuits early in life and followed this occupation until his retirement from active life several years ago, and he now lives in Warrington Township. He was the owner of a fine farm, which he sold in 1884. He and his wife **Sarah** were the parents of the following children: **Sarah A.**, **John W.**, **Michael L.** and **Willis F.** **Mr.** and **Mrs. Hoffman** were members of the United Brethren Church, in which faith she died in 1897, aged fifty-seven years. In politics **Mr. Hoffman** is a Republican. He had been previously married to **Sarah Gardner**, by whom he had two children, **Isaac** and **Mary**. **Mrs. Hoffman** had also been previously married to **Henry Rensill**, by whom she became the mother of one child, **Henrietta**.

John W. Hoffman received his education in the common schools of York County, and after completing his schooling, being sixteen years of age, learned the blacksmith's trade under F. F. Weigert, with whom he remained two years and seven months. He then opened a shop in Perry County, where he remained five years, selling out at the end of that time and removing to Rockville, where he engaged on iron bridge work for Drake & Stratton, remaining with that concern for two years. He then opened a shop at Emig's Mill, and in 1902 located in Wellsville, and built his present residence and shop, where he has been successfully engaged ever since. **Mr. Hoffman** has been very successful in a business way and has worked his way to the front among the business men, solely through his own untiring efforts.

Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with **Miss Arra M. Speck**, daughter of **Henry Speck**. In religion this couple are liberal. In politics **Mr. Hoffman** is a Republican, and has always taken an active interest in the success of his party. He is well regarded in Wellsville.

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