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W. H. J. Holman, D. D. S., Patterson, Juniata County, Pa., was born at Mexico, Walker Township, Juniata County, Pa., January 13, 1858, and is a son of **David** and **Barbara (Knisely) Holman**. **Conrad Holman**, his grandfather, resided in Spring Township, Perry County, Pa., and was married three times, his third wife being the mother of **David**, father of **Dr. Holman**. **John Holman**, a son by the first wife, came to Walker Township, Juniata County, Pa., about 1845, and engaged in farming. **David Holman** was born in Perry County, Pa., September 5, 1831, and came to Juniata County about 1851. He learned the trade of moulder. Later he was a dispatcher on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Mifflintown, and then for fifteen years was an engineer on the Middle Division of the same road. He was a Democrat, served as president of the borough council of Mifflintown, and was a member of the Masonic fraternity. His death occurred June 22, 1895. Both **Mr. Holman** and his **wife** were members of the Lutheran Church. He was married July 5, 1853, to **Barbara**, daughter of **Samuel Knisely**, and she survives him, with two children: **Dr. Holman**; and **Clara**.

Dr. W. H. J. Holman was educated in the schools of Patterson, became a bookkeeper and cashier in a mercantile business, and remained there until he was twenty-four years of age. He studied dentistry with Dr. G. L. Derr, of Mifflintown, Pa., and graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College in 1886, since which time he has been in successful practice at Patterson. **Dr. Holman** is a stockholder in the Lancaster Traction Company, and has been treasurer of the Fermanagh Building and Loan Association for some years. In the Odd Fellows' fraternity he is prominent and active, being a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 911, which he organized in December, 1890, and of Juniata Valley Encampment, No. 305. He is the present District Deputy Grand Patriarch of the order, and vice-president of the Odd Fellows' Orphans Home, of central Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Cocolamus Lodge, No. 397, K. P. **Dr. Holman** is a Republican. **Dr. Holman** was married in February, 1890, to **Kate K.**, daughter of **Michael** and **Amanda Hawk**, of Patterson, Pa.; have one child, **Clara Amanda**. **Dr. Holman** is a member of the Lutheran Church at Mifflintown, and has long been president of its board of trustees.

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