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**George Holtz**, deceased, formerly of Blain, Perry County, Pa., was born on his father's farm in Toboyne Township, January 1, 1829, son of **John** and **Mary (Gutshall) Holtz**. His grandfather, **Frederick Holtz**, a native of Germany, settled in the provinces of Pennsylvania sometime in the last century. Among his sons and daughters were: **John**, father of **George Holtz**; **Jacob**, married and went to Ohio, where his descendants are now living; **Frederick**, married and removed to Adams County, Pa., had children, some of whom are now residing on the old homestead; **Margaret (Mrs. Border)**, of the vicinity of East Berlin, Pa.; **Mary (Mrs. Snyder)**, lives near New Chester, Pa.; **Mrs. Henry Chronister**, of Bermudian, Pa. The eldest of the family, **John Holtz**, attended the public schools of Adams County, and while still a young man, began farming in Toboyne Township, Perry County. Sometime later, he purchased and improved land in Jackson Township, which he cultivated very successfully. He was regarded as a skillful and substantial farmer and a worthy citizen. By his marriage with **Miss Gutshall**, he had three children: **Susanna (Mrs. Samuel Crider)**, has children, **Mary E. (Mrs. George Hollenbaugh)**, **Lydia Melinda (Mrs. John A. Snyder)**, and **John**, married **Laura Baker**; **David**, who died at the age of twenty-five; and **George**. The father, **John Holtz**, was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Having been educated in the common schools of Toboyne Township, **George Holtz** continued to reside with his father until he was thirteen years old, when he began farming on the place which is now the home of his family. He was prosperous in his undertaking, and by reason of his well-merited success and his excellent character, was much respected in the community. **George Holtz** was married, December 16, 1856, to **Mary A.**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Sarah A. (Smith) Ebert**. Their children are: **William Alexander**, died when four years old; a son who died in early infancy; **Susan E.**; **Sarah P. (Mrs. William H. Trostle)**, of Madison Township; **Annie A.**, now instructor in a school in Madison Township; **Mary E.**, teaching in Toboyne Township; **Daisy A.**; and **Emma McC. Mr. Holtz** died April 28, 1890. A good husband and father, a consistent Christian, and faithful to the obligations of a citizen, a neighbor and a business man, his loss was universally regretted.

**Mrs. George Holtz** is a great-great-great granddaughter of **Jacob Ebert**, who was born in Württemberg, Germany, in 1676. He married **Miss Urenkel**, and emigrated to America, landing here December 12, 1713. They took up their residence near the old English settlement of Jamestown, Va., and there brought up their little family of two sons, **John** and **William**, and one daughter. **William** went to Pennsylvania, and settled in what is now Northumberland County; here he married **Catherine Kretzinger**, the only remaining member of a family who had fallen victims to an Indian massacre; they had five sons and three daughters. Their youngest son, **Joseph**, was married in 1767 to **Catherine Smith**, of Northumberland County; they had four daughters and three sons: **Lawrence**; **Adam**; and **Conrad**. **Lawrence Ebert** went in 1793, to Berks County, Pa., where he married **Catherine Keck**; in 1810, they removed to Landisburg, Pa. They had eight daughters; their sons were: **Daniel**; **Peter**; **John**; **Henry**; **Samuel**; and **William**. **Samuel** married and resided in Juniata County, Pa., where he died about 1863. **William** married **Nancy Waggoner**; he died at Martha Furnace, Centre County, Pa.

**Daniel Ebert** went to Loysville, Perry County. He married **Elizabeth Smith**, a native of Germany, in 1832; they had one son and one daughter; the latter died when eighteen months old, and the mother died when she had been married only four years. The son, **John Ebert**, who was born March 21, 1833, went west, and settled at Indianapolis, Ind., May 1, 1854. There he worked at carpentry until 1876. From 1864 to 1867, he was partner with **W. A. Bristor** in the Carmel shoe store, which is still carried on. In 1863, he entered into partnership with **W. B. Owens** in the lumber business. This connection was dissolved January 6, 1880, and **Mr. Ebert** went to Mineral City, Md., where he became a member of the firm of **Jones & Benner**, also lumber merchants; the two original partners withdrawing at different times, **Mr. Ebert** was left sole proprietor of the business, after which, May 5, 1884, he removed to Portland, Ind., transferring his lumber interest to that place.

**John Ebert** was married, August 28, 1850, to **Mary Clark**, a native of Ireland; besides one daughter, they had four sons, as follows: **William H.**, born September 11, 1857; **John J.**, born May 23, 1861; **Charles D.**, born March 7, 1863; and **George W.**, born November 8, 1866. **William** became a clerk, and married **Louise E. Sherman**, of Greenville, Ill., November 21, 1863.

The second marriage of **Daniel Ebert** was with **Sarah A. Smith**, a sister of his first wife. Their children are: **Mary A. (Mrs. George Holtz)**; **Sarah Elizabeth (Mrs. Abraham Hostetter)**; **Samuel**; **George A.**; and **William D.** **Samuel** was married in December, 1879, to **Augusta McCarthy**, and has one son, **Charles A.**, and one daughter; **George A.**, married **Miss Hostetter**, has one son, **Elwyn A.**, and three daughters; **William D.**, also married a **Miss Hostetter**, and has one daughter and one son, **Samuel**.

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