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**William H. Hopple**, furniture dealer and undertaker, Newport, Perry County, Pa., is a son of **Jacob** and **Jane (Horting) Hopple**, and was born at Newport, April 29, 1842. **Jacob Hopple** was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and removed first to Dauphin County and later to Perry County. At Newport, Pa., he learned cabinet-making with **Mr. Sowders**. This occupation he followed through life, conducting the business in a shop of his own at Newport, until his death, March 26, 1890. His first wife was **Jane Horting**, by whom his children are: **William H.**; **Almira (Mrs. George Rider)**, of New Buffalo, Pa.; **Amos B.**, married **Ada**, daughter of **Jackson Rhodes**, and resides at Newport, Pa.; **Nancy (Mrs. David Shade)**, deceased; **Charles W.**, married **Hannah McComb**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and **James**, who died young. **Mr. Hopple's** second wife was a widow, **Mrs. Monroe**; they had two children: **Frank** and **Wilson**, both of whom died young.

**William H. Hopple** attended the public schools, and when fourteen years of age, worked during the summer months in the brick-yard. His father took him into the shop and taught him cabinet-making. This has been his chief occupation. In 1862, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty third Pennsylvania Volunteers, for nine months, and was mustered into the service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa. The regiment was equipped and sent to the front, becoming a part of the Army of the Potomac. After having been drilled along the Appomattox for a short time, it took part in the engagements at Fredericksburg, Antietam and Chancellorsville, and was drawn up in line of battle at South Mountain, but was not sent into the fight. At the end of the term of enlistment, the regiment was ordered to Harrisburg and mustered out of service. While at Camp Curtin, **Mr. Hopple** was prostrated by a severe attack of camp fever, and was carried home on a stretcher, and compelled to lie in bed several weeks. After convalescence he worked as bowman on the canal boat for three months, at the end of which time he re-enlisted in the Seventh Ward of Philadelphia, joining the Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry. For the first nine months, he was on detached duty at Philadelphia. Then the war closed, and after his discharge he returned home and worked with his father until 1888, when he succeeded to the business, and has since conducted it alone. He is also interested in the Building and Loan Company, with branch offices at Baltimore and New York. By tradition and by preference he is a Republican, and has served as councilman for three years. He was largely instrumental in getting the water works for the town. In fraternal societies, he is prominent and active, being a member of the I. O. O. F., of Newport; of the Junior Order U. A. M., and of the Lieut. Arnold Lobaugh Post, No. 297, G. A. R., at viewpoint. Soon after his return from the army, **Mr. Hopple** was married to **Miss Mary Jane Frank**, daughter of **Jacob Frank**. Their children are: **Clara (Mrs. John Musser)**, of Newport, Pa.; **Amanda**, at home; and two, **Frank** and **Annie**, who are deceased.

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