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(Biseline = Bistline)

Joseph Howanstine, Marklesville, Juniata Township, Perry County, Pa., was born in Franklin County, Pa., February 14, 1826, son of **George** and **Elizabeth (Wilson) Howanstine**. His grandparents were of German birth, who came to America in early life. **Mr. Howanstine** was a native of Franklin County, and a cabinetmaker; he married **Elizabeth Wilson**. They had ten children, one only survives, **Joseph**. Those deceased are: **Nancy; Samuel; Leah; John; Jackson; William; George**; and **two** infants. **Mr. Howanstine** died January 4, 1865, aged eighty years. His wife also is deceased.

When **Joseph Howanstine** was a boy the family removed to Perry County, where he attended a subscription school. Until he was twenty-one, he assisted his father on the farm, and then began farming on his own account. He has served the township for a number of years as supervisor and school director. **Joseph Howanstine** was first married January 31, 1856, to **Catherine**, daughter of **John** and **Margaret (Keiser) Biseline**, who died in May, 1884, aged fifty-five, leaving these children: **Margaret (Mrs. Joseph Van Camp)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **John; David; Wilson; Mary (Mrs. Dr. Manning)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Edward; Celesta**, died in February, 1861, aged four years; **William**, died February 11, 1869, aged ten years, six months and four days; and **Frank S.**, died July 18, 1872, aged fourteen. **Mr. Howanstine** was afterwards married, November 11, 1886, to **Mary**, daughter of **George** and **Barbara (Deitz) Camp**. **Mr. Howanstine** is a member of the Lutheran Church, and for a number of years was a deacon.

The parents of **Catherine (Biseline) Howanstine** were natives of Perry County, whose ancestors of German birth, settled in Juniata Township. Their children were: **Elizabeth; Susan; Jonas; Margaret; Catherine (Mrs. Joseph Howanstine); Peter; John; David; Samuel; Isaac**. **Mr. Biseline** filled the office of supervisor, and was a deacon in the Lutheran Church.

George Camp and his wife, the parents of **Mary (Camp) Howanstine**, were natives of Darmstadt, Germany, who came to Pennsylvania about the year 1832, and settled near Carlisle. **Mrs. Howanstine's** grandfather, **George Camp, Sr.**, also emigrated to America, and became a resident of Perry County, where he followed the handicraft he had learned in Germany, carpentry, and was also engaged in general merchandise. Her father removed to the State of Indiana, and there died; his wife died in 1866, aged fifty-one. Their surviving children are: **Mary (Mrs. Joseph Howanstine); George; Elizabeth (Mrs. William Jones); and Louisa; Sarah, John** and **two** infants died. **Mr. Camp** was a member of the German Reformed Church, and his wife was a member of the Lutheran Church. **Mrs. Howanstine's** maternal grandfather, **Henry Deitz**, was of German birth; he had two children: **Henry** and **Catherine**.

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