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Philip Jacobs, Roseburg, Perry County, Pa., son of **Samuel** and **Catherine (Reisinger) Jacobs**, was born May 30, 1825, in Saville Township, Perry County. His grandfather, **Peter Jacobs**, a veteran of the Revolution, came with his wife **Elizabeth** from Chester County, Pa., to Perry County, where they settled in Saville Township, and there passed their remaining days. One of their sons, **John Jacobs**, fought for the honor of his country in the war of 1812. **Samuel Jacobs**, born in Saville Township, farmed there during his entire life. He died in that township many years ago, his wife, **Catherine**, surviving him for several years. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Their children are: **Peter**, died in Illinois; **Philip**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Bitner)**, of Illinois; **Sarah**, widow of **David Dougherty**, of Lycoming County, Pa.; **Jane (Mrs. David Robinson)**, of Saville Township; **William**, farmer, of Saville Township; and several that died in early life.

After spending his boyhood on the farm, attending the schools of the vicinity, and aiding in the work of the homestead, **Philip Jacobs**, at the age of twenty, began an apprenticeship of two years with **George Weaver**, of the same township, at carpentry and cabinetmaking. He worked at his trade for fifteen years, and then bought the farm of seventy acres which he now owns, and which he cultivated until 1896. Here he erected a dwelling house, of tasteful and comfortable style, and other convenient buildings, besides improving the soil. He managed the **Egolf** farm, at Bridgeport, Perry County, for four years. **Mr. Jacobs** has served as postmaster at Roseburg for three years, giving universal satisfaction. He is a Democrat of decided convictions; he has served several times as judge of elections, and also as school director.

Philip Jacobs was married, September 21, 1854, to **Rachel**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Utley) Wagner**ⁱ, of Saville Township. **Mr. Wagner** is deceased; but **Mrs. Wagner**, a venerable lady, far advanced in years, is still living. **Mrs. Jacobs**, who was born in Saville Township, December 23, 1832, died June 14, 1890. She was a devout Christian lady, a member of the Reformed Church; her death was widely and greatly regretted. She left the following children: **Samuel Allen**, born June 23, 1855, carpenter, in Ohio and Illinois; **George U.**, born in 1857, farmer, of Saville Township; **John William**, born November 5, 1859, died in 1863; **Cyrus P.**, born November 24, 1861, farmer, of Saville Township; **Charles D.**, born September 27, 1863, blacksmith, at Eshcol, Pa.; **Andrew Ernest**, born June 16, 1865, died young; **Jennie Belle**, born June 22, 1866, wife of **William Peck**, of Saville Township; **Ward Edward**, born December 2, 1868, is a nurse at the asylum in Harrisburg, Pa.; **Ada O. (Mrs. Cyrus Egolf)**, of Carlisle, Pa., born June 19, 1870; **Mary Ellen (Mrs. Martin Burd)**, of Byron, Ill., born August 19, 1871; and **Sarah Elizabeth**, born October 25, 1872, died October 28, 1872. **Mr. Jacobs** is an active and esteemed member of the Reformed Church; he served on the building committee of the congregation with which he is connected.

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ⁱ **Wagner** listed incorrectly. John and Mary (Utley) **Powell** are Rachel's parents. John Powell died and Mary (Utley) re-married Christopher Wagner