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Charles L. Johnson, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Watts Township, Perry County, Pa., May 18, 1868, son of **Jesse** and **Elizabeth (Schatto) Johnson**. His grandfather, **Jesse Johnson, Sr.**, was a native of the State of New York, and for many years a farmer. He married **Sarah Hummel**; their only child was **Jesse**, the father of **Sheriff Johnson**. The maternal grandparents, **Michael** and **Elizabeth (Leedy) Schatto**, were born in Perry County, where **Mr. Schatto** pursued the business of farming. One of their four children, **Mary**, is deceased; those surviving are: **Samuel**; **Michael**; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. Johnson)**. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. Schatto** were members of the United Brethren Church. **Mrs. Schatto** died March 28, 1856, and her husband in 1891, aged eighty-seven. Their daughter, **Mrs. Johnson**, is a native of Perry County. Her husband was born in New York; came to Perry County about 1850, became one of the industrious and substantial farmers of central Pennsylvania, and passed the rest of his life here. He was a public-spirited and useful citizen, and was called upon by his fellow-citizens to fill various township offices; he was tax collector, supervisor, inspector of elections, and served for several years on the school board. His children are: **Mary (Mrs. John A. Albright)**; **Laura J. (Mrs. A. M. Albright)**; **Jesse B.**; **Samuel W.**; **Emma E.**; **Charles L.**; **George H.**; and **Otto B.** He, as well as his wife, belonged to the United Brethren Church. **Mr. Johnson** died June 14, 1892, aged sixty seven years, ten months and seven days. **Mrs. Johnson**, who has almost reached the goodly age of three score and ten, enjoys good health, and resides with her son.

After a course of study in the common schools of Perry County, and at Bloomfield Academy, **Charles L. Johnson** taught for one winter term, and in 1878, he taught for one term in his native township, Watts. Again he became a student, this time at the State Normal School, Millersville, Lancaster County, Pa., and his course there being completed, was engaged with his father on the farm until 1892, when he went to Dauphin County. There he taught one entire term, and two months of a second term, after which he resigned his position, in order to assume charge of a school at New Buffalo, Perry County, which he taught for six months. About this time, his father dying, **Mr. Johnson** bought a farm near the former homestead, and turned his attention to farming, to keep the family together. To his agricultural labors he added the business of trading in live stock, and continued in these lines of work until 1895. In the fall of 1895, **Mr. Johnson** was elected sheriff of Perry County, in which office he is still faithfully and impartially serving. He is an active member of Duncannon Lodge, No. 51, Senior Order O. U. A. M., and in religion he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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