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**John W. Kauffman**, assistant yardmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Huntingdon, Pa., was born near New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., November 1, 1845. He is a son of **Daniel** and **Hannah (Shoemaker) Kauffman**. **Daniel Kauffman** was born March 13, 1812, in Schuylkill County, where he passed the first twenty years of his life. He then removed with his parents to Perry County about 1854 he took up his residence in Mifflin County, and subsequently removed to Huntingdon County, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife, **Hannah Shoemaker**, was born in Perry County, November 23, 1813. **Mr. Kauffman** learned the trade of shoemaking, but has passed the greater part of his life in farming. He died in June, 1871. This couple had twelve children; five of their family died in childhood, four reached maturity, and are now deceased, and three still survive: **Benjamin J.**, residing near Newport, Perry County, and **Daniel J.**, near Huntingdon, both farmers; also **John W.**

The boyhood of **John W. Kauffman** was passed under the paternal roof, first in Perry County, afterwards in Mifflin County, whither his parents removed when he was seven years old. In the schools of Bratton and of Wayne Townships, in the latter county, he received his education. His first work after finishing his school course was farming; but when nearly sixteen, on February 27, 1861, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the maintenance of way department, and continued in that service until August 4, 1864. On that date he enlisted in the Sixth Union League, One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, **Col. H. G. Sickles**. **Mr. Kauffman** participated in eight engagements with his regiment, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. To that regiment was assigned an important part in the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House, Va.; it was detailed to receive the arms from the Confederate infantry. **Mr. Kauffman** was mustered out at Arlington Heights, and finally discharged at Camp Cadwalader, Philadelphia, June 13, 1865, after eleven months of faithful service in defense of the Union. Ten days later he returned to his home in Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, and on July 1, of the same year, 1865, reentered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the construction department; after eighteen months in this department he was transferred to the maintenance of way department. On August 1, 1870, **Mr. Kauffman** was promoted to the position of floating gang foreman, and on April 1, 1871, to that of conductor of work train. This position he held until August 1, 1877, when he was appointed to his present place at Huntingdon, and given charge of the wrecking crew. **Mr. Kauffman** served the borough of Huntingdon efficiently for three years as councilman. He is a Democrat. He is an active member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, F. and A. M., and of Robert Simpson Post, No. 44, G. A. R.

**John W. Kauffman** was married at McVeytown, Mifflin County, Pa., March 21, 1867, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **John F. Cottrell**, of Shirley Township, Huntingdon County; she was born June 20, 1847. They have three children: **John F.**, born at Mapleton, Huntingdon County, June 11, 1869, residing in Altoona, Pa.; **L. Gertrude**, born at Mapleton, March 2, 1871, wife of **Rev. C. P. Tiffany**, a Methodist preacher in the Wyoming District, Susquehanna County, Pa.; and **Albert W.**, born in Huntingdon, July 27, 1873. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church.