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David C. Kell, J. P., Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., was born January 26, 1867, in Saville Township, Perry County, son of **Henry** and **Julia (Rice) Kell**. His great-grandfather, **Philip Kell**, came to this country from Germany, and settled in York County, Pa., where he passed the rest of his life. His son, **Henry Kell**, who was a farmer, removed from York to Perry County, and resided there permanently. He died at the age of eighty-two; his wife, **Esther Kell**, survived him for many years, and died aged ninety-three. Their children were: **Fanny**, deceased; **Mary (Mrs. Hartman)**, of Saville Township; **Sarah**, deceased; **Catherine**; **John**; **Jacob**; **Andrew**; **Jesse**; **Peter**; **Henry**; and **William**.

Henry Kell, Jr., was born November 17, 1822, in Saville Township, where he always resided. After his marriage, he bought the homestead on which he was born, but later sold the old mansion and part of the land. On the part which he retained, he erected a new dwelling and other buildings. **Henry Kell** was a strong Republican. He was of a kind and amiable disposition, and had many friends. As a faithful member of the Reformed Church, he took an active part in church work. He died in 1889. **Mrs. Kell** still resides on the farm. Their only child, **David C. Kell**, was educated in the common schools and at the academy of Bloomfield, Pa. His youth was passed on the farm, where during his vacations he assisted his father, sharing in the labors of the field and cheerfully rendering all the services within the powers of a boy. After his marriage, in 1887, he moved with his young wife into a property which his father purchased in Ickesburg, and in which he opened a store for the sale of confectionery, cigars and tobacco. In 1891, he sold out this business, and assumed the duties of postmaster, to which position he was appointed by President Harrison. He resigned the office during President Cleveland's administration, and was elected justice of the peace in the spring of 1895, for a term of five years. To the duties of this office he is still giving his undivided attention, serving faithfully and efficiently. He is a Republican, and labors conscientiously for the success of that party.

David C. Kell was married, June 2, 1887, to **Annie L.**, daughter of **Solomon E.** and **Catherine (Barnes) Bower**. They have had two children: one, **Arthur L.**, is deceased; the living child is **Harry A.** **Mr. Kell** is a member of the Reformed Church, and is active in its work. He is now sending the congregation as deacon for the second term, and is in his fourth year as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

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