

Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of The Juniata Valley, comprising the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, and Perry, Pennsylvania, 1897, Chambersburg, Pa., J. M. Runk and Company Publishers

**George W. Keller**, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, July 13, 1862, son of **Emanuel** and **Elizabeth (Bashinger) Keller**. His paternal grandfather was born in Germany; he lived to the remarkable age of ninety-nine year's. His maternal grandparents were natives of York County, and were engaged in fanning. **Emanuel Keller** was born in York County, where he farmed until 1856, when he removed to Rye Township, Perry County, where he now lives. He retired from the active business of agriculture a number of years ago. **Mr. Keller** has filled the office of supervisor in Rye Township for a long term. **Emanuel Keller** was married to **Elizabeth Bashinger**. They had eleven children. The surviving are: **B. F.**; **Henry**; **Mary (Mrs. William Gutshall)**; **Annie (Mrs. John Rhoades)**; **David**; **George W.**; **Samuel**; **John**; and **Amos**. **Mr. Keller** and his **wife** have reached the advanced age of eighty years. They are members of the Evangelical Church, in which **Mr. Keller** has been a class leader and a steward.

**George W. Keller**, after attending the public schools, entered the Seminary at New Berlin, where he was a student for six terms. He then taught school two terms in Wheatfield Township, and one year was spent in farming. In 1886, he removed to the old homestead, where he now resides. **Mr. Keller** still holds the office of assessor, to which he was elected in 1895.

**G. W. Keller** was married March 26, 1885, to **Harriet**, daughter of **Andrew** and **Rebecca (Keiner) Loy**. The surviving children are: **Benjamin F.**; and **Maggie E.** **Charles W.** died January 7, 1889, aged two years and ten days; one **child** died in infancy. **Mr. Keller** is a member of the United Brethren Church, holds the office of steward, and has served five years as superintendent of the Sabbath school. **Mrs. Keller's** paternal grandfather was a native of Perry County and a farmer. He married **Mrs. Shuman**. They had a family of eight children. Her maternal grandparents also were residents of Perry County. Her parents were born in Perry County; her father served as assessor of the township. He was first married to **Rebecca Keiner**, who died, leaving five children; **Lewis**; **Addie (Mrs. Harry Wallace)**; **Harriet (Mrs. George W. Keller)**; **Alice**; and **Ida (Mrs. B. S. Smiley)**. He afterwards married **Margaret Lackey**. They had one son, **Elmer**. **Mr. Loy** died February, 1895, aged sixty-two years; his **wife** died in 1895, at the age of sixty. **Mr. Loy** was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church; he served in all the offices. **Mrs. Loy** was a member of the Lutheran Church.

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