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**William Kipp**, justice of the peace, Millerstown, Perry County, Pa. **Peter Kipp**, his grandfather was of Holland descent, and was born in the State of New York. The records of the war department show that he enlisted January 1, 1777, in the Continental army, and served as sergeant in the Sixth Company, Captain Fleming's Company, Second New York Artillery, that he first held the rank of corporal, and that his name is on the rolls until June 10, 1783. His brother **Jacob** enlisted in the same regiment at the same date. They were with the army at Valley Forge, and **Jacob** was killed in the battle of the Brandywine. At the close of the war, **Peter** came to Bucks Valley, Perry County, Pa., and married **Miss Margaret Finton**, of that valley. He was a tailor, and in accordance with the custom of that time, plied his vocation as a journeyman from house to house, carrying his "goose" and other implements with him. Later, he settled in Greenwood Township, where he died about 1827. His wife **Margaret** survived him, and died in Delaware Township, Juniata County, in 1840, having been a pensioner as the widow of a Revolutionary soldier. **Mr. Kipp** was not a member of any church. His children are: **Peter**, a farmer, settled in Perry County, removed later to Juniata County, where he died; **Isaac**, a miller, settled in Mifflin County, Pa., and died in Juniata County; **William**, wagon-maker, settled and died at Millerstown, Pa.; **Jacob**; **John**, wagon-maker, settled in Centre County, Pa., and later at Newport, Pa., where he died; and **Margaret**, married **Mr. Parsons** and settled in Bucks Valley, where both died.

**Jacob Kipp**, father of **William Kipp**, was inborn in Bucks Valley, Perry County, Pa., February 6, 1806. He was educated in subscription schools and ranked well in scholarship, considering the slightness of the advantages he enjoyed. For two terms he was engaged in teaching, but afterwards turned his attention to mechanical pursuits, learning wagon-making with **John Shull** at Millerstown, Pa. After marriage, he removed to Milroy, Mifflin County, Pa., where he followed his trade for twelve years, and was for the ensuing three years engaged in farming. In 1851, he removed to Greenwood Township, where he cultivated a farm for ten years, and then for five years farmed in Tuscarora Township. In 1866 he returned to Greenwood Township and bought the **Daniel Kauffman** farm, near Wardville Post-office, on which his father died, and which he occupied until his own death, which occurred March 10, 1896, at the age of ninety years, his wife having died some years previous. **Mr. Kipp** was a Presbyterian, and was an elder in that church for many years. He served in several township offices. He was of commanding appearance, being six feet in height, well proportioned, and weighing 200 rounds. He was intelligent and progressive, and wielded much influence in the community. His children are: **Margaret**, died young at Milroy, Pa.; **William**; **Mary E.**, married **Samuel Beaver**, a cousin of **Governor Beaver**, resides in Liverpool Township, Perry County, Pa.; **J. Calvin**, of Millerstown, Pa.; **James M.**, farmer on the old homestead; **Sarah Jane (Mrs. J. Coler Peck)**, of Snyder County, Pa.; and **J. Harmon**, farmer, of Greenwood Township.

**William Kipp** was born at Milroy, Mifflin County, Pa., August 12, 1836, where he attended the common schools and the academy of which **Rev. James Nourse** was the principal. He also continued his studies in the night schools at Millerstown, after the family removed to that place. His love of books and of study was always strong, and he diligently improved every opportunity

for acquiring information. He remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, and in October, 1862, enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, with the rank of corporal. The regiment was ordered to Norfolk, Va., and was in camp there some time. It was on the way to Gettysburg when the battle ended, and was a part of the force which followed General Lee in his retreat from that great struggle. **Mr. Kipp** was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., August 17, 1863. Immediately upon his return he rented a farm at Millerstown, and was engaged in cultivating it for a year, when the ore business revived, and he took contracts for hauling and loading ore on boats and cars, and followed this business until 1885.

On February 21, 1867, he married **Miss S. Eva Hirsh**, of Millerstown, who died July 6, 1879. Their children are: **Sarah A.** and **Mary B.**, both at home; **Edith May** and **Walter**, both died young; **Jessie**, attending the normal school at Shippensburg, Pa.; and **Lois**, at home. He married secondly, September 30, 1885, **Elizabeth Y. Clemens**, of Chester Valley, Chester County, Pa., who died June 24, 1896, without issue.

In 1878 **Mr. Kipp** was made justice of the peace, and has continued in the office since that time. His attention is given in part to insurance and real estate, buying, selling and settling estates he is also the agent of the Reading Iron Company. In 1871, he bought his present home, which he has since remodeled and made a beautiful residence. **Mr. Kipp** is a staunch Republican; has held all borough offices, and has been clerk of council for the past fourteen years. Since he was eighteen years of age he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for thirty-five years, has held the office of elder; he has always cherished the deepest interest in the Sunday-school. He is a member of Lieutenant Arnold Post, G. A. R., Newport, and has filled the office of senior vice commander of this Post. **Mr. Kipp** is of fine personal appearance, large build, six feet tall, with iron gray beard. He is of genial manner, and kindly disposition, and is popular and highly esteemed.

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