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Henry Kitner, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Carroll Township. Perry County, May 4, 1832. He is a son of **John** and **Sarah Rebecca (Rigleman) Kitner**. His paternal grandfather, **Jacob Kitner**, farmer, was a native of Germany.

Mr. Kitner's maternal grandparents were natives of Perry County and spent their lives on the farm. His parents were born in Perry County. His father, **John Kitner**, was a blacksmith and farmer. The children of **John** and **Sarah Rebecca (Rigleman) Kitner** are: **Peter; Sarah (Mrs. George McCullough); Henry; John; Elizabeth; Jacob; George; William; Samuel; Mary; Isaiah; Abraham;** and **David**, who was killed fighting in defense of his country. Only the first three survive. **Mr. John Kitner** and his wife were members of the Reformed church. He died aged forty-four; his wife died in 1866, aged seventy-seven years, two months and twenty-two days.

Henry Kitner grew up on his father's farm, working with his father in the summer and attending the district school in winter. When he was twelve years old his father died, but his mother retained the farm and **Henry** remained at home working for her until he was twenty. In 1852, he went to the west and spent three years in Illinois, working as a farm laborer. He returned to his home in Perry County, and enlisted, in February, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served for three years, and took part in twenty-five battles, some of them the most severe of the war. In the Seven Days' battle before Richmond, he was shot through the neck, and was taken prisoner, July 20, 1864, at Plymouth, N. C. and for eleven months and twelve days endured all the horrors of Andersonville. After his return from the army, he bought the farm on which he now resides, and turned his attention to the cultivation of the soil. **Mr. Kitner** has identified himself with the Republican Party, and is a member of Sergeant John Jones Post, No. 448, G. A. R., New Bloomfield, Pa.

Henry Kitner was married, February 22, 1865, to **Ann**, daughter of **William** and **Sarah M. (Losh) Petrie**. They have ten children: **Mary (Mrs. Jesse Cooper)** ; **Frederick B.**; **David** and **William**, residing in Iowa; **Rosa (Mrs. Henry Foose)**; **George**, resides in Ohio; **Samuel**; **Jesse**; **Lizzie J.**, died January 23, 1868, aged three months; and **Sarah R.**, died August 29, 1862. **Mrs. Kitner's** father, **William Petrie**, shoemaker and farmer, was born in Dauphin County. Pa. He was married April 27, 1829, to **Sarah**, daughter of **Andrew** and **Mary (Hain) Losh**, who was a native of Perry County. Their children are: **Lucetta (Mrs. Philip Omholtz)**; **Lavinia**, widow of **Frederick Smith**; **Ruth (Mrs. Franklin Hartz)**; **Ann Eliza (Mrs. Henry Kitner)**; **Jemima (Mrs. Houser Koon)**; **Catharine**, died May 9, 1831; **Margaret**, deceased; **Nancy**, died in 1861; **Peter**, died October 5, 1869; and **Maria**, deceased. **Mr. William Petrie** and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died April 22, 1885, aged seventy-eight years; his wife, August 8, 1884, aged seventy-seven years.

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