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**Joshua Kitner**, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born on the old homestead in Carroll Township. Perry County, November 22, 1848. He is a son of **George** and **Mary M. (Wox) Kitner**. His paternal grandfather, **John Kitner**, a native of Cumberland County, removed to Perry County while a young man and settled in Tyrone Township. For some time he found employment as a blacksmith, but he afterwards turned his attention to farming. He married **Rebecca** Spriggleman. They had thirteen children, all of whom lived to be men and women. Three are still living: **Sarah (Mrs. McCullough)**; **Peter**; and **Henry**. **Mr. Kitner** lived to middle and **Mrs. John Kitner** to old age. They were members of the German Reformed Church. His maternal grandparents, **Philip** and **Mary M. Wox**, were of German descent. His grandfather was a native of Cumberland County, and spent his life in the cultivation of the soil. They have eight children: **John**; **Christine (Mrs. Thomas Huston)**; **Catherine (Mrs. John Snoke)**; **Peter**; **Hannah (Mrs. Simon Miller)**; **Mary M.**; **Anthony**; and one who died in youth. All are dead except **John**. **Mr. Wox** and his **wife** were members of the United Brethren church. **Mr. Kitner's** parents were natives of Perry County. His father, **George Kitner**, was a blacksmith, but also owned and cultivated the farm on which he resided. He was interested in the affairs of the township, and was for one term a school director. He was married to **Mary M.**, daughter of **Philip** and **Mary M. Wox**. Their children are: **Caleb**, deceased; **Fianna (Mrs. John P. Stoufer)**; **Joshua**; **Enos**, deceased; **Simeon**; **Wilhelmina J.**, deceased; and **Othniel**. **Mr. George Kitner** was a member of the Church of God, in which he was an elder; his wife belongs to the United Brethren in Christ.

**Joshua Kitner** received his education in the district schools of his native township. He remained at home working with his father on the farm. He attended school during the winter months until he was nineteen and afterwards taught for several terms in Centre and Carroll Townships. When he was eighteen his father died; the family, however, remained on the farm until 1883, when the estate was settled. **Mr. Joshua Kitner** was one of his father's executors and received the old homestead as his share of the estate. He has identified himself with the Republican Party, is actively interested in local politics, and has held the offices of auditor and assessor. He was elected school director in 1892. **Mr. Kitner** is an active member and a deacon of the Church of God. He is also a worker in the Sunday school.

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