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Othniel Kitner, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., son of the late **George** and **Mary Ann (Wox) Kitner**, was born in Carroll Township, Perry County, June 5, 1858. His grandparents, **John** and **Sarah E. (Rigleman) Kitner**, spoken of more at length in the sketch of their son, **Henry Kitner**, of Carroll Township, had eleven children, three of whom are living: **Peter**; **Sarah (Mrs. George McCullough)**; and **Henry**. Those deceased are: **John**, who served in the regular army, and was drowned while out boating on the river; **Jacob**; **George**; **William**; **David**; **Samuel**; **Abraham**, who was in the army. **William** and **David** both served in the war of the Rebellion, in which the latter was killed. **Mr. Kitner's** parents receive fuller notice in the sketch of **Joshua Kitner**, on another page.

Othniel Kitner was educated in the public schools of his native township, was brought up to farming, and continued to assist his father in cultivating his fields until the latter died. After that, the children remained together on the farm until the estate was settled up. In 1883; then **Joshua**, one of the brothers, came into possession of the homestead as his share of the patrimony. **Othniel Kitner** remained until 1888, when he bought and took possession of the farm of 350 acres in Centre Township, lately owned by Dr. Strickler, to which he has since made additions by purchase. This farm he has kept rented to good tenants, devoting time to overseeing its improvements. He enjoys the free and leisurely life of a bachelor, doing just as much work as suits his pleasure and convenience. **Mr. Kitner** is a staunch Republican.

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