

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

Samuel M. Kitner, one of the most highly respected residents of Middlesex Township, Cumberland County, was born Jan. 6, 1856, in Carroll Township, near Bloomfield, Perry County, and received an excellent education in the district schools of his neighborhood. At the age of eighteen years he came to Cumberland County, and eventually located near the Carlisle Sulphur Spring, where he is now living. He farmed successfully for a number of years. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has served as supervisor a number of times, filling that office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. When the United States appointed the rural delivery carriers he was one of the first seven chosen, his route being No. 2.

In the winter of 1879 **Mr. Kitner** married **Elizabeth Ellen Kutz**, who was born Aug. 1, 1859, a daughter of **Joseph** and **Elizabeth (Keihl) Kutz**. She was born in Cumberland County, and is a devout member of the Lutheran Church, **Mr. Kitner** also clinging to that faith. Three children were born to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Kitner**: **Sarah Elizabeth**, born Sept. 29, 1880, married **John H. Snyder**, and they have two children, **Blanch Cecilia** and **Edith May**; **Minnie Jane**, born Aug. 24, 1882, died June 9, 1884; **Charles Irwin**, born June 11, 1886, married **Emma Jane Garman**.

On June 16, 1894, **Mr. Kitner** and his son had a most remarkable experience. They were just getting up and partially dressed when the house was struck by lightning, and some of the curtains in the sitting room were burned; the cloth on a table holding the Bible was also burned. **Mr. Kitner** and his son **Charles** were not injured, and the rest of the family were fortunately away.

Abraham Kitner, father of **Samuel M.**, was born in 1830 in Perry County, near Bloomfield. He was a soldier in the Civil war, and was mustered out with a clean, honorable record. After the war was over he returned to Perry County, and died in 1896. He married **Sarah Smith**, who was born in the same place May 25, 1836, and both were members of the Bethel Church.

Mrs. Kitner died in 1892. The family born of this marriage was as follows: **Charles Edward**, born Jan. 5, 1857, died April 21, 1858; **Sarah Frances**, born Jan. 14, 1859, died June 9, 1862; **John Wesley**, born April 2, 1860, died June 2, 1861; **Abraham Lincoln**, born April 14, 1861, died Oct. 14, 1863; **Isaac Filmore**, born Sept. 15, 1862, died Nov. 1, 1900; **George Washington** was born April 6, 1864; **Amanda Jane**, born April 6, 1865, married **William Wickard**, and they have five children, **Maud**, **Anna**, **John**, **Charles** and **Erma**; **Anna Catherine**, born March 19, 1867, married **John Reeder**, and has one child, **Edward**; **Barbara Ellen**, born March 29, 1868, married **Joseph Clouser**, and has six children, **Hubert**, **Raymond**, **Francis**, **Ada**, **Edward** and **Ellen**; **Alice Rebecca**, born Oct. 21, 1869, married **Jerome Zeigler**; **Jacob Stambaugh**, born July 25, 1871, married, **Florence Frye**; **Christian Hess**, born May 25, 1874, married **Mary Thomas**; **David Owens** was born March 8, 1876; **Mary Isabel**, born July 10, 1879, married **Charles Karnes**, and has children, **Laura** and **Mary Ellen**.

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