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William A. Kline, Blain, Perry County, Pa., was born in Tyrone Township, near Loysville, January 5, 1846, son of **Peter** and **Sarah (Smith) Kline**. His grandfather, **Henry Kline**, was a stone mason, a contractor and builder; he was well known throughout the county for his work. He was an intelligent and well-read man, particularly on the subject of Biblical history; during his later years, he became a preacher in the Church of God. He was noted for his kind and generous disposition; he was tall and of a large figure, and it used to be said of him that he was "as good as he was great." He was twice married, the first time to **Miss Sheibley**, who died, leaving a large family of children; he afterwards married again. Their children are: **Mary (Mrs. Peter Smith)**, has eight children; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Daniel Smith)**, has seven children; **Catherine (Mrs. Samuel Kistler)**, has seven children; **Margaret (Mrs. Jacob Kyner)**, has nine children; **Diana (Mrs. Henry Ebert)**, has three children; **Susan (Mrs. McCartney)**, had three children; **Lydia (Mrs. John Collins)**, has three children; **Sarah (Mrs. Michael Kepner)**, has two children; **Jacob**, married and removed to Illinois; **John**, married **Miss Fleischer**, has three sons and four daughters; **William**; and **Peter**. **Peter Kline** was born November 8, 1810, and brought up near Loysville; he attended the schools of Tyrone Township, receiving a somewhat limited education. In the year in which he was married, 1839, he bought the homestead upon which his son, **William A. Kline**, resides, from **William Blackburn**. He had already made a beginning in farming on his own account, on his father's farm; he now left his early home, and devoted his attention to the land which he had purchased, on which he built a comfortable house, and made many other improvements. He was prosperous, and was considered to deserve his prosperity, being a man of upright character and liberal spirit. He was warmly interested in church affairs, and in the general concerns of the community. He was a decided Republican. **Peter Kline** was married March 19, 1839, to **Sarah**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith**. Their children are: **George**, born April 4, 1840, married **Mary Bailor**, has had seven children, **William**, deceased, **Edward**, deceased, **Amina**, **Clara**, **Alvin**, **Lilly** and **Orville**; **Margaret E.**, born August 22, 1842; **Jacob H.**, born October 23, 1843, resides in Illinois, married **Elizabeth Burd**, has seven children, **Harry**, **Charles**, **Pearl**, **Edward**, **Cloyd**, **Eva**, and **one** that died very young; **William A.**; and **Caroline S. (Mrs. John A. McKee)**, has five children, **Charles**, deceased, **Sallie**, **Harry**, **May** and **Floy**. **Peter Kline** died June 3, 1875. His wife, who was born March 15, 1807, died in March, 1880, after a life of usefulness, kindness and faithful devotion to duty.

At the age of seven, **William A. Kline** was brought by his parents to the homestead in Jackson Township. He attended the public schools and assisted in the cultivation of the farm until he reached the age of twenty-four. He then went to Illinois and worked there as a farm hand for two years, coming back at the end of that time to Jackson Township. He began farming on the homestead in 1877, and in the same year came into possession of that property. In 1889, he built a large and convenient barn, and has made many other improvements. He has served in various township offices, but has maintained his independence of any political party.

William A. Kline was married January 18, 1874, to **Catherine**, daughter of **William** and **Sophia (Roth) Mumper**. Their children are: **Myra (Mrs. George A. Spohn)**, has one child, **Myrtle**;

Irvin Eugene, graduate of the State Normal School at Lock Haven, Pa., now teaching in Jackson Township; **Emma F.**, born February 23, 1876; **Ella K.**, born July 30, 1877; **Sallie M.**, born May 3, 1879; **George A.**, born July 27, 1880; **John R.**, born May 27, 1882; **Bertha S.**, born April 11, 1885; **Annie Pearl**, born February 25, 1888, died January 27, 1893; **Mary M.**, born December 21, 1889; **Ida M.**, born June 6, 1893; and **Margaret Edith**, born April 10, 1896. **Mr. and Mrs. Kline** are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Blain.

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