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J. W. Klinepeter, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, June 8, 1834, son of the late **Samuel** and **Mary (Fowler) Klinepeter**. **Adam Klinepeter**, his grandfather, a native of York County, Pa., came to Juniata Township, Perry County, in early life. He was for many years a blacksmith, but later turned his attention to farming, and made that his occupation during the rest of his life. He married **Miss Crist**; their children were: **Jacob; John; Samuel; William; Mary;** and **Elizabeth**. **Mr. and Mrs. Adam Klinepeter** both lived to a venerable age. **Mr. Klinepeter's** maternal grandfather, **Mr. Fowler**, came from London, England, to this country when a boy, and settled in Perry County; the date is not exactly known. He made farming his occupation. **Samuel Klinepeter**, third son of **Adam**, was born in York County, Pa. He was a farmer, but for about twenty years had been a contractor. He came from York to Perry County, while a young man. About 1834, he bought the farm then lately owned by **Mr. Shuman**, and now the homestead of the **Klinepeter** family. He married **Mary Fowler**, and had children: **Caroline**, deceased, wife of **Capt. P. Zinn**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **William**, deceased; **A. S.**, died in March, 1888, aged fifty-five; **J. W.**; and **Anna (Mrs. E. M. Skinner)**, Tontogany, Wood County, O. **Mr. Klinepeter** belonged to the Reformed Church, his wife to the Presbyterian. He died in July, 1868, aged seventy two; she survived him until she reached her seventy-ninth year.

Educated in the common schools and on the farm, **Mr. Klinepeter** became a skillful farmer. He resided at home until his father's death, assisting in the management of the farm. After that event, which occurred in July, 1868, he took charge of the farm, and settled his father's estate. Since that time he has been without interruption occupied with farming. He is the only surviving son of his father's family. **Mr. Klinepeter's** farm is northwest of the borough of New Bloomfield, and is one of the finest properties in Centre Township; the buildings are within the borough limits. **Mr. Klinepeter** is a Democrat, but not a politician, in the sense of desiring public office. He has, however, been inspector of elections.

J. W. Klinepeter was first married October 8, 1867, to **Melinda C.**, daughter of **William** and **Mary (McAlister) Moore**, of New Bloomfield. They had one son, **Rothwell**, who died while an infant. **Mrs. Melinda Klinepeter** died at the age of twenty-five, in August, 1868; she was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. **Mr. Klinepeter** was again married, December 22, 1887, to **Clara C.**, daughter of **John** and **Sarah (Sunderland) Witherow**. **Mr. Klinepeter** is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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