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Jesse Knaub, contractor and builder in stone and brick, at York, was born in Spring Garden Township, York County, March 16, 1846, son of **John Knaub**.

Jacob Knaub, his grandfather, was a native of York County and was a school teacher by profession, but engaged also in farming in Spring Garden Township. To him and his wife, who before marriage was **Elizabeth Bashore**, were born: **Mrs. William Nisely**, who died in Spring Garden Township; **Mrs. Elizabeth Bashore**, who lives in York Township at the age of eighty-four years; **Leah** (deceased) who was the wife of **Christian Seiple**; **John**, the father of **Jesse**, and **Jacob**, of Perry Co., Pennsylvania.

John Knaub was born in Spring Garden Township, in 1813, where he received a common school education and was reared to be an agriculturist. He farmed in his native township during his entire life, owning about 300 acres of land near **Brillinger's** Mill. He married **Sarah Zellers**, both husband and wife dying in 1891, within a few days of each other, and being buried at Mount Zion Cemetery in Spring Garden Township. They were members of the Reformed Church in whose work they took an active part. In politics **Mr. Knaub** was a Democrat, serving on the election board, and as township supervisor and tax collector. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: **Henry**, who was killed on the Northern Central railroad, at Reynold's Hill, York County; **Samuel**, a farmer of Manchester Township; **John**, deceased; **Jesse**; **William**, a farmer of York Township; **Mary**, who died in Windsor Township; and **Susanna**, the wife of **Emanuel Bellinger** living in York Township.

Jesse Knaub attended the district school of Spring Garden Township until sixteen years of age, and assisted his father on the home farm until 1868, when he married **Sevilla Jane Wilt**, born in Conewago Township, York County, and daughter of **George Wilt**, a farmer. After their marriage they resided for a few years with **Mr. Knaub's** father, the young husband learning the stone and brick-mason's trade which he has followed since 1871. In 1885 he built his present home, at No. 695 East Philadelphia Avenue, and among other buildings erected under his contract may be mentioned the plant of the York Manufacturing- Company, the York Safe & Lock works and reservoir at York, the construction of which gave employment to a large force of skilled workmen.

Three children have been born to **Mr. and Mrs. Knaub**—**Katie, Florence** and one **infant**, all of whom are deceased. He is a Democrat. He is a valued member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of York, and is highly esteemed as a man of honesty and integrity.

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