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Amos W. Kough, Newport, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, November 14, 1854. His grandfather, **John Kough**, settled at Sulphur Springs, where he inherited a large tract of land from his father. He was a member of the firm of **Kough, Everhardt & Lloyd**, in the foundry and furnace business. He was an old line Whig. He married **Eleanor Hallerpeter**, and had eight children. After his wife's death, he retired to Newport, where he died in 1869, aged seventy-nine years. His son, **William Kough**, on account of his father's failure, began as a poor boy. In 1867, he and **Mr. Everhardt** formed a partnership in the grain business. Later the firm became **William Kough & Sons**, and this continued for two years; he then sold his interest to his sons, farmed the homestead four years, and removed to Newport, where he died in 1893, aged eighty years; his wife died eight years before. **William Kough** was a militia captain. He voted with the Republicans. His children are: **John W. S.**; **Sarah (Mrs. Ephraim Weise)**; **Mary**, widow of **John Acker**; **Maggie (Mrs. Watson Gantt)**; **Katy**, married **Rev. H. A. Stoke**; **William H.**; **Ambrose**; and **Amos W.**

Amos W. Kough was educated in the public schools, in **Mr. Wright's** select school, at Millerstown, Pa., and at Newport. At nineteen years of age, he began teaching school and was so engaged for five terms. He was then for one year in the merchant tailoring and ready-made clothing business at Carlisle, Pa., then worked on the farm with his father three years and a half, and then came to Newport, and in 1881, bought the stock of goods of **Mr. Weise**. Six years later he bought the ground on which are situated two houses and store room, where he has since carried on his business.

Mr. Kough was married, January 8, 1880, to **Annie**, daughter of **A. K. Long**, of Newport, Pa. Their children are: **Harry M.**; **Nellie McKenzie**; **Ralph Long**; **Irene Loy**; and **Jessie Maria**. **Mr. Kough** is a Republican, and is serving as school director. He is a deacon in the Lutheran Church. On October 1, 1896, **Mr. Kough** suffered a serious loss in the death of his trustworthy clerk, **Russel Harting**, who was killed at a railroad crossing.

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