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KOUGH

The **Koughs** came to Perry County from York County, Pennsylvania, where **Peter Kough** lived and died near Hanover. He married a **Miss Bosserman**, and had three children: **Peter**, settled in Adams County; **John**, of whom further; and **Catharine**, who married **John Marshall**, of Waterloo, New York.

(II) **John**, son of **Peter Kough**, was born in York County in 1789, where he resided until his majority. He then came to Perry County, settling on a tract of land inherited from his father. He became one of the early iron men of that section, senior member of the firm of **Kough, Everhardt & Loy**, operating a foundry and furnace, situated east of Landisburg. The business depression of 1846 caused the failure of the firm. After his failure **Mr. Kough** engaged in farming until his death in 1869. He was a prominent Whig and a member of the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church. He married **Eleanor**, daughter of **John Hallopeter**, an early settler of Howe Township, Perry County, later moved to Ohio, where he and his wife, a **Miss Fahnestock**, died; children: **Mary**, married **William Bosserman**, and died in Newport, Pennsylvania. 2. **Margaret**, married **James Everhardt**, who lived and died near Newport, well known and prominent. 3. **Sarah**, married **John Bosserman**, of local prominence, died in Newport. 4. **Catherine**, married **Jesse L. Gantt**, a leading hotel proprietor of Newport, where both died. 5. **Eleanor**, married **Jacob Sauserman**, whom she survives, a resident of Newport. 6. **William** (of whom further). 7. **John**, died at his farm near Newport. 8. **George**, a foundryman, died in East Waterford, Juniata County.

(III) **William**, son of **John** and **Eleanor (Hallopeter) Kough**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in 1813, died in Newport, in 1893. He settled after his marriage in Juniata Township, Perry County, where he owned a farm of nearly three hundred acres, which he greatly improved and on which he resided for several years. In 1867 he formed a partnership with **Mr. Everhart**, engaging in the coal, grain and iron business. Later the firm became **William Kough & Sons**, continuing as such for two years. **Mr. Kough** then sold to his sons, retiring from business, and they continued dealing in coal, iron, salt, grain, flour, feed, etc. He continued his residence in Newport until his death, at the age of eighty years. He was a Republican in politics, and for one term was county commissioner, also filling many township offices. He married **Mary McKenzie**, born in Duncannon, Perry County, in 1815, died in Newport, in 1885. Both were members of the Evangelical Association; children: 1. **John W. S.**, located in Spokane, Washington, died in 1910 in Newport. 2. **Sarah**, married **E. B. Weise**, once county treasurer of Perry County, now deceased; she survives, a resident of Newport. 3. **Mary**, married **John Acker**; both are deceased. 4. **Margaret**, married **Watson L. Gantt** and resides in Newport. 5. **William H.**, a retired grain and coal dealer of Newport, ex-sheriff of Perry County, now living retired in Newport. 6. **Katherine**, married **Rev. H. A. Stoke**, an evangelical minister, and resides at York, Pennsylvania. 7. **Ambrose**, now a retired coal dealer of Newport. 8. **Amos W.**, of whom further. **Four** other children died in infancy.

Mary McKenzie Kough, mother of these children, was a daughter of **John McKenzie** and his wife, a **Miss Boyd** and a descendant of the emigrant from Inverness, Scotland, who came in 1775, said to have borne the name of **Kenneth McKenzie**. He served in the American revolution, was captured by the British and never again was heard from. He left issue, including a son **John**. **John McKenzie** grew to manhood in Philadelphia, early coming to Duncannon, Perry County, where he bought a farm of three hundred acres, on which he built a home and a blacksmith shop. He was a soldier of the war of 1812; married and reared a family, dying at the age of forty years, from blood poisoning, the result of a horseshoe nail wound received while shoeing a restless horse.

He had a son, **John (2) McKenzie**, born on the Duncannon farm, and followed the trade of blacksmith in addition to his farming operations. He was prosperous, owning considerable property in the neighborhood, including one of the hotels of the town. He died in Duncannon, about the year 1867. By his first wife, a **Miss Boyd**, he had two children: **Mary**, who married **William Kough**, of previous mention, and **John (3)**, a foundryman, who lived and died in New Bloomfield. By his second wife, a **Miss Peacock**, he also had issue.

(IV) **Amos W.**, son of **William** and **Mary (McKenzie) Kough**, was born in Juniata Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1854. He was educated in the public schools of the township, Newport high school, and Silas Wright's select school at Millerstown, Pennsylvania. He taught school for one year, and then was in business at Carlisle for a year, then for four years taught school and worked at the home farm. In the year 1881 he located in Newport, Pennsylvania, where he bought a stock of groceries from his brother-in-law, **Ephraim B. Weise**, and began business at the corner of Walnut and Third Streets. He has prospered and is still in active business, his being the oldest exclusive grocery house in Newport. Six years after his start he bought his present property, on which two houses and his store are standing. In 1894 he was elected a director of the First National Bank, and in January, 1913, was elected vice-president. He is a Republican in politics, serving nine years as school director, eight of these years being president of the board, and is now a member of the town council. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and in religious faith a Lutheran, having served that church as deacon for many years. Active and interested in all that concerns the welfare of his town, **Mr. Kough** is one of the men that have been the leaders in Newport's prosperity. Known as an honorable, upright business man, he is no less esteemed for his many manly qualities and friendliness. He is interested in historical matters and has a well-filled case of relics pertaining to early Pennsylvania history.

He married, January 8, 1880, **Annie F.**, daughter of **Abraham K.** and **Rebecca (Loy) Long**; children: 1. **Harry M.**, engaged in the piano business. 2. **Nellie McKenzie**, graduate of Newport high school, a student at Bucknell, also attended Combs' Conservatory of Music. 3. **Ralph Long**, a clerk in his father's store. 4. **Irene L.**, a graduate of Westchester Normal School; is a teacher. 5. **Jessie M.**, at home; graduate of Newport high school.