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**John G. Kugler**, engineer, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born in West Pikeland Township, Chester County, Pa., February 19, 1843, son of **David** and **Ann (Broom) Kugler**. His paternal great-grandfather was born in Germany, and emigrated to Pennsylvania early in colonial times. **John Kugler**, grandfather of **John G.**, was born on the old **Kugler** homestead in Chester County.

**David Kugler** was also born on the same farm, and was through life a farmer; the greatest part of it was spent in his native county. He was a soldier in the Florida war, and died in 1855, in Chester County. His wife, **Ann Broom**, was born in England, and was married to **David Kugler** after her arrival in this country. They had six children, of whom **John G.** was the second. All six still survive. The brothers and sisters of **John G.**, in the order of their ages are: **Charles D.**, of Elk County, Pa.; **Joseph**, of New Freedom, York County, Pa.; **Sarah P. (Mrs. Charles Torrasilles)**, of Secane, Pa.; **Hannah E.**, widow of **Roger Shunk**, station agent at Green Hill, Chester County, Pa.; **Clara A.**, widow of **Madison Howard**, of Philadelphia.

The early life of **John G. Kugler** was spent on the homestead farm, his education being acquired in the public schools, amid the peaceful surroundings of the teeming industry and magnificent agricultural development of Chester County. But when he had reached the age of eighteen, the dark billows of war came sweeping across all our fair land. Animated by a high patriotic impulse, **Mr. Kugler** was among the first to leap to answer, at the call of an imperiled nation. He enlisted in Company K., Fourth Pennsylvania Reserves, and with that wonderful organization whose fame can never die as long as history lasts, he went, with a brilliant record, through three years of service. Among the most prominent engagements in which **Mr. Kugler** participated were Mechanicsville, Gaines Mill, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, and Harrisons Landing, of the McClellan Peninsular campaign; Gainesville, and Second Bull Run, of the Manassas campaign under General Pope; South Mountain, and Antietam, of McClellan's Maryland campaign; Belle Plain, Warrentown and Fredericksburg, of the Virginia campaign that followed. Up to this time he had been in the Army of the Potomac. Being transferred to the army operating in West Virginia, he participated in Mulligan campaign in Hardy County, in January, 1864, and in Crook's campaign in Kanawha County, in April, 1864. Among the battles in West Virginia in which **Mr. Kugler** took an active part were: Princeton, fought May 6, 1864; Fayetteville; Beverly; Fort Breckenridge; Lloyds Mountain, fought May 9, 1864; New River Bridge, fought May 10, 1864; Salt Pond Mountain, May 12; Meadow Bluff, May 19; and Mineral Springs. Honorably mustered out with his regiment, June 17, 1864, at the expiration of their term of service, **Mr. Kugler** was able to return home with a consciousness of duty well and nobly performed.

He received his final discharge in the city of Philadelphia, and wended his way to his home in Chester County. For a year or two he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1867, he was employed by the Union Pulp Company as assistant foreman at McCalls Ferry and Peach Bottom, York County, Pa. Remaining here about eight months, he then returned to Chester County; in January, 1868, he removed to Stillmans Swamp, Perry County; and in November, 1870, to

Duncannon, since which time he has been continuously in the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company. Naturally, a man of **Mr. Kugler's** ability has been recognized and honored by his fellow citizens, who have called him to fill the responsible office of school director in both the township and the borough. **Mr. Kugler** is a member of Adams Lodge, No. 319, F. and A. M., at New Bloomfield; of Vandenburg Lodge, No. 288, K. of P., at Duncannon; and of Lieut. William Allison Post, No. 196, G. A. R., at the same place. **Mr. Kugler** is a staunch Republican.

**John G. Kugler** was married in Lancaster, November 28, 1867, to **Mary C.**, daughter of **John** and **Sarah (Bradley) Carter**, prominent and respected residents of Chester County, both deceased. Of eight children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Kugler**, three, **Myrtle A.**, **Francis L.** and **Francis W.**, died in infancy. Those who survive are: **Nora Blanche; John Wesley; David Paul; Sarah E.**; and **Emily A.** **Mr. Kugler** and his wife are faithful and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and punctual in their attendance upon its services.

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