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**Joseph A. Kugler**, a prominent and enterprising citizen of New Freedom, and a survivor of the great Civil war, who for twenty years has been a justice of the peace, was born in September, 1845, Chester County, Pa., son of **David** and **Anna (Bloom) Kugler**.

**John Kugler**, his great-grandfather, was a farmer and hotelkeeper of Chester County, who came from Germany in 1740, and took up large tracts of land. He was one of the early patriots, fighting in the Continental army, in which he did considerable scouting. His children were: **John, Jr.**, and **Valentine**.

**John Kugler, Jr.**, the grandfather, followed his father's occupations of farming and hotel keeping, and like his father was a soldier, serving in the war of 1812. These children were born to him: **David**; **Elizabeth**, who married **Robert Reed**; **Hannah**, who married **Andrew Arthur**; and **John**.

**David Kugler** was a soldier in the regular army and for several years served in the cavalry, afterward engaging in farming, which he followed until his death, which occurred in 1854. He married **Anna Bloom**, whose father was a soldier in the Revolution. **Mr. Bloom** married a **Miss Dison**, and they had the following children, **Elizabeth, Martha, Thomas, Charles, Mary**, and **Anna**. The **Blooms** were of English origin, and came to the United States early in 1800, locating in Chester County. The children born to **David** and **Anna (Bloom) Kugler** were: **Charles**; **John**; **Joseph A.**; **Sarah P.**, who married **William Tarrasillis**; **Hannah E.**, who married (first) **Roger Shunk**, and (second) **Joseph Bishop**, a veteran of the Civil war; and **Annie**, who married **Mr. Howard**. Of these, **Charles, John** and **Joseph A.** were all soldiers in the Civil war.

**Joseph A. Kugler** attended the public schools of Chester County, and at the age of sixteen enlisted in Company C, 97th Pa, V. I., and served two years, being discharged for disability in 1863. His regiment saw some hard service. After the war **Mr. Kugler** engaged in farming and lime burning in Chester County, removing in 1867 to Perry County, where he engaged in the lumber business for about one year, after which he removed to Clinton County, and there followed lumbering until the Spring of 1872. He then located at York, where he was engaged in an agricultural implement shop until 1874, at that time engaging as a photographer, which business he followed five years. In 1876 he came to New Freedom where he ran a sawmill, came to New Freedom where he ran a sawmill, and was assistant railroad ticket agent until 1890. In that year he engaged in the lumber business in partnership with C. W. Koller, which partnership was dissolved in 1903, and **Mr. Kugler** has since conducted the business in partnership with his sons, **Harry C.** and **Arthur R.**, under the firm name of **J. A. Kugler & Sons**, and they do an extensive wholesale and retail business in lumber, doors, sash, blinds, oils, paints, hardware, building material, etc.

**Mr. Kugler** was commissioned justice of the peace about twenty years ago and he has held that office ever since. He has also served as borough tax collector, assessor, Republican committeeman, and has several times served as a delegate to the county convention. Fraternally **Mr. Kugler** is connected with the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R., serving the latter organization as

Post Commander for several terms. **Mr. Kugler** is a liberal supporter of the United Evangelical Church, and has been class leader, exhorter, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

In 1871, **Mr. Kugler** married **Miss Achsah Ehrman**, daughter of **Samuel Ehrman** of York County, and three children have been born to this union: **Ida B.**, who married **A. N. Hetrick**, and died at the age of twenty-two; **Harry C.**, who married **Lillie Klinefelter**; and **Arthur R.** **Mr. Kugler** has earned honor and respect in public life as well as affection and veneration in private.

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