

**John Kuntz**, a preacher and revivalist of York County, and also a man of large and varied industrial interests, is of German descent, and of the second generation born in America.

**Philip Kuntz**, grandfather of **John**, was born in Germany, but came to this country and settled in York County, Pa., on land near the township line of Franklin and Carroll, a tract now owned by the **Breneman's, Benders, and Bettingers**. He was by trade a millwright, but also followed farming. He died in 1815, advanced in years. His wife's maiden name was **Shimp**, and she bore her husband eight children: (1) **Michael**, a resident of Mt. Rock, Cumberland County, was a teamster and farmer, and died in 1880. He left an only son, **William**, who lived near New Kingston, married a **Miss Brannon**, and had three children, viz.: **William**; **Annie**, who became the wife of **Mr. Fortenbaugh**, now deceased, of Middlesex; and **Mary**, living in Middlesex. (2) **Philip**, a farmer and millwright in Franklin Township, married **Mrs. Andy Mumper**, whose maiden name was **Seidle**. **Philip** died in 1862, aged seventy-nine, and his wife died in 1882, at York Springs. They had the following children: **John**, of Nebraska; **Lizzie**, wife of **William Fickel**, of York Springs, both deceased; **Henry**, deceased, who married a **Miss Shenk**; **Samuel**, a well known professor in Washington, D. C, now deceased. (3) **Jacob** died when twenty-one years old. (4) **Elizabeth** became the wife of **Peter Hoffman**, of Perry County, near Bloomfield. Both are now dead, leaving children, **George**, and **Mrs. Hughes**. (5) **Mary** married **Henry Graybill**, of York Springs, and later of Hanover. Both are deceased. They were the parents of **Henrietta**, late wife of **Mr. Keeny**, of York; and **Eliza**, residing in Minnesota. (6) **Rebecca** married **George Beltzhoover**, whose home was near Kingston. Neither is now living. Their children were: **Michael**, who married **Miss Mary Bricker**, of Boiling Springs, and had three children, **Jacob** (now deceased, who left two sons, **Frank**, a lawyer of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.; and **Jacob**), **Michael** and **Alice**; and **George**, of Franklinton, who married **Miss Elizabeth Kuntz**, both deceased. (7) **Susanna** married **Henry Sidle**, a blacksmith by trade, who settled with his family in Minnesota. Their children were: **Samuel**, who married a **Miss Camel**, and died in Carroll Township; **Jacob**, who married **Miss Margaret Dehoff**, and moved to Minnesota, and **Henry**, also a resident of Minnesota, and married to **Miss Katie Katz**. (8) **John**.

**John Kuntz** was born in 1800, in what is now Franklin Township. He learned the carpenters' trade in his youth, and followed that calling until his marriage, after which he turned his attention to farming and carpentering. He was a Democrat in politics, held various township offices, and served as judge and clerk of elections, while in religion his affiliations were with the German Reformed Church, of which he was a member. His marriage occurred in 1822, to **Susan**, daughter of **Michael Harbold**, and they had a large family. **Mr. Kuntz** died in 1879, aged seventy nine years. Their children numbered ten: (1) **Catherine** and (2) **Michael** are both deceased. (3) **Elizabeth**, wife of **George Beltzhoover**, is now deceased. (4) **Sarah** married **William Filler**, and died leaving two children **Susanna**, **Mrs. Kapp**; and **Sarah**, deceased. (5) **Anglehard**, deceased, married **Miss Catherine Day**. The widow now lives in Dillsburg, the mother of **John**, deceased; **Susan**, **Mrs. Granville Nickey**, of Hanover; **Elizabeth**, **Mrs. David Evans**, of Martinsburg, Va. **Philip**, deceased; and **Mary**. (6) **John** is the subject of this sketch. (7) **Philip** married **Miss May Stauffer**, and has two children **John**, who married a **Miss Deardorff**; and **Annie**, **Mrs. William Fickel**. (8) **Susanna**, now deceased, was twice married. After the death of her first husband, **Franklin Wolf**, she became the wife of **William Altland**,

who is still living. She had one daughter by the second union, **Cora**, who married **Clinton Myers**, lives at Big Mount, and has one son, **Lloyd**. (9) **Polly** died unmarried. (10) **Eliza Ann**, now deceased, married **Henry Klugh**, of Franklin Township, and had five children: **Georgia**, wife of **John Heikes**, of Mechanicsburg; **Mary**; **John**, now in the west; **Harry**, living in Mechanicsburg; and **Clara**, now deceased.

**John Kuntz** was born in Reading Township, Adams County, Jan. 22, 1835, and attended the county schools until he was sixteen. He then went to Berlin to learn carpentering, and after mastering his trade followed it for about a year in the northern part of the State, and then settled in Carroll Township, where he was occupied both in carpentering and in lime burning. In 1886 he bought 4,000 acres of land, 600 of which were in Perry County, and the rest in Cumberland, and this immense tract he sold again in 1893 to Philadelphia capitalists. **Mr. Kuntz** now resides on the old homestead, which is a piece of property rich in a variety of mineral deposits. Besides mining great quantities of copper ore, which he has shipped to Jersey City, he has also developed rich deposits of spruce and yellow ochre, umber, buff and white clay, and in the near future is planning to open up quarries of the fine marble which his place contains. In connection with all these other industries, **Mr. Kuntz** also runs a shingle mill with a capacity of 10,000 shingles a day, and a chop mill run by a thirty horse power engine. Another interesting feature of his property is the large –caverns which extend under the mountainous portion of his place, one of which has been explored a distance of 600 feet.

On Oct. 3, 1858, **Mr. Kuntz** was married to **Miss Anna Mary Myers**, daughter of **Barnett** and **Elizabeth (Elicker) Myers**, and granddaughter of **Ludwig Myers**. To this union were born a son and daughter, as follows: **Louis**, who was his father's assistant until his death in March, 1901, married **Miss Sadie Moyer**, daughter of **George Moyer**, and had three children, **Letitia**, **Mamie** and **William**; and **Elizabeth** died at the age of six. **Mr. Kuntz's** granddaughter, **Letitia**, graduated from Shippensburg Normal School in June, 1902, and, Jan. 2, 1906, was married to **Harry J. Strayer**, of Latimore, Adams Co., Pennsylvania. In addition to all the responsibilities and cares entailed by his forty-four years of active business life, **Mr. Kuntz** has always taken a deep interest in religious matters, and was a minister of the Evangelical Association. Until recently **Mr. Kuntz** was quite active, but on Oct. 16, 1905, he went to Philadelphia on business, and while there suffered a paralytic stroke. His good wife hastened to him, and brought him home and under her devoted care he is improving, although his left side is still paralyzed.

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