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**J. H. Kurtz**, a representative business citizen of Washington, Pa., a member of the **Kurtz & Ramsey** Monument Company, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Juniata County, members of which colonized **Kurtz** Valley prior to the Revolutionary War. **Mr. Kurtz** was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1863.

When seventeen years old **Mr. Kurtz** went to Lancaster, Pa., and began to serve an apprenticeship as marble and granite cutter and completed his trade at Newport, in Perry County. Since then he has been employed in some of the largest shops in the country, learning important details and different methods so that he can claim an all round education in his special line of work. In 1903, when he came to Washington, he entered the shops of the Howarth Marble and Monumental Works, and after the death of **Mr. Howarth** he managed the plant until in April, 1909. Then, in association with **U. B. Ramsey**, he formed the present company. They are so equipped that they can do all kinds of marble and granite work and they have every reason to expect a prosperous business career.

In 1889 **Mr. Kurtz** was married to **Miss Louisa Kern**, of Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa., and they have had four children born to them: **Earl, Hazel, Carl** and **Marian**, a band of bright and intelligent public school students. **Mr. Kurtz** and family are members of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church and he is the much beloved superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the beneficiary order of Protected Home Circle.

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