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W. L. Lenhart, owner of a saw-mill, Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., son of **Lewis** and **Deborah (Snyder) Lenhart**, was born at Shamokin Dam, Pa., March 26, 1837. **George Lenhart**, his grandfather, settled at Shamokin Dam, then in Union, now in Snyder County, Pa., where he owned and managed the old hotel, when the canal was being constructed; he removed later to Perry County. His son, **Lewis Lenhart**, was born October 20, 1805, and was for many years a day laborer. He kept a hotel at Shamokin Dam, where his father was in the same business. He died at Liverpool, Pa., May 1, 1885. He married **Deborah Snyder**, a resident of Sunbury, Pa., who was born January 23, 1810. **Mr. Lenhart** was a Democrat, and all his life voted the ticket of that party. He consistently maintained his membership in the Lutheran Church. His children are: **Christiana**, married first **Frank Diehl**, of Sunbury, and secondly **J. J. Staily**, and they now reside at Liverpool, Pa.; **Catherine (Mrs. Michael Deckard)**, of Liverpool, Pa.; **Elizabeth (Mrs. J. H. Hottenstine)**, of Snyder County, Pa.; **W. L.**; **Susan**, married first **Mr. Serier**, and afterward **Mr. Gardner**, of Ohio, and she is now a widow, residing at Marion, O.; **Isaac**, who after serving as a soldier in the late war, and returning home, went away presumably to the frontier, and has not since been heard from; **Margaret (Mrs. Isaac Sturtevant)**, of Liverpool, Pa.; **David L.**, married **Annie Lupfer**, resides at Harrisburg, Pa.

W. L. Lenhart first attended school at his native place, and afterwards in Buffalo Township. At Shamokin Dam he was employed about his father's hotel, in connection with which there was a ferry to Sunbury, which he assisted in managing. After coming to Buffalo Township, he was for a few years employed in the farm, and when his father opened a grocery store, he held for a few years a position in it as clerk, but at length resigned, and engaged in boating, as that business appeared to afford superior opportunities for profitable employment. He followed the canal for two years, managing a boat of his own, which plied mostly between Nanticoke and Baltimore, Md. For the next year, he conducted a grocery store at Liverpool.

In 1866, **W. L. Lenhart** married **Miss Mary Ann Cochran**, born in Buffalo Township, November 9, 1835, daughter of **James M. Cochran**, a farmer of that township, and his wife, **Lavina (Thompson) Cochran**. **Mr. and Mrs. Lenhart** began housekeeping at Lower Liverpool Lock, where he opened a grocery store on the property owned by his father. Prior to this he had been in partnership with his father in the saw-mill, and on May 12, 1883, he bought his father's interest in the mill property. For one year he managed the store in addition to the saw-mill, but now he devotes his entire attention to the milling business. The tract of land he owns embraces 58 acres. In the summer of 1896, he erected a new house. In connection with the mill, he has also a hydraulic cider press and a planing-mill. **Mr. Lenhart** is a Democrat, and has served as councilman, school director, burgess and in several other minor offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in all the work of which they take a prominent and active part. **Mr. Lenhart** is also a member of the P. O. S. A., and was at one time a member of the K. P. and of I. O. O. F.

Mrs. Lenhart is a woman of fine motherly appearance, with manners betokening a warm heart and a good disposition, and both she and her estimable husband enjoy the regard and affection of their neighbors. Their children are: **Lewis T.**, cashier at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.; **John W.** and **Florence M.**, twins, both at home; **Steward L.** and **Porter**, twins, both died young.