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Samuel Leonard, Orbisonia, Huntingdon County, Pa., was born in Cromwell Township, Huntingdon County, in 1843. He is the son of **James W.** and **Martha E. (Irwin) Leonard**. **James W. Leonard**, father of **Samuel Leonard**, was born near Donnally Mills, Perry County, Pa. He was a farmer, a man of commanding presence, tall and well formed. About 1840 he moved to Huntingdon County. **Mr. Leonard** was a member of the Republican Party. He was married in Cromwell Township, to **Martha E. Irwin**, who was a native of Huntingdon County. **Samuel** was their only child.

Samuel Leonard spent his youth on the farm and attended the public schools. When he was sixteen he learned blacksmithing with **P. H. Davis**, in Fulton County, Pa., remaining with him for one year. In 1860, **Mr. Leonard** went to Cromwell Township, and for two years and a half, farmed for **Samuel Bolinger**. After working in the mines at Rock Hill for five months, **Mr. Leonard** enlisted at Harrisburg, July 27, 1864, in Company K, Two Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was credited to Berks County. The regiment was sent to the front and took part in many skirmishes. **Mr. Leonard** was mustered out at Harrisburg, August 8, 1865. Returning to Cromwell Township he resumed farming on the **Irwin** place. For one year he rented and then bought his present home of eighty-three acres, where he has erected a large comfortable dwelling. **Mr. Leonard** is a staunch Democrat. He has held various township offices, having served as school director for fifteen years, as assessor for six years and as auditor for one term.

Samuel Leonard was married in Cromwell Township, August, 1862, to **Hannah M.**, daughter of **William** and **Margaret (Jones) Gilliland**, born March, 1842. Their children are: **Martha Laura**, living in Harrisburg; **James M.**, at home; **Joseph C.**, a merchant in Pittsburg; **Ida B.**, in Harrisburg; **John A.**, at home; **Mary Emma**, at Harrisburg; **Thomas C.**, at home; **Howard**, at home; and **William G.**, also at home.

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