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Samuel Leonard, Waterloo, Juniata County, Pa., son of **John** and **Mary (Swarner) Leonard**, was born in Perry County, Pa., February 15, 1839. His grandfather, **John Leonard**, a native of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, came to this country and settled on a farm in Perry County, spending there the remainder of his life. He married and one of his children was **John**, the father of **Samuel Leonard**. **John Leonard** (2) had only a common school education. For some years he farmed in Buckwheat Valley, Perry County, Pa., and in 1838, he came to Lack Township, Juniata County, where, having bought 321 acres of improved land, he built a frame house and a barn, and planted an orchard. In 1855, he built a saw-mill and operated it up to the time of his death, which occurred January 1, 1891, on the homestead. He was an old line Whig, and later a Republican.

Mr. Leonard was married in Perry County, to **Mary (Swarner) Bryner**, widow of **Mr. Bryner**, of Perry County. Their children are: **Samuel; David**, of Lack Township; **Rebecca; Mary; Margaret**; and **Ellen (Mrs. George Armstrong)**, of Lack Township. By her former marriage **Mrs. Leonard** had two children: **Henry**, of Illinois; and **Mary**, widow of **John Swarner**. **Mrs. Leonard** died in 1884, just seven years prior to the death of **Mr. Leonard**. The family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Samuel Leonard attended school only during the short winter terms held in his native township. He was raised on the farm, spending his earlier years on the old homestead of over 200 acres, which he still further improved, and also overseeing the management of 500 acres of mountain land. Besides this he has operated his father's saw-mill since the latter's death. He is a Republican; in the spring of 1897 he was elected tax collector for a term of three years.

Mr. Leonard was married in 1894, to **Sarah**, daughter of **David Williams**, a farmer of Lack Township. They are members of the Methodist Church, **Mr. Leonard** holding the office of trustee. He is an enterprising and progressive man, and has many friends.

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