

Commemorative Biographical Encyclopedia of the Juniata Valley, Comprising the Counties of Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, and Perry, Pennsylvania, Volume 1, J. M. Runk and Company, Publishers 1897

William Andrew Leonard Huntingdon, Pa., one of the oldest engineers, if not the oldest, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Walker Township, near Mexico, Juniata County, June 22, 1836. He is a son of **Andrew** and **Sarah (Scandreth) Leonard**. **Andrew Leonard**, a native of Juniata County, was an active and well-known farmer of that region. His wife was born in Perry County; both are now deceased. Their children are: **Mary Adeline**, wife of **J. B. M. Todd**, of Patterson, Juniata County; **William A.**; **Martin Charles**, an engineer on the P. R. R., died in Harrisburg, Pa., in December, 1894; **Sarah C.**, wife of **John P. Fazett**, of Altoona, Pa.

William A. Leonard was brought up and educated in his native county, receiving his first training in the public schools; this was supplemented by a course in the Tuscarora Academy. In his boyhood he drove a team on the Penna. Canal. During the laying of the Pennsylvania Railroad he drove a cart for the contractors. About 1850, he entered the service of the P. R. R. Co.; and since October 1, 1861, he has been continuously in their employ in the capacity of engineer; he has thus served the company faithfully and efficiently for more than forty years. During the Rebellion, **Mr. Leonard** enlisted as a private in Company E, Two Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers; was promoted to corporal and served nine months. He is a member of George Simpson Post, G. A. R. He also belongs to the I. O. of R. M.; is an active member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, and of Standing Stone Chapter, No. 201, F. and A. M., and of Huntingdon Commandery, No. 65, K. T., of Huntingdon. He is a Democrat.

William Andrew Leonard was married in Harrisburg in 1865 to **Caroline**, daughter of **Alexander** and **Jane Nelson Campbell**, natives of Birmingham, Huntingdon County.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard had one daughter, **Myra C.** **Mrs. Leonard** died September 22, 1893. **Mr. Leonard** has been for twenty-six years a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

www.theperryhistorians.org