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The **Liddicks**, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, descend from the Perry County family, founded in that county by **Frederick Liddick**, who was an early settler and a large land owner. He purchased a tract of twelve hundred acres, part of which he cleared and improved. He lived a useful life, married and reared a large family. Both he and his wife, **Elizabeth**, died in Perry County. Children: **William, Jacob, Frederick, John F.**, of whom further; **Sarah, Amos, Thomas, Louisa** and two who died in infancy. All are now deceased, except **John F.** and **Louisa**.

(II) **John F.**, son of **Frederick** and **Elizabeth Liddick**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1838. He attended the public school, and grew to manhood at the home farm becoming well versed in agricultural methods. After his marriage he settled on a farm in Watts Township, Perry County, continuing there until 1886, when he moved to a farm at Lasher's Run in the same county, remaining there three years. He then moved to Lewistown, where he was employed at the coal shutes three years; then returned to his **Lasher's Run** farm, remaining for two years. He then came again to Lewistown, his present home. He enlisted during the last year of the civil war in Company H, Forty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and saw a great deal of actual service. He was engaged in several battles and skirmishes in the Shenandoah Valley, at Winchester, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill and others, but came through unscathed, returning to his home in safety. He is a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married **Mary E. Wright**, born in Perry County, died in Lewistown, September 20, 1908, eldest daughter of **George** and **Elizabeth Wright**. **George Wright** was an early farmer of Perry County, owning a small tract which he cultivated until death. He had children: **Mary E., John, Harry, Emanuel, William, Matilda**, deceased; **Ackerman**, deceased; **Annie**, Children of **John F. Liddick**: 1. **Sheridan**, killed in the Harrisburg yards of the Pennsylvania railroad. 2. **Elizabeth**, died January 2, 1912; married **Luther Steeley**. 3. **Louisa**, died January 2, 1913, unmarried. 4. **Sylvester**, died aged five years. 5. **Flotilla**, married **Harry Rothrock**, and resides in Lewistown. 6. **Emanuel**, resides in Lewistown. 7. **Thurston**, of whom further. 8. **Viola**, died in infancy.

(III) **Thurston**, son of **John F.** and **Mary E. (Wright) Liddick**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1877. He attended public schools, and until 1897, worked at various places and occupations. He then entered the employ of the Standard Steel Works Company, and two years later became a hammerman in the axle department, continuing until 1912. On August 11, 1911, he purchased a farm of eighty-three acres in Derry Township, and in 1912 moved thereon and began general farming. He has eleven acres in fruit and is very successfully specializing in fruits of varied kinds. He is a Republican in politics, positive in his political convictions, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married, January 23, 1896, **Albertina M. Ort**, born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Henry** and **Susan (Buryman) Ort**.