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**Samuel M. Lightner**, Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., was born in Tyrone Township, February 15, 1852, son of **William** and **Frances (Shaeffer) Lightner**. **William Lightner**, a native of Madison Township, Perry County, spent most of his life in Tyrone Township.

He was a carpenter; his death was due to his accidentally falling from a building upon which he was engaged, September 13, 1875. One of the children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. William Lightner** died very young; those surviving are: **Joseph B.**; **Samuel M.**; **Jacob**; **Laura (Mrs. Frank Swarner)**; **Annie (Mrs. George Kutz)**, and **Jane (Mrs. Albert Davidson)**, twins; **Reuben**; **Mary (Mrs. William Power)**; and **Benjamin**. **Mrs. Lightner**, the mother, is also deceased.

A life-long resident of Tyrone Township, **Samuel M. Lightner** was educated in its public schools, and has come to the prime of manhood among its serviceable and prosperous workers. He early learned carpentry with his father, but has devoted most of his time and attention to agriculture. He is a well-known and successful farmer. Mr. Lightner is a stockholder in the Perry County Railroad. His political preference is for the Republican Party.

**Samuel M. Lightner** was married in Tyrone Township, October 14, 1870, to **Mary Ellen**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Rebecca (Shearer) Adams**, of Spring Township, Perry County. Their children are as follows: **Annie B. (Mrs. William Pollette)**, of Menoken, N. D.; **Clara F. (Mrs. Harvey Clouse)**; **Frank R.**, at home; and **Lily M.**, at home. The family attends the Church of God.

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