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Lodge, William, president of the Halifax Bank, and ex-county treasurer, was born in Halifax borough, Dauphin County, Pa., June 1, 1827. He is a son of **John** and **Elizabeth (Fetterhoff) Lodge**. **Matthias Lodge**, his grandfather, was born in England, and came to America with his wife and family. The parents died soon after reaching Pennsylvania, leaving two sons and two daughters—**John**, father of **William Lodge**, being one of the sons.

John Lodge was born in Halifax Township, in 1800. He received a limited education, his parents having died when he was a year or two old. He was reared by **Captain Smith**, a prominent citizen of Halifax. He grew to manhood in the township, and early learned shoemaking, but worked at the trade only occasionally. His principal occupation was fence building, at which he worked in different parts of the country. He was also extensively engaged in butchering. **Mr. Lodge** removed to Halifax in 1858, and was employed by his son, **William**, to assist about the warehouse and drive a team. He suddenly expired on the street, when on his way to the depot to meet his son. His death occurred in 1880, and one year later his wife followed him to the grave. She was born in 1801. Their children were: **Isaac**, died in infancy; **John**, a farmer, died in 1868; **Esby**, died young; **William**; **Daniel**, died young; **Susan**, wife of **John Robison**, Halifax; **George W.**, painter and paper hanger, Halifax, and **Sarah**, wife of **A. M. Pike**, Halifax.

William Lodge had only slender opportunities for securing an education. Twelve months in one of the schools of the township was the extent of his schooling. The school house was situated at the distance of two miles from his home. From the age of eight years to that of twelve he worked out among the neighboring farmers. When he was thirteen his father hired him to **Samuel Landis**, a merchant, at Halifax, on the conditions that he was to remain two years, and was to receive \$3 per month and his board and clothing. At the end of one year he had shown such aptitude and ability as a clerk in the store that his wages were raised to \$4 per month, besides his board and clothing. He continued in the store of **Mr. Landis** from 1841 to 1846, afterwards obtaining a better position as clerk in a store at Liverpool, Pa., in which he remained two years, after which he returned to his former employer, **Mr. Landis**, and was with him until 1851, except during the winter of 1849, when he taught school. He received \$15 per month during 1850. In 1851 he bought a one-half interest in the stock of **Mr. Landis**, with whom he continued in partnership nine years.

Close confinement to the store and continuous application to business affected his health injuriously, and on this account he sold his interest in the store, and sought active outdoor employment. He bought a canal boat, went into the lime business, and gradually worked into traffic in coal, lumber, grain, etc. About 1860 he formed a partnership with **Joseph Landis**, a son of his former employer and partner, under the firm name of **Landis & Lodge**. This firm added to the business a general store, purchasing property on Market Street, fitting up a store room, and stocking it with general merchandise. This partnership continued successfully for eight or nine years and was then dissolved, **Mr. Landis** taking the store, and **Mr. Lodge** the lime, coal and lumber business. **Mr. Lodge** carried on business alone until 1878. In that year he was elected treasurer of Dauphin County, and finding himself unable to attend to his business

and perform the duties of his office, he took his brother-in-law, **Mr. Pike**, as his partner, and in 1889 or 1890 sold his own interest to **Mr. Pike**, since which date he has lived retired from active business.

Mr. Lodge married, at Millerstown, Perry County, Pa., December 25, 1849, **Martha Ellen Kinter**, a native of that town. She died in 1859, without issue. **Mr. Lodge** was again married in 1862. His second wife was **Marietta Real**, a widow. They have no children. He has served as president of the Halifax Bank since its incorporation. He is the founder and president of the Home Fire Insurance Company.

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