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George W. Lupfer, M. D., Mooresville (P. O. Neffs Mills), Huntingdon County, Pa., was born at Markelsville, Perry County, Pa., November 15, 1856, son of **Jesse K.** and **Sarah (Ricedorff) Lupfer**. His great grandfather, **Casper Lupfer**, was a native of Switzerland; who settled first in Lehigh County, Pa., afterwards at New Bloomfield, Centre Township, Perry County. The town of New Bloomfield was laid out upon the **Casper Lupfer** farm, and received its name from the circumstance that the fields, at the time of its establishment, were in full bloom. **Casper Lupfer** owned a large tract of land at that place; he was both farmer and stock raiser. He died in that township. His son, **Samuel**, the Doctor's grandfather, was born here. He, too, was a farmer. He had a very good German and English education. Besides farming, he worked in his younger days at the trade of blacksmith; he made the first iron gratings for the windows of the Perry county jail. In his later years, he cultivated a farm of 200 acres in Juniata Township, Huntingdon County. **Samuel Lupfer** was a Democrat, and took a lively and intelligent interest in politics. He was elected supervisor of the township. He was a citizen of influence and good repute. He married **Susan Keiser**, of Lehigh County; their children are: **Jesse K.**; **Mary**, deceased, wife of **John S. Kerr**; **Susan (Mrs. Samuel T. Watts)**, of Perry County; **Margaret (Mrs. Charles Whitekettel)**, of Perry County; **Samuel P.**, died just after his graduation from Jefferson Medical College, and before beginning practice. **Mr. Lupfer** was a member of the Reformed Church; he was successively deacon and elder. He died in Perry County. His elder son, **Jesse K. Lupfer**, was educated in the common schools of Perry County. He was for twenty five years a carpenter and joiner, contractor and builder. He afterwards undertook farming, in Juniata Township, cultivating 200 acres of land, raising stock, etc. He made some improvements upon his property. He is a Democrat, and has held all the township offices. His wife, **Sarah**, daughter of **John Ricedorff**, a farmer of German descent, living in Perry County, was born in that county, February 23, 1830, and was married in the same vicinity. Their family consists of twelve children: **George W.**; **William H.**, contractor, of West Township; **Samuel**, farmer, in Illinois; **Alice: Ellen (Mrs. Staples)**, of Baltimore, MD; **John W.**, died in childhood; **John W. (2)**, of Lincoln, Neb.; **Jesse K.**, farmer, in Illinois; **Jennie**, married and residing in Maryland; **Frank**, farmer, in Illinois; **Maggie**, deceased and **Oliver**, deceased. **Jesse K. Lupfer** some time ago relinquished active work, but he and his wife still reside on the homestead. He has been deacon and is elder in the Reformed Church: he is also a worker in the Sunday-school, having been both teacher and superintendent.

Until he was fifteen years of age, **George W. Lupfer** lived on the homestead, in Juniata Township, Perry County, and attended the public schools. At that age, he was sent to the New Bloomfield academy. He afterwards studied three terms at Millersville State Normal School, and then taught school for two terms in Perry, and two terms in Northumberland County. He added to his resources by learning carpentry from his father; by working at that trade for two years, he saved some means wherewith to gratify his ambition for a professional career. Having read medicine with **J. D. Shull**, M. D., of Williamsport, Pa., **Mr. Lupfer** entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., and graduated in 1881, with honors. He then practiced as the partner of his former preceptor, who had by this time removed to Markelsville, Perry County, for a year and a half. In 1882, **Dr. Lupfer** removed to his present home,

Mooreville, succeeding **Dr. Borst**, now of Mount Union. He is now in successful and extensive practice, his services being much in demand throughout the valley. The Doctor is a Democrat. He has been judge of elections, and a member of the school board of his township. In 1893, he received from President Cleveland an appointment as postmaster at Neffs Mills.

Dr. George W. Lupfer was married. August 5, 1884, to Mary M., daughter of John Gregory, farmer; she was born at Cottage, West Township.

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