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Henry J. Lupfer, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, July 28, 1843, son of the late **John** and **Elizabeth Anna (Hohenschildt) Lupfer**. His great-grandfather, **Jacob Lupfer**, was born in Wittenburg, Saxony, October 31, 1725, came to America in 1757, and soon afterward settled on the site of New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa. He died September 10, 1803, aged seventy-seven years, ten months and ten days, and lies buried in the old cemetery at New Bloomfield. The cemetery lot and the sites occupied by the Reformed and Lutheran Churches were presented by him during his life time. His wife **Anna Lupfer**, who lies buried beside him, was born in Nassau, Germany, February 22, 1732, and died September 12, 1805, aged seventy-three years, six months, and twenty days. His son, **Casper Lupfer**, grandfather of **Henry J. Lupfer**, was born November 10, 1760, and was a native of Perry County. He was a farmer, a saw-mill owner and operator, a brick maker, having one of the first brickyards in Centre Township, and was also a large owner of real estate. He died March 5, 1846, aged eighty-five years, four months and twenty-five days. His wife, **Elizabeth Loy**, died October 23, 1827, aged fifty-five years and three months. Their children, now all deceased, were: **Jacob; Henry; Samuel; David; Michael; Mary; Margaret; John;** and **Catherine**. **John Lupfer**, son of **Casper Lupfer**, was born in Perry County, in September, 1815, and died September 17, 1878, aged sixty-three years and two months. He made farming his life occupation. He was first married to **Elizabeth Anna**, daughter of **Henry Hohenschildt**; besides their son, **Henry J. Lupfer**, they had only one other child, **Sarah J.**, who was burned to death while her mother was milking in the barn, April 5, 1843, in her early childhood. After the death of **Mrs. Elizabeth Anna Lupfer**, **Mr. Lupfer** married **Margaret J.**, a daughter of **William Reed**. She died July 24, 1879, aged sixty-three years ten months and four days. Their children are: **Charles C.**; and **Wilson**, who in his short career of eight years at the bar won great esteem and admiration, and gave promise of a successful future. He died February 27, 1882, leaving a widow, **Amelia (Hyde) Lupfer**. **John Lupfer** was a respected citizen, and a highly esteemed member of the Reformed Church, in which he was long an office-bearer. **Henry Hohenschildt**, the father of **Mrs. Elizabeth Anna Lupfer**, died June 12, 1849, aged sixty-seven years, two months and twenty-two days. His wife, **Sarah**, died June 20, 1866, aged eighty-five years, two months and three days.

After receiving his education in the common schools, **Henry J. Lupfer** continued assisting his father, as he had done from an early age, in the work of cultivating his farm. Arrived at the age of twenty years, he still resided at the homestead, but supported himself by work obtained in his own vicinity. The first employment for which he left his home was in a large tannery, where he remained for one year. In 1868, he visited various localities in the west, with the hope of obtaining a good position there. He first remained for a short time in Johnson County, Mo., and then went to Leavenworth, Kan.; thence to Harper, and then back to Leavenworth. He then for a few months worked at harvesting, on the prairies. **Mr. Lupfer** gave the "great west" a trial of seven years' duration. He was in Golden City, Col., for a year, member of the firm of Soper, Lupfer and Lee, furniture dealers. He then went to Denver, Col., and was employed as a clerk by Messrs. Smith & Doll; then in Leavenworth, Kas., by Abernethy Bros. In 1875, he returned to the old Keystone State, and to New Bloomfield, where for nine months he was in the foundry

business, one of a firm known as **Snyder and Lupfer**. **Mr. Snyder** failing, the firm changed at the end of that time to **Lupfer and Evinger**. The business was earned on for another nine months by the new firm; meanwhile the real estate of **Mr. Snyder** was sold, and became the property of ex-**Sheriff Cooper**; this circumstance caused the firm of **Lupfer and Evinger** to relinquish the business. In 1878, **Mr. Lupfer** engaged in the cigar and tobacco business in New Bloomfield, and while still carrying it on, bought a half interest in the *Duncannon Record*. After he had been for some time connected with that paper, he bought the whole stock, but later sold a half interest in it to **Rev. George W. Crist**; the paper then remained for a few years in the hands of **Lupfer and Crist**, and was eventually sold by them to **Prof. John L. McCaskey**. Meanwhile, **Mr. Lupfer's** tobacco establishment had grown into a general store, which in 1888 he sold to **Messrs. Smee and Hair**. For one season **Mr. Lupfer** was manufacturing brick, on the farm of **Frederick Barnett**. In 1886, he bought a half interest in the marble and granite works at Duncannon, since conducted under the firm name of **Lupfer and Flickinger**. This firm opened a branch office at Bloomfield, where **Mr. Lupfer** resides and manages the business. **Mr. Lupfer** is noted in the community as a prominent and enterprising business man, a member of an old, respected family, and a worthy citizen.

Henry J. Lupfer was married, October 11, 1876, to **Emma T.**, daughter of **Henry and Mary A. (Sweger) Rice**. They have had three children: **Frank S.**, who died when he was two years and a half old; **Benjamin B.**, a prominent jeweler of Reedsville, Mifflin County; and **Frederick W.**, at home, attending school. **Mr. Lupfer** and his family are members of the Reformed Church. The forefathers of **Mrs. Lupfer** emigrated from Germany to America about 1786. Her grandfather, **Henry Rice**, was born April 1, 1812, and died July 2, 1883. In the days before railroads, he conducted a team between Perry County and Baltimore, Md. Her father, also named **Henry**, was born in Perry County, and became one of its best known merchants. During the war he kept a successful livery stable, but later was occupied exclusively with mercantile pursuits. He held the office of county treasurer, and other positions of trust. He was married first to **Fannie Weary**, born November 13, 1818, and died July 11, 1848, by whom he had five children: **Eleanora**, deceased; **Mary**, died aged nineteen years; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Reed)**, died in 1877; **Margaret (Mrs. William Marshall)**; and **Fannie (Mrs. John A. Griffith)**. His first wife dying, **Mr. Rice** married **Mary A.**, daughter of **John and Annie (Miller) Sweger**. She was born February 25, 1827, and died January 11, 1876. Four of their children survive: **Henry**; **Annie (Mrs. Frank Murphy)**; **Emma T. (Mrs. Lupfer)**; and **Rebecca (Mrs. J. M. B. Jackson)**. Those deceased are: **Henrietta**; **Jane**; **Martha**; **Jackson**; and **Clara (Mrs. Samuel Bentzel)**. **Mr. Rice** was an active member of the Lutheran Church, in which he held various offices. He died at the age of seventy-six; his wife departed this life in 1876, aged forty-nine.

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