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Hon. Jeremiah Lyons, Mifflintown, Juniata County, Pa., son of **Nicholas** and **Sarah (Yohn) Lyons**, was born in Saville Township, Perry County, Pa., September 16, 1819. Both of his parents were natives of Perry County. The first of the **Lyons** family to emigrate from Germany, their fatherland, to America, came before the Revolutionary war, and lent his aid as a soldier in that struggle for freedom. After the war he settled in Perry County, and passed the remainder of his days in that county in cultivating the soil. His son, **Nicholas Lyons**, was born and brought up in Perry County, and, like his father, was a farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He died January 14, 1864. His wife, **Sarah (Yohn) Lyons**, survived him until June 6, 1876. Of their thirteen children, twelve lived to mature years; those now surviving are: **Mary Ann (Mrs. Jonathan Schwartz)**, of Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County; **Bandena (Mrs. Ezra M. Hoopes)**, of Milroy, Pa.; **Daniel**, residing on the homestead in Perry County; **Sarah (Mrs. Jacob Kretzing)**, Saville Township, Perry County; **Julia Ann (Mrs. Peter E. Smith)**, of Milford, Perry County; **Jeremiah**; and **Rebecca (Mrs. William M. Trostle)**, of Tuscarora Township, Perry County.

Jeremiah Lyons was educated at the Marklesville Academy, Perry County. He became a student-at-law under Edmund S. Doty, Esq., of Mifflintown, and was admitted to the bar December 3, 1863. He practiced in Mifflintown until elected to the bench, and his practice being very extensive, he has been connected with every important case that has arisen for many years past. His high reputation as an able and assiduous lawyer led to his election as Judge of the Forty-first Judicial District of Pennsylvania, in November, 1891. **Judge Lyons** is a stockholder in the Mifflintown and Patterson Water Company; also in the First National Bank of Mifflintown, which he helped to organize, and of which he was the first president, continuing in office until his election to the judicial bench. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 324, F. and A. M. He adheres to the Republican Party, and in 1876 was a member of the Electoral College.

Hon. Jeremiah Lyons was married, July 5, 1870, to **Ada M.**, daughter of **Charles A. Thompson**, of Mexico, Juniata County. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, serving his congregation as trustee.

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