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Richard L. Magee, New Bloomfield, Pa., was born in Adams County, January 5, 1818, son of **Richard** and **Mary (Swartz) Magee**. His maternal grandfather, **John Swartz**, born in Germany, settled in Adams County, Pa. His father, **Richard Magee**, a native of Ireland, was a clerk at York Springs, Pa. He married **Mary**, daughter of **John** and **Mary Swartz**, who was a native of Germany. They have one son, **Richard L. Richard Magee** died in 1818, his wife in 1862.

Richard L. Magee attended the public schools in York and Perry Counties, and afterwards learned cabinet-making. In 1839, he began teaching. He was the first person who taught in the old log school house at Comps, in Centre Township. His last engagement was in 1866, in Centre Township. Since then, he has farmed and worked at cabinetmaking.

Mr. Magee served as justice of the peace in Carroll Township, from 1855 until he removed to Centre Township. In Centre Township, he served in that office for ten years; he was also a school director of Centre Township, was president and secretary of the school board for four years, and assessor for one term.

Richard L. Magee was married in 1841, to **Margaret**, daughter of **William** and **Catharine (Mohler) Black**. Their children were: **John W.**, married **Jessie Garrett**; **Stephen A.**; **Margaret (Mrs. James F. Ruth)**; **Ambrose**; **William**; **Lafayette**; **Sarah C**; **Francis H.**; and **Henry C.**

Ambrose Magee enlisted, May 27, 1861, in Company B, Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers, "Bucktail" regiment. He was in the battles of Dranesville, the Seven Days' Battle, Gaines Mill, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. In the last named battle **Ambrose Magee** was severely wounded; he died February 27, 1863.

Mrs. Magee died in August, 1869. **Mr. Magee** was married March 3, 1870, to **Miss Mahala Morton**. They have three children: **Florence**; **Morton**; and **Charles**. For fifty-six years **Mr. Magee** has been a member of the Methodist Church, in which he was a class-leader, and superintendent of the Sunday-school.