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Maxwell, James Andrew, M. D., the youngest but one of six children, sons and daughters of **Andrew B.** and **Isabella (Smith) Maxwell**, was born at Newport, Perry County, Pa., on the 22d day of March, in the year 1840. At the age of twelve years he entered the office of the *Holidaysburg Register*, intending to learn the printing trade. At the same time he attended the academy at Holidaysburg. He remained at this place for about four years, after which he returned home. The family then moved to Chambersburg, Franklin County, where **James** finished his trade on the *Franklin Repository*, but at the same time went to school at the academy at the latter place. He then determined to enter the medical profession, and, to this end, in the spring of 1861, he commenced a course of medical study with **Dr. A. H. Senseny**, which continued about three years. During his studies, however, and in the years 1863-64 he attended a course of lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia.

In April, 1864, he received an appointment as medical cadet in the regular army, and was stationed at the Post Hospital, at Chambersburg, but was afterward transferred to the McClellan U. S. Hospital at Philadelphia. He was so occupied for about one year and managed, during the time, to devote considerable attention to study. He then returned to the college and finished his course, graduating in the spring of 1866, and receiving the degree of M. D. For one year he practiced in Franklin County, after which he came to Curwensville and made a permanent location.

In the practice of medicine and surgery **Dr. Maxwell** has been successful; nor is this success undeserved, for he has been found ready at all times to attend to the duties of his profession, and, rich or poor, the patient is treated without distinction of position. This, with a thorough understanding of his profession, has brought to him an extensive and remunerative practice, and that which is more to be desired, the respect and confidence of the entire community. In the year 1869, then having been a resident of Curwensville for about two years, **Dr. Maxwell** married **Rebecca L.**, daughter of **Thomas Ross**, a respected resident of the place. Eight children have been born of this marriage, five of whom are now living.

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