

George P. McConnell, farmer and stock-raiser, Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pa., was born September 15, 1859, in the same township. He is a son of **Daniel** and **Annie (Sailor) McConnell**. His grandfather, **John McConnell**, a native of Ireland, emigrated to America, settling in Turbett Township, Juniata County, where he purchased a small lot on which he erected buildings. He had been a farmer in Ireland, but in this country he followed tailoring, which he had learned in his native land. He spent the remainder of his days in Turbett Township, where both he and his wife died. He was the father of three children: **Margaret**, who died unmarried; **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Stephenson)**, deceased, of Port Royal, Juniata County; and **Daniel**. The latter was two and a half years old when he came with his parents to this county. He received his education in the subscription schools kept in the old log houses of that period. For some years, in early life, he was hired to farmers in the vicinity, receiving the meager compensation of one and a half dollars per month. He continued at farm labors until he learned the trade of a stone mason, in Turbett Township, which trade he made his life occupation. He also owned and cultivated a farm of 150 acres, on which his son, **George P.**, now resides. He also owned the farm at Church Hill, now belonging to the **Hertzler** heirs, as well as other properties, some of which he disposed of at various times. He dealt extensively in farm stock.

Mr. McConnell married **Annie Sailor**, a native of that portion of Turbett Township which is now Spruce Hill. Their children were: **William E.**, deceased; **Armina (Mrs. George W. Kilmer)**, of Turbett Township; **C. Luther**, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Belleville, Mifflin County; **John S.**, a farmer of Turbett Township; **George P.**; and **Elliott**, deceased. **Daniel McConnell** held several township offices, including overseer of the poor, and road supervisor. In politics, he was a Democrat. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, in which body he held the positions of elder, deacon and treasurer. He was active in promoting the building of the Lutheran Church at Port Royal, of which he laid the corner-stone. He was at all times both active and efficient in church work. **Mr. McConnell** was a prominent member of the Grange. Through life he commanded the unlimited confidence of all who knew him. He died October 29, 1892, aged seventy-one, and his wife on October 2, 1890, aged seventy years.

George P. McConnell attended the public schools at the Church Hill school house, and also the Airy View Academy, of Port Royal, conducted by Professor Wilson. He began active life on the farm with his father, with whom he remained until the latter's death, when he took charge of the homestead farm. On this he has made great improvements, and has given special attention to raising valuable stock, in which he is an extensive dealer. He was married, in Spruce Hill township, December 29, 1887, to **Miss Sarah E. Wishaupt**, a native of that township, the daughter of **John** and **Mary J. (Rice) Wishaupt**, of whom the former was a farmer of Spruce Hill Township, of German descent. Their children are: **Charles D.**; **Annie M.**; and **Frank W.** **Mr. McConnell** is a hard-working, industrious and upright man, whose probity and sound judgment have won the esteem of all in the community. He has ably filled the position of school director, being the president of the board; he has excellent practical ideas on all educational matters, and has done much for the advancement of educational work in the township. He is a member of the Grange. Politically, **Mr. McConnell** is a Democrat. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran denomination, and has for two years held the office of deacon in the church. He has also been a teacher, and is at present superintendent of the Sunday-school.