

Genealogy of the Meyer Family, by Henry Meyer, 1890, Printed by Lauer and Mattell, Cleveland, O; Chapter 4, Descendants of Christopher Meyer.

1. **William**, born at Freeburg, Pa., Sept. 27, 1834; married Dec. 18, 1800, **Sarah C.**, daughter of **John A.** and **Amelia Hilbish** of Montgomery Ferry, Perry County, Pa.; his wife was born at Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., Mar. 2, 1837. During his youth **William** assisted his father about the hotel, store and farm, and attended schools of his town. From 1848 to 1853 he attended schools of a higher grade, among them being Berrysburg Classical Institute; Select School at Selinsgrove; Tuscarora Academy; Perrysburg Seminary and Freeburg Academy. In the interim he also acquired the art of marble cutting, working under instructions in Philadelphia in 1852. Like all the **Meyer** descendants of his great grandfather **Christopher**, **William** is a noted musician and has taught classes in vocal music in Dauphin, Juniata, Northumberland, Union and Centre Counties, and in almost every school district in his own County (Snyder). From 1854 to 1858 he taught in the public schools of Freeburg. In 1858 he was elected County surveyor for a term of three years, and in 1863 he was elected County Superintendent of common schools of Snyder County, and served in that capacity until 1872. He was re-elected to the same office for a fourth term in 1881. In June, 1879, Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He was appointed Notary Public in 1864; elected Justice of the Peace in 1875, and is now (1890) serving his third term. Besides the official positions above enumerated he filled a number of minor appointments of trust such as assignee, guardian, executor and administrator of estates. He has had charge of the Vocal Department in the Musical College, Freeburg, since its establishment, and is the musical conductor of its annual conventions. **William** is a member of the German Reformed Church and has always been prominently connected with all movements in his section for the promotion of every good cause. In May, 1855, he was elected superintendent of the Lutheran and Reformed Sunday school of his village and has filled that position now thirty-four years, representing his school in many S. School conventions in his County and his County in State Associations held in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Williamsport, Johnstown and Sunbury.

He has held many positions in his church which for want of space cannot be enumerated here. It will be observed the subject of this sketch has occupied many positions of usefulness and trust in his life time, and we can pronounce no greater eulogy upon him than by saying that in all of them he acquitted himself with honor, integrity and efficiency.

Children:—**Frederick C.**, born Sept. 24, 1861, graduate of Franklin and Marshall College; **Mary A.**, born Feb. 9. 1863; **Ida J.**, born July 18, 1865, m. **Chas. F. Sesinger**; **Sarah E.**, born Oct. 25, 1866, died Nov. 30, 1866; **Bertha B.**, born Nov. 8, 1870; **William G.**, born Aug. 20, 1875; **Myron A.**, born Apr. 23, 1878.

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