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Henry Meyers, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in York County Pa., February 11, 1829. He is a son of **Daniel** and **Margaret (Swanger) Meyers**. His paternal great-grandfather, **George Meyers**, came from Germany to America when a young man, and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he married. In 1810, he removed to York County and engaged in farming. His son, **George Meyers**, grandfather of **Mr. Henry Meyers**, was born in Lancaster County and removed with his parents to York County. He married a **Miss Kreider**; only two of their ten children are now living: **Catherine**, widow of **Joseph Eshelfelder**; and **Samuel**, a resident of Ohio. Those deceased are: **Jacob**; **John**; **George**; **Daniel**; **Nancy**; **Fanny**; **Elizabeth**; and **Lydia**. **George Meyers** died in March, 1838, aged sixty-four years. His wife died in 1864, aged eighty. **Mr. Meyers** was a member of the Mennonite Church, in which he was for many years a deacon. **Mrs. Meyers** was a member of the German Reformed Church. Their son, **Daniel Meyers**, was born in York County. He was a cooper and farmer, working at the former business in the winter and the latter in the summer. He was an intelligent and industrious man, finding time and opportunity not only for his own two-fold occupation, but also for some attention to the affairs of the community, by which he was chosen to fill some township offices, serving as supervisor and for several years as tax collector. **Daniel Meyers** was twice married. His first wife was **Margaret Swanger**. Her parents, who were lifelong residents of Cumberland County, are both deceased. **Mr. Swanger** died in July, 1841, aged eighty-four. Two sisters, **Susan** and **Annie**, are also deceased. The children of **Daniel** and **Margaret Meyers** were: **George**, who died in 1857, aged twenty-three; **Henry**; **Sophia**, widow of **George Hoffman**; **Daniel**; **John S.**; and **Margaret (Mrs. David Rivers)**. **Mrs. Meyers** died December 27, 1855, aged fifty four. In 1864 **Mr. Meyers** married as his second wife **Mrs. Esther Blank**, widow of **Jacob Blank**. She is now a resident of New Bloomfield. **Mr. Meyers** died April 13, 1875, aged sixty-seven.

Henry Meyers attended the public schools of York County until he was sixteen years of age. At this time, 1845, his father removed to Perry County, where he assisted in the work on the farm. **Mr. Meyers** is a Republican; has served the township as auditor, inspector of elections, assessor, supervisor, judge of elections and school director; he was a member of the school board for twenty years. During the Civil war he was drafted, but paid his commutation and did not enter the army, his farm and his family requiring his presence at home.

On October 24, 1852, **Mr. Meyers** was married to **Margaret**, daughter of **David** and **Sarah (Hipple) Smee**. Their children are: **Daniel E.**; **Maggie (Mrs. George Brunner)**, of Illinois; **William**; **John A.**; **Addie (Mrs. Jacob Pottiger)**; **Hiram**; **Edward G.**; **Harry H.**; **Mary J.**; **Wilson H.**, who died at the age of two; and **Sarah E.**, who died at the age of five. **Mr. Meyers** and family are members of the Mennonite Church. **Mr. Meyers'** farm, on which he has resided since 1864, is a part of the old family homestead of his father. It is well improved and carefully cultivated and is one of the best farms in the county.

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