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John S. Meyers, Newport, Perry County, Pa., was born in Monaghan Township, York County, Pa., March 8, 1836. He is a son of **Daniel** and **Margaret (Swanger) Meyers**. Until he reached the age of seventeen years, **John S. Meyers** was a pupil in the common schools of his township. From that time until he was about twenty-two years of age he assisted in the work on his father's farm. He then began laboring by the day, as a mountaineer. Sometime after his marriage he was for one year engaged in the manufacture of hoops for cooperage. In 1864, he bought the farm upon which he now resides. It was at that time all timberland. He afterwards added to his farm by purchase. He cleared, cultivated and improved it; by industry and careful, judicious management he has made it a very productive and valuable farm, and a desirable home. **Mr. Meyers** is a contractor, and is still doing a profitable business with his timber. He is regarded in his neighborhood as an active and reliable man, and has been chosen for several township offices, inspector, judge of elections and supervisor, all the duties of which he has faithfully and efficiently performed. He belongs to the Republican Party.

John S. Meyers was married, September 17, 1857, to **Catherine**, daughter of **John** and **Leah (Gardner) Hostetter**. **Mrs. Meyers** was born October 2, 1837. Three of their children are deceased: **Ida**, who died September 8, 1878, at the age of fourteen; **Emma**, died September 19, 1878, when three years old; and **one** that died in early infancy. Those who survive are: **George W.**, married **Catherine Beard**; **Minnie (Mrs. Jacob Berry)**; **Jacob**, married **Ellen Holabaugh**; **John**; and **Cora**. The parents of **Mrs. Meyers**, **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Hostetter**, were both natives of Perry County. **Mr. Hostetter's** life-long occupation was farming. His wife was **Leah**, daughter of **William** and **Catherine Gardner**. They had nine children, of whom six are living: **William**; **Catherine (Mrs. Meyers)**; **Rosanna (Mrs. Jonas Null)**; **John**; **Joseph**; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. David Stutzman)**. Those deceased are: **Abraham**; **Jacob**; and **George**. The father was killed on the railroad near Newport, January 2, 1871, aged sixty years. His wife died January 9, 1880. They were members of the Reformed church.

George W. Meyers, eldest son of **John S. Meyers**, is a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company stationed at Rope Ferry tower; he resides near Newport, Perry County, Pa.