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T. W. Morley

Thomas W. Morley, a prominent merchant and representative man of Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Luzerne County, Pa., September 22, 1831, a son of the late **Thomas** and **Harriet (Potter) Morley**. His paternal grandfather was born in England, but came to America while a young man, to escape military duties. He first resided in Luzerne County, Pa., but subsequently removed to Susquehanna County. Here he became a farmer, and passed the latter days of his life. His wife survived him until she had reached the remarkable age of one hundred years. **Thomas W. Morley's** maternal grandfather was a native of New York State, but passed his later years in Wyoming County, Pa. He died at a very ripe old age.

Thomas Morley, the father of **Thomas W.**, was born in 1802 in Luzerne County, where he resided for fifty years, and represented that county in the State legislature during the years 1844-45. In 1852, he moved to Perry County, the place where Marysville now stands. He was a contractor and assisted in building the Northern Central Railroad. After a residence

of some years in Perry County, he went to Harrisburg, and was some time in the grocery business. He was a resident of Harrisburg until his death, which occurred in May, 1874, after a long and useful life. He had been one of the largest land owners of Perry County, and at one time owned, the land now covered by the borough of Marysville. **Thomas Morley** was the father of eight children: four who died in childhood; **Hiram P.**, died in Atlanta, Ga., August 6, 1896, at the age of sixty-nine years; **Alonzo**, died in Harrisburg about 1875; **Thomas W.**; and **Stephen H.**, who is in the employ of the Northern Central Railroad.

The boyhood and youth of **Thomas W. Morley** was spent in his native county, where, in the common schools, he received a limited education. After leaving school, he learned the moulding business in his father's foundry. In 1854, he removed to Marysville, and farmed for about six years. For the next five years he was in the service of the Northern Central Railroad Company since 1865, he has been very prosperously engaged in mercantile business.

Mr. Morley was married in Oswego, N. Y., November 19, 1873, to **Mary E. Smith**, a daughter of **Lester** and **Sarah (Clark) Smith**, both natives of New York State. Their children are: **George Weston**, a book-keeper in the employ of the Swift Packing Company, stationed at Haverstraw, N. Y., who was born Wednesday, January 20, 1875; **Nellie Jayne**, born Friday, June

2, 1876; **Sarah Grace**, born Saturday, September 7, 1878; and **Mary Harriet**, born Sunday, December 7, 1879. The family are all consistent members of the Reformed Church. **Mr. Morley** served as treasurer of the borough of Marysville, since its incorporation, but on account of failing health, resigned the position April 1, 1897. He is a stockholder in the Marysville cemetery. He is a charter member, and a past master of Perry Lodge, No. 458, F. and A. M., also a past noble grand of Marysville Lodge, No. 590, at Marysville, and a member of Dauphin Encampment, No. 10, Harrisburg, I. O. O. F. **Mr. Morley** is a Democrat, but he is not a politician in the common acceptance of the word, as he is not, and never has been, an office seeker. He is well-known as one of the solid business men of the borough, and stands high in the estimation of the citizens, admired for his honorable business methods, and his sterling character.

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