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**Nathaniel Moyer**, Walnut, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Berks County, Pa., April 14, 1832. He is a son of **Samuel** and **Catherine (Schwink) Moyer**, and is of German descent. His grandfather **George Moyer** was born in Berks County, where for the greater part of his life he was engaged in farming. He was a Democrat. He married **Catherine Kline**, of Berks County, and by this marriage had nine children: **Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Fisher)**, of Berks County; **George**, deceased; **Joseph**; **Catherine (Mrs. George Wolf)**, of Kansas, deceased; **Samuel F.**; **Mary (Mrs. John Ernest)**, of Juniata County; **David**, deceased; **Rebecca**, widow of **Adam Ernest**, of Patterson, Pa.; and **Emanuel**, deceased. **George Moyer** attended the German Reformed church. Although of a delicate constitution, he lived to the age of sixty seven. His son, **Samuel Moyer**, was born in Berks County. He was educated in the German language, but could speak English.

While he was a young man, he worked at shoemaking; but after being saved enough money to purchase a farm of 120 acres in Perry County, he removed to that County with his family, erected upon his farm a frame house and barn, and planted an orchard. Besides cultivating his land, he interested himself to some extent in raising stock. Mr. Moyer was a Democrat; he served the township for several years as assessor, and also filled the office of supervisor. **Samuel Moyer** was married in Berks County to Miss **Catherine Moyer**, widow of his brother, **George Moyer**, and a daughter of **Henry Schwink**, of the same county. Seven of their children are deceased, as follows: **Caroline (Mrs. William Kepner)**; **Levi**; **William D.**; **Lydia (Mrs. Edward Koppenheaver)**; **Catherine (Mrs. Henry Kling)**, of Tyrone, Pa.; **Martha A.**; and a child who died very young. Those living are: **Nathaniel**; **Mary (Mrs. Peter Swartz)**, of Ickesburg, Pa.; **Reuben**, of Centre, Perry County; and **Silas**, of Perry County. Mrs. Moyer had one son by her previous marriage, **George Moyer**, of Waterford, Juniata County. **Samuel Moyer** was an earnest and consistent member of the German Reformed church, of which he had been successively deacon and elder. He died at the home of his son, in Mannsville, Perry County, in 1895.

**Nathaniel Moyer** attended the red schoolhouse near Loysville, Perry County. He first learned to speak the German language. He assisted his father on the farm until he was of age, when he learned the plastering trade, and continued to work at it for three years. For the following nine years, he was engaged in burning lime, after which he rented a farm, and cultivated it for eight years. At the expiration of this time, he rented a farm in Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County, where he remained four years; he next rented the Charles Books farm, in Beale Township, which he worked for fourteen years. In 1886 he purchased his present home, a farm of 100 acres, known as the Jacob C. Hertzler farm, which he has greatly improved. Mr. Moyer is a Democrat; he has been elected on the ticket of that party to several offices, in Beale Township; among them those of auditor, assessor and judge of elections.

In 1851, Nathaniel Moyer was married near Loysville, Perry County, to **Mary Catherine E.**, daughter of **Henry Kepner**, who was born in Milford Township, Juniata County. Her father was a brother of **Samuel** and **Benjamin Kepner**, of Juniata County. The children of Mr. and Mrs.

Moyer are: **Elizabeth (Mrs. Howard Martin)**, of Mifflintown, Pa., deceased; **Catherine A. (Mrs. Andrew Freeman)**, of Perry County; **George H.**, of Milford Township; **Emma (Mrs. Edward Culbertson)**, of Beale Township; **Ida (Mrs. John Telfer)**; **William**; **Margaret (Mrs. Charles Maloy)**, of Turbett Township, Juniata County; **Viola (Mrs. Samuel Fisher)**; **Samuel**, who died young; and a child who died in infancy. Mr. Moyer is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has been for five years an elder. During his residence in Perry County, he was a trustee of his congregation, was also a member of the choir, and served the Sunday school for several years as superintendent. His life has been one of diligent and faithful service; his usefulness and many good qualities have won for him many friends.