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Robert L. Nesbit. The **Nesbit** family are descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, but for three generations at least have been natives of York County. **John Creighton Nesbit**, the grandfather of **Robert L.**, was one of seven children, all deceased, namely: **James**, who died in early life; **John C.**; **Hannah**, wife of **George Lecrone**, deceased, and mother of **George**, a resident of Dover; **Eliza**, wife of **William Fulton**, and mother of **Alice** and **William**, both deceased; **Mary**, deceased, wife of the late **John Weimer**, and mother of **John**, **Lewis**, **Andrew**, **Henry** (deceased), and **Alice (Mrs. George Butcher)**; **Letitia**, who married the late **Joshua Taylor**, and had three children, **John** (deceased). **Eliza Jane** (of Rochester, Pa.) and **Thomas** (deceased); and **Jane**, who married the late **James Compert**, and had one daughter, **Mary**, deceased wife of **Harrison Spangler**.

John Creighton Nesbit was born in York County in 1809. A potter by trade, he was also a teacher, a noted mathematician, and followed both callings during his life time. He died in 1884, two years after his wife, who was **Miss Julia Klinedinst**, daughter of **John Klinedinst**, of York County, and was born in 1810. Their family consisted of ten children. (1) **Elizabeth** married **Isaiah Walker**, and lives near Rossville. (2) **George** and (3) **Mary**, both died in infancy. (4) **John C.**, by profession a teacher, lives in Upper Allen Township, and holds the office of justice of the peace. He married **Sallie**, daughter of **John Sprenkle**, and has two sons: **Arthur**, in the drug business at Philadelphia; and **Russell**, a telegraph operator. (5) **Harrison**, now deceased, married **Miss Mary Sutton**. His widow lives on the old homestead in Warrington Township, and is the mother of **Florence**; **Adeline**, **Mrs. Samuel Deardorff**, of York County; and **John Rankin**, who married **Miss Dollie Bushey**, and lives near Mt. Airy. He has one son, **Charles**, married to **Miss Kate Walker**. (6) **Joseph** was married three times, first to a **Miss Nester**, second to a **Miss Hartman**, and third to **Miss Mary Brinton**. By his first wife he had children: **Elmer**, who married **Miss Clara Ferrence**; **Ann**, **Mrs. Wesley Bierbower**; and **Sallie**, **Mrs. Frank Jennings**. To the third union was born a son, **Lester Creighton**. (7) **William** married first **Mrs. McClellan**, and second **Miss Matilda Wallet**, of Perry County. He is the father of **Ward**, **Pearl**, **Stiles**, **Grant**, **Nettie**, **Frank** and **Rush**. (8) **Maria** died at the age of seventeen. (9) **James** married **Miss Bessie Shaw**, of New York. He is principal of the schools in Durand, Wis. (10) **Louis N.** was the father of **Robert L.**

Louis N. Nesbit was born near Round Top in 1836. He was a carpenter by trade, but spent much the greater part of his life teaching. For thirty-seven consecutive terms he taught in Warrington and Fairview Townships, but finally retired from the profession in 1892, and turned his attention to farming. He is at present living in retirement in Dillsburg. A Republican in politics, he has been active in local affairs and has held various offices, as township clerk, assessor, etc. In religion he is a Presbyterian. His wife, to whom he was united in 1851, was **Miss Catherine Bushey**, daughter of **John Bushey**, of York County, and **Mr. Nesbit** met with a great bereavement in her death, Feb. 7, 1903, at the age of sixty-six. The children born to them were as follows: **Robert L.**; **Annie**, who married **Elwood Myers**, a farmer of Warrington Township, and has three children, **Carrie**, **Elmer** and **Aaron**; **Mary**, who married **John R. Laird**, a farmer in Fairview Township, and has an only daughter, **Blanch**; **Susan**, who married **H. M. Straley**, a farmer and teacher in Warrington Township, and has one son, **Ralph**.

Robert L. Nesbit was born at Fortney, Mt. Airy, Oct. 29, 1864. He attended school in Fortney, and after completing his education, clerked for a number of years in a dry goods and grocery concern, and having thus gotten a good start, he began in business for himself, March 23, 1887. He bought out the hardware business of **John A. Arnold**, and from the first did a flourishing business. By 1891, his patronage had so increased that he was obliged to enlarge his main building, but this relief was only temporary, and in 1896 he put up an addition, 123 feet long and three stories in height. Again his business outgrew its quarters, and in 1901, a second three story addition was built, 50x30 feet. His establishment now covers 25,000 square feet of store room, and easily outstrips any other in the valley in size and in the amount of stock covered. The main lines are hardware, house furnishings and stoves, but there are a number of smaller lines carried also.

Mr. Nesbit was married Oct. 25, 1884, to **Cora L.**, daughter of **Quincy Swartz**, of Adams County. Two children have been born to them, **Quay S.** and **Dewey H.** In his political principles **Mr. Nesbit** is a Republican. He is a public spirited citizen, who does his part in municipal life, at present holding the office of councilman for the borough of Dillsburg. He has been remarkable successful in a business way and stands high in the esteem of the community, where he is a man of both prominence and influence.

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