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James E. Nickum, puddler, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born January 2, 1848, at Loyal Forge, Adams County, Pa. He is a son of **John** and **Rebecca (Foster) Nickum**, natives of Virginia, both deceased. His father died when **James E. Nickum** was a mere child. His brothers are: **Joseph W.**, who was accidentally drowned in the Susquehanna; and **David S.**, of Duncannon; his only sister, **Sarah Catharine**, died in infancy. The widowed mother subsequently became **Mrs. James Kirkwood**. After the death of his father, **James E. Nickum** went with his mother to Maryland, where he remained until he was eleven years of age. He went to Hughes Furnace, Franklin County, Pa., and afterwards to Duncannon, in 1859; he has resided in the latter place ever since. He has been for thirty-five years in the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, and has been noted by the officials of the company for industry and assiduity in the discharge of his duties, and by the community for his integrity and good citizenship. His intelligence and good judgment have been readily recognized by his fellow-citizens. This is evinced by the fact that he is now serving his third term as a school director of Penn Township, and has discharged the duties developing upon him ably and faithfully, and to the full satisfaction of the patrons of the school. **Mr. Nickum** is an active member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F., of Duncannon. He is also a member of the Duncannon Iron Company Workman Burial Association. **Mr. Nickum** is a staunch Republican.

James E. Nickum was married in Duncannon, September 2, 1872, to **Matilda A.**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Mary A. Remsburg**, natives of Frederick County, Md. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Nickum** are: **Anna R.** (**Mrs. John Mutzabaugh**); **Isabel J.**; **Daniel E.**; and **Victoria Virginia**; all are living. **Mr. Nickum** and several of his family are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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