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D. Clark Nipple, M. D., Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pa., was born August 1, 1852, near Millerstown, Perry County, Pa. He is the son of **Henry** and **Mary (Orner) Nipple**. **Frederick Nipple**, grandfather of the Doctor, was born in Ireland, being of the hardy, industrious and intelligent Scotch-Irish race that has left so strong an impression on the progressive development of the New World. Emigrating to America, he settled in Greenwood Township, Perry County, where he owned a large and finely improved farm. Late in life he lived in retirement at Newport, Perry County. He was killed by a fast train on the railroad. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in political views a Democrat. He was much respected and esteemed in the community, and as a good citizen always took an active part in county and township matters. He married in Perry County, and was the father of five children.

Henry Nipple, the father of **Dr. Nipple**, was born in Perry County. After receiving a common school education and spending some years with his father on the farm, he learned the blacksmith trade, which occupation he followed in Greenwood Township, and also along the canals. Later in life he owned and conducted a farm in Greenwood Township of more than 200 acres. He improved it by the erection of very complete buildings and in other ways. Here he breathed his last, June 10, 1890.

In Perry County he married **Mary**, daughter of **Martin Orner**, a farmer of Greenwood Township, who was also of Scotch descent. They had seven children: **Rebecca**; **Henry M.**, M. D., of Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa.; **Frederick**, a farmer in Greenwood Township, Perry County; **John O.**, M. D., of Port Trevorton, Snyder County; **James C.**, of Saville Township, Perry County; **D. Clark**, M. D., of Newton Hamilton; and **Mary**. **Henry Nipple** was a staunch Democrat. He filled ably and acceptably the office of school director, and other positions of trust in his township. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, with whom he journeyed so long through life, preceded him by two years to the other world; she died in March, 1888.

Dr. D. Clark Nipple passed his boyhood industriously laboring during the summer months on the farm, and in winter attended the public schools of Greenwood Township. Naturally a receptive and diligent student, he began teaching at the age of sixteen, and was for seven years a successful teacher in Snyder, Juniata and Perry Counties. During this time he enlarged his mental training by attending the Millerstown Normal School for two terms, and Freeburg Academy for one term. He now began his professional reading with **Dr. S. T. Lineaweaver**, of Millerstown, Perry County, with whom he remained three years, doing at the same time clerical work in the drug store. This was followed by one term at the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and two terms at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati. The effects of **Dr. Nipple's** habits of close study and careful investigation, which had distinguished him from boyhood, were shown in the gratifying results of his collegiate course. He graduated with very high honors from the Ohio College, in the class of 1877. Returning to Pennsylvania the Doctor practiced for a short time at Fremont, Snyder County, whence he removed to Freeburg, in the same county, entering into partnership with his brother, **Henry**. He remained here until 1882, with an extensive practice, having become especially noted throughout Snyder County for his

skill and success in surgery. From Freeburg he removed to Newton Hamilton, to become the successor of **Dr. J. T. Mahon**. Compounding his own medicines, phenomenally successful with his patients, enjoying the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of devoted friends, **Dr. Nipple** has built up a practice, which is unsurpassed in the county of Mifflin. The Doctor takes a keen interest in all matters connected with his profession and with the alleviation of the ills of suffering humanity. He is a member of the State Medical Association, as well as of the Mifflin County Society, of which he has been the treasurer for the past four years.

Dr. Nipple was married February 22, 1882, at Harrisburg, Pa., to **Miss Laura A. Boyer**, a refined and highly educated lady, a daughter of **Francis Boyer** and niece of **Prof. Boyer**, of the Freeburg Academy. Their only child is **Lorma**, born May 18, 1885. **Dr. Nipple** is a member of McVeytown Lodge, No. 376, F. and A. M., of McVeytown; and of Lodge No. 472, I. O. O. F., of Newton Hamilton. He was also a member of the P. O. S of A. The Doctor is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and is very punctual in his attendance upon all church services. He is a staunch unswerving Democrat. He has been for six years a school director in Newton Hamilton, and chief burgess of the town for a term of four years. The duties of these offices were faithfully and efficiently discharged to the satisfaction of all his constituents and for the best interests of the community.

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