

Robert M. Owings, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born July 22, 1859, in Franklin County, son of the late **John** and **Catherine (Hollenbaugh) Owings**. **John Owings**, who was a native of Perry County, was in early life engaged as a teamster, but later became a farmer. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Owings** are: **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Adams)**; **Robert M.**; **Frank J.**; **Jennie L. (Mrs. John Tressler)**, of Victor, Col.; **James L.**, deceased; and **Lillie B.**, deceased. **Mr. John Owings** died in May, 1888, from the kick of a horse.

During his boyhood and youth, **Robert M. Owings** attended the public schools in the winter, assisting on his father's farm during the summer. Time passed thus, until he reached his majority in 1880. He then went to Ohio, and remained there, engaged in farming, for one year. In 1881, he returned to his father's farm in Centre Township, and remained there for a short time; then he went to Colorado, where for a year he drove a team for Patterson Gutschall. After again returning for a short time to his father, he went out to Bird City, Kan., where he bought 160 acres of land; then went to Colorado again, and worked another year for his former employer. Next, in the spring of 1888, **Mr. Owings** came east, to his native place. His father was about building a new barn, in which **Mr. R. M. Owings** helped; but not long after his return home, the accident occurred which cost **Mr. John Owings** his life. **Robert M. Owings** then took charge of the farm; in 1889, he settled his father's estate, and in the same year began farming for himself, in which occupation he was engaged until the spring of 1893. At that time, he sold his stock, rented out the farm, and went to a point in Illinois about twenty miles south of Rock Island; he remained, however, only until the fall of the same year, coming then to New Bloomfield, where he lived with his mother, at leisure from business, until the following spring, 1894. He then embarked in the livery business, which he has since carried on with profit to himself and satisfaction to his customers. **Mr. Owings** has his office on the corner of McClure and Church Streets. Here he makes a specialty of good "rigs" and careful drivers. He has well-appointed equipages for private hire, carriages for balls and other assemblies, buggies for pleasure driving, and well-trained horses for hire at reasonable rates. There are in the establishment all the modern adjuncts for convenience and utility. The establishment is deservedly popular, has won public confidence, and is patronized by many of the most substantial business men and families of the borough. Besides this flourishing business, **Mr. Owings** has also established a brisk and lucrative trade in buggies, which he buys and sells with reference to the wants of the community. He owns one of the finest farms in Perry County, about two miles from Bloomfield. **Mr. Owings** is a Democrat. He still resides with his mother in New Bloomfield.