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The **Page** family of Millerstown, herein recorded, descends from **Christian Page**, born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, a wagon maker of West Perry Township, where he died. He married **Mary Diffenderfer**, born in Juniata County, both of German descent and both members of the Mennonite Church. **Christian Page** was a Democrat in politics. Children: **Emanuel**, of whom further; **Debias**, **Christian** (2), **Delilah**, and **Mary**.

(II) **Emanuel**, son of **Christian** and **Mary (Diffenderfer) Page**, was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in 1835, died in Snyder County, March 7, 1903. He was a lifelong farmer of Snyder County, a member of the Brethren Church, and in politics a Democrat, holding to his church and party with all the tenacity and faithfulness of an intense nature. He married (first) **Elizabeth Cameron**, born in Juniata County, in 1835, died in West Perry Township, Snyder County, December 2, 1866, daughter of **Robert Cameron**, who came from Ireland when a young man, took up land near New Bloomfield, Perry County, and there engaged in farming until his death. He was twice married—**Elizabeth** (of previous mention), **William**, who died in the Union army, and **Robert** (2), being children of the first wife. Children of **Emanuel Page** by first wife: **Banks W.**, of whom further below; **Lizzie**, died at the age of one year; **Lewis**, died aged nine years. He married (second) the widow of **Michael Shelley**, and (third) **Malinda Merhood**, who bore a daughter **Edna**, married **Charles E. Shirk**, and now resides in Philadelphia.

(III) **Banks W.**, only living son of **Emanuel Page** and his first wife, **Elizabeth Cameron**, was born in Fayette Township, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1855. He attended the school kept in the old log school house in West Perry Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, and until seventeen years of age worked at the home farm. At that age he began working at a tannery at Evendale, Pennsylvania, continuing seven years. About 1879 he returned to farming, working in Juniata County three years. Later about 1892 he engaged in the lumber business in the same county, continuing successfully for twelve years. He later bought from **Mr. Gross** and the borough of Millerstown the shirt factory plant in Millerstown, which he has since successfully operated. He began with a factory force of thirty-five and now employs one hundred and four persons. The old building and plant proving inadequate to the needs of his growing business, **Mr. Page** in the spring of 1912 began the erection of a new factory building which was completed in September of that year at a cost of \$8,000, an equal sum also being invested in new and modern shirt making equipment. This is now one of the prosperous industries of Millerstown, and a striking illustration of the business ability of its owner. **Mr. Page** is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; a Democrat in politics; and for four years was councilman of the borough and school director for a like period.

He married **Estella W.**, daughter of **Bayard Nields**, a farmer of Juniata County; children: **Huldah**; **May**, married **Lloyd Knight** (whom she survives); **Charles C.**, married **Jennie Walker**; **Mercy P.**, married **John Slaughterback**; **Morton**; **Frances**, married **Harry J. Beecham**; **Merl**, **Darlington**, died aged five years.