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John Preisler, Lebo, Perry County, Pa., son of **John** and **Susan (Burtnette) Preisler**, was born November 11, 1845, in Perry County. His paternal grandparents were born in Germany and came to this country when quite young. They settled in Lancaster County, and removed to Cumberland, and later to Perry County. In his early life, the grandfather was a school teacher; for many years he was a local preacher; later he engaged in farming. He was married to **Maria Musselman**; they had a family of seven children: **Daniel**; **John**; **Henry**; **George**; **Mary**, died in 1862, aged fifty years; **Joseph** and **Catherine**, died in infancy. He died in Perry County. **Mr. Preisler's** maternal grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burtnette**, were natives of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, a farmer all his life, was married to **Miss Grove**; they had eleven children: **Kate (Mrs. Daniel Preisler)**; **Susan: Nancy (Mrs. John Keck)**, deceased; **Mary (Mrs. David Neely)**, deceased; **John**, also deceased; **William**, died in Michigan; **Jacob**, deceased; **Samuel**, deceased; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Jonathan Rejelman)**, deceased; **Thomas**, deceased; **Sarah (Mrs. Charles Bressler)**, died December 25, 1896.

John Preisler, Sr., was born in Union County. He followed his trade of stone mason nearly all his life. He was married to **Susan**, daughter of **Thomas Burtnette**, and had these children: **John**; **Susan E.**, widow of **J. C. Frink**; **J. C.**; **Joseph**, deceased; **Sarah**, deceased; **Anna Mary**, died in infancy; **George**, died in March, 1891, aged thirty-seven years; and **Catharine**, died June 27, 1894, aged fifty years, taught school for a number of years. **Mr. Preisler** was a member of the Lutheran Church and an office-holder. He died November 21, 1870, aged seventy-three years. His wife resides in Bloomfield, Perry County.

John Preisler received his education in the public schools. His trade was that of a sawyer, and he worked at it for many years. He spent a number of years in Virginia, employed there at his trade, also in Centre County for ten months. During the war he was driving a team in Washington City, and later drove in Cumberland and Franklin Counties. After this he again engaged in sawing. In 1893 he turned his attention to farming, and in 1894 removed to his present place, which he managed with much success.

Mr. Preisler was married, February 22, 1879, to **Mrs. Sarah**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Hattie (Nailer) Allen**, and widow of **Harvey Shirpening**. They had three children: **Charles P.**; **Frank T.**; and **Mary K.** The family are members of the Reformed Church, **Mr. Preisler** holding the office of elder in his congregation, and superintendent of the Sunday school. **Mrs. Preisler** died March 1, 1897, aged fifty.

Mrs. Preisler's father, **Samuel Allen**, was born in Lancaster County. In his youth he was a carpenter, but later went to farming. He was twice married; his wives were sisters, daughters of **George Nailer**. The first wife was **Catharine Nailer**, whom he married February 15, 1821. They had seven children, two of whom survive: **Mary (Mrs. Solomon Sitze)**; and **Samuel**. Those who died were: **Catharine** died in February, 1839, aged one year; **George**, died in 1864; **John**; **Josiah**; and **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Green)**. On the 12th of March, 1838, **Mrs. Preisler** died, aged thirty-eight years. The second wife was **Hattie Nailer**. The five children of this

marriage are all living: **Rebecca**, widow of **Benjamin Lunk**; **David**; **Jacob**; **Sarah** (**Mrs. John Preisler**); and **Yost S.** Five of **Mr. Allen's** sons served in the late war, viz: **John**, **Josiah**, **Samuel**, **David** and **Jacob**. Though **John** was imprisoned for a long time, and **David** had a horse shot under him, all lived to come home in safety. **Mr. Allen** and his wife were members of the Evangelical Church, in which the former was a class leader for many years. He died March 9, 1873, aged seventy-six years and six months; his wife died April 17, 1883, aged seventy-eight years, two months and fourteen days.

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