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**A. S. Raffensberger**, East Waterford, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Juniata Township, Perry County, Pa., February 8, 1856. He is a son of **Jeremiah** and **Anna M. (Klinepeter) Raffensberger**. **Jeremiah Raffensberger** learned blacksmithing with his father, and made it his life-long occupation. He was one of the early settlers, and one of the oldest blacksmiths in, Juniata Township. He owned a small farm there. **Jeremiah Raffensberger** was married in Penn Township, Perry County, to **Anna M. Klinepeter**, born near Duncannon, Pa. Their living children are: **Daniel**, of Perry County; **John**, of Henry County, Ind.; **Samuel**, carpenter, of Donnally's Mills, Perry County; **Jeremiah H.**, tinsmith, of Millerstown, Perry County; **Harvey**; **A. S.**; **Rebecca J.**; **Margaret (Mrs. William Powell)**, of Perry County; and **Addie (Mrs. Lewis Kirkpatrick)**, of Duncannon, Pa. The deceased are: **Sarah**; **Catherine**; **Christopher**; **James**; and **Wayne**. **Mrs. Raffensberger** died in 1882. **Jeremiah Raffensberger** was an old line Whig, and later a Republican. He never sought office. He had few educational advantages, but was well liked and respected. He died in Juniata Township, May 6, 1888.

**A. S. Raffensberger** attended the public schools in Perry County during the winter months. At the age of twelve he hired his services to the farmers, and received one dollar and a half per month. He worked in this way until he reached his twenty-sixth year, having had only four employers in all those years, one of which was spent in Bureau County, Ill. During 1881-82 he was salesman for the Centre Woolen Mills, a factory of woolen goods in Perry County. In the spring of 1883 he came to McCullochs Mills, Juniata County, where he began business with **S. W. Bixler**, as general merchant. The year following he sold out his interest, and engaged as salesman for Yohn and Smith, of Newport, Perry County, dealers in farm implements. After serving for one year in this capacity he began business for himself in Juniata County, and became a dealer in all kinds of farm implements, phosphates, etc. In October, 1895, **Mr. Raffensberger** came to East Waterford and continued the business there as dealer in agricultural implements, high grade phosphates, flour, feed, railroad ties, etc. He bought a fine dwelling house, to which he has added many improvements, and built a well equipped store. He is endowed with great business ability; and his honest dealings and Christian character have won for him the esteem of his fellow-citizens. **Mr. Raffensberger** is a Republican. He is serving as school director. He is also a member and

treasurer of the P. O. S. A. Camp of East Waterford. He was appointed mercantile appraiser in 1894, and filled the office to the satisfaction of all.

**A. S. Raffensberger** was married at McCoystown, Juniata County, in 1886, to **Elizabeth S.**, daughter of **Irvin C. Stewart**, a farmer of Tuscarora Township. Their children are: **Sallie**, died in infancy; **Benjamin Correll**, born February 27, 1890. **Mrs. Raffensberger**, before her marriage, taught school for six years. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Raffensberger** are members of the Presbyterian Church; he is a trustee of the church, Sunday-school teacher and assistant superintendent.