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William H. Raffensperger, Juniata, Pa., was born April 24, 1849, son of **William** and **Elizabeth (Frantz) Raffensperger**. His maternal grandfather, **Isaac Frantz**, a carpenter, was married to **Anna Mary Crist**. Their children are: **Elizabeth; Susan; Mary; John; William; Jonas; Margaret;** and **Sarah**. **Isaac Frantz** and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He died in 1869; his wife in May, 1874. She had been blind for eighteen years. **Mr. Raffensperger's** father, a stone mason, was married to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Isaac** and **Anna Mary (Crist) Frantz**. Their children are: **Mary; John; George; William H.; Isaac N.; Samuel L.; Jonas;** and **five** whose names are not known. **Mr. William Raffensperger** is deceased. **William H. Raffensperger** attended the public schools, and then learned stone masonry, at which he was employed for seventeen years. In 1884, he began farming.

William H. Raffensperger was married February 29, 1872, to **Ellen**, daughter of **John** and **Catherine (Lenig) Brown**. Their children are: **William L.; John H.; Edith H.; Samuel F.; Charles S.; Harry O.; Allies B.;** and **one** who died in infancy. **Mr. Raffensperger** and his family are members of the Evangelical Church.

Mrs. Raffensperger's parents were natives of Perry County. Her father, **John Brown**, blacksmith and farmer, was married to **Catherine**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Catherine Lenig**. Their children are: **Jacob; Ellen; Samuel; John; Mary;** and **seven** who died in infancy. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Brown** were members of the Lutheran Church. He died January 1, 1884; his wife in July, 1882.