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**John R. Rambo**, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., son of **Nathan** and **Martha (Robinson) Rambo**, was born in Lancaster County, February 1, 1837. His paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, came to this country and settled in Lancaster County. He was a miller and farmer. He married **Ellen Robinson**; they had eight children, all of whom are deceased except one son, John. The others were: **Nathan; Eliza; Margaretta; Ellen; Hugh; William;** and **David**. **Mr. Rambo's** maternal grandparents, **John Robinson** and wife, were also natives of Ireland. **Mr. Robinson** was a farmer and a very prominent man. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and filled all the township offices. He was married to **Isabella Gault**, and had five children, all now deceased: **Martha; Wilson; Jane; Margaret;** and **William**. **Nathan Rambo**, father of **John R.**, was born in Lancaster County, February 17, 1812. He learned milling, which occupation he followed for many years, until he came to Carroll Township and engaged in farming. In 1835, he was married to **Martha**, daughter of **John** and **Isabella Robinson**; their children were: **John R.; Isabella (Mrs. Andrew B. Comp); H. W.; William**, died November 1, 1846, aged four years, five months and twenty days; **Ellen**, died August 6, 1860, aged ten years, two months and twenty days; and **David**, died December 20, 1862, at the age of twenty three years, three months and twenty-two days. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rambo were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held the office of deacon and elder for many years.

**John R. Rambo** received his education in the public schools of his native county, and at the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to a miller. At this business he worked for about fifteen years in Lancaster County and in 1871 came to Perry county. He settled in Carroll Township, on the farm on which he now lives retired. He is a Republican, but has never sought political preferment.

**Mr. Rambo** was married, January 2, 1868, to **Margaret**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Katie (Bare) Comp**. They have two children: **Samuel;** and **Frank**. The family are Lutherans.

**Mrs. Rambo's** paternal grandfather was a native of Perry County, and a farmer. He married **Mary Shoner**, and had twelve children: **Mollie (Mrs. John Keighter); Sarah (Mrs. John Shearer); Eliza (Mrs. William Fosse); Fannie (Mrs. Samuel Clouser); Mary (Mrs. Samuel Shull); Sophia (Mrs. Henry Bentsel); Daniel**, deceased; **Samuel**, deceased; **Andrew**, deceased; and **three** that died in infancy. **Mr. Comp** died in 1875, aged ninety-four years, his **wife** having preceded him to the grave one year. The maternal grandparents of **Mrs. Rambo** were natives of Germany. Her grandfather, **John Bare**, married **Sarah Sugard**, and coming to this country, engaged in farming. Of their twelve children, only one survives, **John**. The others were: **Fannie; Nancy; Margaret; Sarah; William; Jacob; Christina;** and **three** that died young. Mr. and Mrs. Bare were members of the Reformed Church. **He** died while yet a young man; his **widow** lived to the age of seventy.

**Mrs. Rambo's** father, **Samuel Comp**, born in Perry County, was a farmer, working also at shoemaking and blacksmithing. He was married, January 16, 1834, to **Catharine**, daughter of **John** and **Sarah (Sugard) Bare**. Their children were: **Mary J. (Mrs. David Beaver); Sarah**

**(Mrs. Henry Souder); Catharine (Mrs. D. J. Long) ; Margaret (Mrs. John R. Rambo); John; Andrew; Samuel; Frank; Francis E.**, died April 30, 1885, aged twelve years; **Helen W.**, died June 13, 1855, aged one month; **Cassandra**, died January 16, 1867, aged eighteen years; and **two** that died in infancy. Mr. Comp and wife were members of the Lutheran Church, in which he served as deacon and elder for many years. The wife died December 22, 1874, aged sixty-two years. **Mr. Comp** survived until January 9, 1896, when he died at the advanced age of eighty eight years and five months.