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Thomas Ramsey, son of **Samuel** and **Mary (Black) Ramsey**, was born in Juniata Township, Perry County, November 6, 1817. His grandfather, **John Ramsey**, of Scotch Irish descent, born in County Derry, Ireland, married a **Miss Power**, also a native of Ireland, came to this country, and settled about five miles from New Bloomfield, Perry County. At his death he owned nearly 300 acres of improved land. He was a lieutenant under Washington, in the Revolution; he died in Perry County, in 1822. The children of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Ramsey** were: **Catherine; Mary; Sarah; Elizabeth; Annie;** and **Samuel**. **Samuel Ramsey**, father of **Thomas Ramsey**, attended the subscription schools, and was a farmer all his life. **Samuel Ramsey** married **Mary**, daughter of **John Black**. They had nine children: **Thomas**, now the only survivor; **John; James; Martha; Mary; Annie E.; Catherine;** and **two** who died in infancy. **Samuel Ramsey** died in 1835; and his widow in 1846. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Thomas Ramsey was educated in the subscription schools, and remained on the homestead until 1848. Subsequently he farmed for fifteen years; then spent one year in business at Port Royal, Juniata County; one year as steward of the Juniata almshouse; one year on **Dr. Sterrett's** farm in Milford Township; one year on **Samuel Allen's** farm, Beale Township; and in the following year he bought his present farm of 96 acres. Since 1892, **Mr. Ramsey** has lived a retired life on his farm, and is still active, although over eighty years old. He is a Republican and Prohibitionist, and has been school director and tax collector.

Thomas Ramsey was married in 1850, to **Margery A.**, daughter of **David Porter**. Their children are: **Clara; Lizzie; Calvin;** and **Mary**. **Mr. Ramsey** is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at McCoysville. He is a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and for several terms was its superintendent.