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Edward L. Reapsomer, Elliottsburg, Perry County, Pa., son of **Daniel** and **Susan (Foose) Reapsomer**, was born on the old homestead in Perry County, January 11, 1863. His great grandfather came from Switzerland in 1754, took up land in Perry County in 1756, and began farming. This farm has been in the possession of the **Reapsomer** descendants from that early date to the present time. **John Reapsomer**, grandfather of **E. L. Reapsomer**, was a farmer all his life. His maternal grandparents were also farmers, natives of Perry County. **Daniel Reapsomer** was born on the old homestead, and there he lived and died. He was twice married, first to **Miss Biseline**. Of their three children, only one survives, **Matilda (Mrs. John Long)**, of Kansas. **Mr. Reapsomer's** second wife was **Susan**, daughter of **Michael** and **Susan (Shoner) Foose**. They had ten children: **Daniel; David; Adeline; Edward L.; William; Maclada (Mrs. David Ritter); Maggie**, deceased; and **three** that died in infancy. **Mr. Reapsomer** was a prominent man in his day, and was chosen to fill positions of honor and trust. Possessed of business ability in an unusual degree, he was appointed to settle up many estates. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, holding office continuously, and helped to build the old stone church. He died in 1887, aged seventy-two years and three months. The mother, who has passed the age of seventy, resides with her son **Edward L.**

Edward L. Reapsomer was educated in the public schools, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. He was raised to farming, in which occupation he is still engaged, cultivating the same farm that was managed not only by his father, but by his ancestors for four generations.

Edward L. Reapsomer was married, December 3, 1889, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **James A.** and **Annie (Snyder) Gray**. They have these children: **James M.; Daniel E.; Ralph G.;** and **Clara B.** The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

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