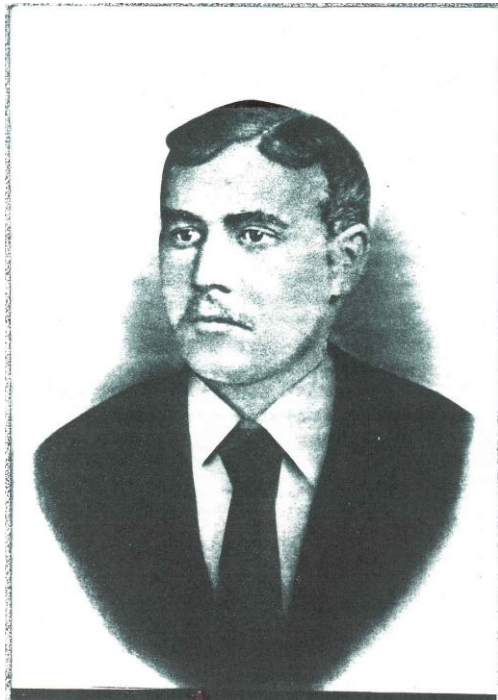


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**Reed, Robert L.**, carpenter and farmer, Linglestown, Dauphin County, Pa., was born in Liverpool Township, Perry County, April 12, 1856. He is a son of **Elijah** and **Mary (Cram) Reed**. The father enlisted in 1862 in the Seventeenth Pennsylvania cavalry under Capt. Andrew Vand, and died in the Regimental Hospital from a sickness contracted while in the service. The mother died August 13, 1891, aged sixty-five years. They had a family of six children: **Joseph**, deceased; **Elias**, deceased; **Emma**, deceased; **James**, born September 28, 1853; **Robert L.**, and **John**, born March 4, 1858. Mrs. **Reed's** parents are both deceased. The mother died at the age of twenty-seven, and two years later the father married **Miss Mary Swartz**. The children by the first marriage are: **Elizabeth, Millard Fillmore, and Josephine**; and by the second: **Henry Clay, Fannie A., Lincoln, Harriet, Naoma, and Edith**. The father died September, 1882, at the age of sixty-four years.

**Robert L.** received his education in the place of his birth until he was nine years old, then attended the school of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, at White Hall, Cumberland County. Later he attended the Loysville Orphans' Home, in Perry County, and then returned to his mother in Buffalo Township, Perry County, and assisted on the farm until 1877. For a time he was engaged in brick making in Center Township, Perry County, and in 1878 removed to Ohio, where he was engaged as a teamster until 1879, when he removed to his native county and located at Millerstown. Some time afterward he farmed for seven years in Perry County, and in December, 1889, engaged in railroad business as foreman, removing to Harrisburg in 1890. They purchased the present homestead in October, 1895. He was married, March 13, 1878, to **Josephine Clouser**, daughter of **Francis B.** and **Mary J. (McCullough) Clouser**. Their children are: **Francis Irvin**, born April 7, 1880; **Naoma Edith**, born July 28, 1883; **Charles Hamburg**, born May 2, 1889. **Mr. Reed** is a member of the Knights of St. John and Malta, No. 93, of Harrisburg. In politics he is a Republican. The family are members of the Methodist Church.