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John C. Reeder, Blain, Perry County, Pa., son of **Solomon** and **Hannah (Smith)**

Reeder, was born in Spring Township, Cumberland County, Pa., January 27, 1856. His grandfather, **John Reeder**, came from Berks County, Pa., to the lower part of Perry County, where he was a farmer, and reared a family of sons and daughters. Among these was **Solomon Reeder**, born near Elliottsburg, Perry County, and educated in the schools of that vicinity. Like his father, he was a farmer; he was a worthy and useful man, respected and esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances for his many excellent qualities. In 1841, **Solomon Reeder** married **Hannah**, daughter of **Jonathan** and **Elizabeth (Kern) Smith**. Their children are: **Elizabeth**, born April 5, 1843, died unmarried May 6, 1886; **George W.**, born December 19, 1844, married **Jennie Gilles**, of Indiana, had one child, **Mabel E.**, and, his wife dying, he married again, and now resides at South Bend, Ind.; **Daniel** and **Samuel**, twins, born November 4, 1846, **Daniel** married **Laura Spotts**, of Cumberland County, and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., has daughters, **Rettie** and **Catherine**, and **Samuel** married **Nellie Pack**, of Kings County, N. Y., resides in New York City, and has one daughter, **Jennie**, whose mother having died, **Samuel Reeder** married **Mary Coleman**, of New York City, by whom he has two daughters; **Francis Marion**, farmer, of Manitoba, **B. A.**, born February 19, 1849; **Matilda**, born July 3, 1851, died in infancy; **David**, of Fort Madison, Ia., born November 11, 1853, married **Jennie Smith**, of Indiana; and **John C.**

The father, **Solomon Reeder**, died in February, 1856, aged about forty-two years. He was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, and an exemplary husband and father. When **John C. Reeder** was about a year old, his widowed mother came with her young family to the homestead in Jackson Township, where he was reared, attending the common schools of his neighborhood. He was early accustomed to the work and management of a farm, and when he became a young man, was placed in charge of his uncle's land, which he cultivated with care and success. He is considered a skillful agriculturist, and an honorable and reliable man of business. Like his father, he is a Democrat. He adheres to the Reformed Church, in which he was brought up.