

History of Perry County, Pennsylvania, Including Descriptions of Indian and Pioneer Life from the Time of Earliest Settlement Sketches of Its Noted Men and Women and Many Professional Men, By H. H. Hain, Harrisburg, Pa., 1922 - Hain-Moore Company, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. George H. Reen was born near Liverpool, January 17, 1867, the son of **Samuel** and **Sarah (Hunter) Reen**. His family removed to Newport, where he was educated in the public schools. He then went to Troy (Pa.) and prepared for Gettysburg College, under the late Daniel Fleisher, Ph.D. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1890, at the head of his class. He graduated from the seminary in 1893, and was ordained to the Lutheran ministry. He was pastor of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church at Mansfield, Ohio, 1893-98, and of the First Lutheran Church at Columbia, Pa., 1898-1903. As a member of the Board of Home Missions he became greatly interested in St. Paul's Mission at St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1903 he became its pastor. The congregation formed there by him built a fine church building, towards which he and his wife contributed \$3,600, which represented the profits of a boarding house which they themselves conducted during the St. Louis World's Fair during the year of 1904. Worn by his strenuous labors he fell a victim of disease, dying October 13, 1906, at the age of thirty-nine years. The Sunday following his funeral had been fixed as the time he should deliver his first sermon in the new church, just completed. That day the congregation voted to change its name to the "Reen Memorial Church of St. Louis," the name by which it is now known.

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