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Harry D. Reutter, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon, of Duncannon, Pa., and one of the Pension Board Examiners for Perry County, was born at Duncan's Island, Dauphin County, Pa., November 18, 1861. He is a son of **Dr. George N.** and **Margaret S. (Smith) Reutter**, both deceased. The **Reutter** family forms a part of the immense influx from the German nationality which has been so conspicuous in the development of Pennsylvania's resources and wealth, and so renowned throughout our country for its character of sturdiness and thrift.

Dr. Reutter's great-grandfather, **Michael Reutter**, was born in Germany and came to America in 1762. **Daniel N. L. Reutter**, son of **Michael Reutter**, was born in Philadelphia, in 1800, was at one time a large contractor and helped to build the Pennsylvania canal. For several years, he conducted a drug store in Market Square, Harrisburg, Pa. In the year 1848, he settled in Watts Township, Perry County, where he resided the remainder of his life. His son, **Dr. George N. Reutter**, the father of **Dr. H. D.**, was born at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union County, Pa., in 1835; when but a child, he removed with his parents to Watts Township, Perry County, where he spent his entire life. He had an extensive practice in Dauphin and Perry Counties, and possessed those sterling qualities of heart and mind that gained him hosts of friends and the warm esteem of all his extensive acquaintances. He was of a genial temperament, and was an earnest politician in the ranks of the Democratic Party; he represented his county in the State Legislature in 1875-76. After an active and useful career, he passed away, regretted by all who knew him, in 1890; his faithful wife had died in 1878. They had seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: **Kate C.**, wife of **Joseph C. Hawley**, superintendent of the Duncannon Nail Works; **Dr. Harry D.**; **Mary E.**; **Carrie B.**; and **Thomas G.**

The early life of the present **Dr. Reutter** was spent with his parents; his education was received in the public schools of Watts Township, and in the Duncannon and Harrisburg high schools. **Dr. Reutter** afterwards read medicine in the office of his father until the year 1882, when he entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. From this institution he was graduated in 1884, with an enviable and honorable record of meritorious work. In May, 1885, he began the active practice of his chosen profession, selecting as his location the borough of Duncannon, where he has ever since been engaged in active professional duties. He is a member of the Perry County Medical Society, and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association. The Doctor is a Democrat. He is prominent and influential in Evergreen Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F.

August 3, 1885, **Dr. Reutter** was married to **Clara L.**, daughter of **William J. Stewart, Sr.**, and **Hannah Stewart**, of Duncannon. **Dr.** and **Mrs. Reutter** have one daughter, **Margaret H.**, born in the following year. They are both consistent and devoted members of the Presbyterian Church.

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