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David Rhinesmith is an active and energetic farmer of Banner Township, Centre County, the owner of a good farm of sixty-two acres. By the manner in which he carries on his business, he evidences that he thoroughly understands the vocation in which he is engaged, and that success is attending his efforts toward acquiring a competency. Neatness and order prevail upon his place, which is managed, with regard to its cultivation, in a manner that reflects great credit upon the owner.

Mr. Rhinesmith was born in Perry County, Penn., in 1832, and is one of the twelve children born to **John** and **Elizabeth (Earnest) Rhinesmith**, the others being **Mary A., John, Henry, Samuel, Maria, George, Eliza**, and four who died in infancy. In the county of his nativity our subject was reared and educated, but in 1856 he left home, and has since been a resident of Centre County, where he has always followed farming. He was united in marriage with **Mary Jane Mothersbaugh**, who was also one of a family of twelve children. In politics her father was a Republican, and in religious belief a Universalist, while her mother was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Five children grace the union of our subject and his wife, namely: **Daniel M., Elizabeth E., Iris V., Minnie H. and William S.**

In politics Mr. Rhinesmith affiliates with the Republican party, deeming that organization the most progressive and best suited to the genius of the American people. Fraternally he is a member of the Grange, and in religious faith he holds membership in the Reformed Church. He is a worthy representative of an old and honored Pennsylvania-Dutch family, and as a citizen has the esteem and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.