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**David M. Rhinesmith**, Spring Township, Perry County, Pa., son of **Henry** and **Elizabeth (Garber) Rhinesmith**, was born December 31, 1831, near Blain, Perry County, Pa. His father, **Henry Rhinesmith**, came with his parents to Perry County from Lehigh County, Pa., when a small boy. He grew to manhood and learned weaving, at which he worked for a number of years, and afterwards became a farmer. He married **Elizabeth Garber**; their children were: **Margaret (Mrs. Solomon Gutshall)**; **John D.**, who died at the age of sixty-eight years; **Elizabeth**, who died single at the age of twenty-three; **Susan (Mrs. Frederick Gutshall)**; **David M.**; **Samuel**, a resident of Blain; and **William**, of Carlyle, Ill., who are twins; **Henry**, of Jackson Township; and **George**, a dealer in tinware and stoves in Carlisle, Pa.

**David M. Rhinesmith** spent his youth near Blain, Perry County. He secured a fair English education in the public schools, and after reaching manhood, worked for some time at carpentry, and then became a farmer. He lived near Blain until he was thirty years old, and then removed to Spring Township. His life has been one of energy, activity and successful effort. He has been a successful and popular landlord, as well as a prosperous farmer. He has kept hotel at different times in Blain, Landisburg and New Bloomfield. In the latter place he was landlord, first of the Mansion House, and more recently of the Perry House, which was rebuilt in 1895, and the name changed to the **Hotel Rhinesmith**; it is now owned and carried on by his son, **H. B. Rhinesmith**. **Mr. Rhinesmith's** services have for years been in demand as an auctioneer; he has probably sold more property at public sale than any other man in the county. Whatever he has undertaken, he has made a success of, combining energy and enterprise with a genial and sociable disposition that has won for him a veritable legion of friends. In the spring of 1897, he returned to his fine farm of nearly 400 acres in Spring Township, to the care and cultivation of which he now devotes his attention. **Mr. Rhinesmith** is an earnest Democrat. In 1871, he was elected sheriff of Perry County; he served one term, and was an efficient and popular officer.

**David M. Rhinesmith** was married March 14, 1854, to **Sarah**, daughter of **John Smith**, of Mannsville, Perry County, Pa. Their children are: **Charles W.**, editor of the Shelby County Republican, **Harlan**, Shelby County, Ia.; **James**, who died at the age of seventeen months; **Annie**, at home; **Sallie (Mrs. George Crozier)**, of

Carlisle, Pa.; and **Harry B.**, of New Bloomfield. **Mrs. Rhinesmith**, who is a most estimable lady, is a member of the Reformed Church.

**Harry B. Rhinesmith**, youngest child of **David M.** and **Sarah Rhinesmith**, was born in Blain, Perry County, Pa., March 2, 1867. His education was acquired in the common schools and in the Bloomfield Academy. He early acquired a practical knowledge of the hotel business as a clerk from his father, for whom he worked until the spring of 1895, when he purchased from him the old Perry House. This he rebuilt and remodeled throughout, and changed its name to the **Hotel Rhinesmith**. It is now one of the best hotel properties in Perry County. **Mr. Rhinesmith** enjoys a well deserved reputation as a first-class landlord, and is exceedingly popular with the traveling public. On March 15, 1892, **Mr. H. B. Rhinesmith** was married to **Miss F. H. Sheibley**, a daughter of **Hon. David H.** and **Matilda Sheibley**, of Spring Township. They have one daughter, **Anna Ernestine**, born March 3, 1896. **Mr. Rhinesmith** is an ardent Democrat, but has not held public office. He is a member of Mackinaw Lodge, No. 380, I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs.