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John H. Rhoads, Marysville, Perry County, Pa., son of the late **George** and **Margaret (McLaughlin) Rhoads**, was born April 24, 1843, very near his present residence. His paternal ancestors were German, while those on his mother's side were Irish. Both parents, however, were born in America, his father in Maytown, Lancaster County, Pa., and his mother in Dauphin County, Pa. The eldest of their six children, **James**, died August 5, 1865; the others are: **Cyrus**, of Marysville, Perry County, Pa.; **Joseph W.**, of Rye Township; **George W.**, of Marysville; **John H.**; and **Margaret Jane (Mrs. Elijah David)**, of Rye Township.

Except during sixteen months, spent in the defense of his country during the war of the Rebellion, **John H. Rhoads** has passed all his life in Rye Township. He was educated in the public schools, and then worked for some years at wood-chopping and basket-making. Later, he was employed by the Northern Central Railroad Company for about five years.

On February 23, 1864, he enlisted in Company M, Seventh Veteran Pennsylvania Cavalry, and for about sixteen months served in this regiment, displaying great bravery in action and endurance in hardships. He was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., June 30, 1865. Unhappily, **Mr. Rhoads** has entirely lost his sight, and is thus incapacitated for work of any kind. He is of the Democratic Party.

John H. Rhoads was married in Harrisburg, Pa., April 29, 1861, to **Louisa**, daughter of **John F.** and **Margaret Dale**, of Rye Township, Perry County. They have one daughter, **Anna Mary (Mrs. John H. Shone)**, of Rye Township. After thirty-five years of married life, **Mr. Rhoads** was separated by death from his faithful wife, April 9, 1896. He attends the Bethel Church.

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