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The **Rhoads family** of Perry County, Pennsylvania, is of Hungarian origin, the immigrant ancestor, **John**, coming to the United States in the first quarter of the nineteenth century and settling in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He served in the war of 1812-1814 under the American flag. He died near Rockville, Pennsylvania. He married and had two children: A **daughter**, who married **Mr. Collins**, and **George** (of further mention).

(I) **George**, son of **John Rhoads**, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1812, died in Perry County, Pennsylvania, 1892. He spent most of his life in Rye Township, Perry County, being employed on the various farms of the locality. In politics he was a Democrat and held several township offices. He married **Margaret McLaughlin**, born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, 1807, died January 1, 1865, daughter of **George McLaughlin**, a native of what was then Cumberland County, and son of the immigrant ancestor. Children of **George McLaughlin**: 1. **Margaret**, married **George Rhoads**. 2. **Jane**, died unmarried. 3. **Mary**, died unmarried. 4. **George**, resident of Rye Township, Huntingdon County. 5. **William**, died in Perry County. 6. **Susan**, died in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; married **John Reed**. 7. **Ann**, died in Cumberland County; married (first) **Philip Danner**, (second) **David Houdeshell**. 8. **Crawford**, died in the west. Children of **George and Margaret (McLaughlin) Rhoads**: 1. **John H.** (of further mention). 2. **Cyrus**, a railroad employee and veteran of the civil war, died in Perry County. 3. **Joseph W.**, served in Company M, Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, lives in Rye Township. 4. **George W.**, railroad employee, died at Marysville, Perry County, Pennsylvania. 5. **James** (of further mention). 6. **Margaret** (deceased), married (first) **Samuel Harrow**, (second) **Leo Lentz**, (third) **Elijah Davis**.

(II) **John H.**, son of **George and Margaret (McLaughlin) Rhoads**, was born in Rye Township, Huntingdon County, April 24, 1843. His education was obtained in the public school of the township and his early life was spent on the farm. He enlisted in the Union army, Company M, Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, February 26, 1864, and served until the end of the war, seeing active service at the battles of Atlanta, Resaca, Rome, Lovejoy Station and Chattahoochee River. From March 19, 1865, until the date of his discharge, June 30, 1865, he was on a hospital boat. At the conclusion of the war he returned to Pennsylvania and entered the employ of the Northern Central Railroad, as hostler in one of the roundhouses, a position he held for about two and a half years. He then accepted a position at the **Seidel Brothers** forge, where he remained for eighteen years. At this time he was compelled to retire from active labor by approaching blindness. In 1889 he purchased fifty acres of ground in Rye Township, near his old house in Rye Township, and in 1911 erected thereon a handsome residence, where he lives at the present time, retired, but still retaining great interest in the affairs of county, state and country. He married, April 29, 1861, **Louisa Dale**, born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **John Frederick and Margaret (Baer) Dale**; child: **Anna Mary**, born September 11, 1862, married **John H. Shone**, who cultivates her father's farm. Children of **John H. and Anna Mary (Rhoads) Shone**: **John**; **Lucy**, married **Harvey Baker** and has two children; **Margaret**, married **William Forney**, they have children; **Charles**, **William**, **Sarah**, **Annie**.

(III) **James**, son of **George Rhoads**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, died in 1865 in Perry County. He was for many years an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad and was a veteran of the civil war, although his term of service was a short one. He married in Marysville, Pennsylvania, leaving a widow and children. His wife, **Susan Hoover**, was born of German parents, survived her husband and married (second) **Israel Houdeshell**; both she and her second husband dying in Baltimore. Children of **James Rhoads**: 1. **Levi**, an engineer, residing in Steelton, Pennsylvania, married **Sarah Wagner**. 2. **John**, a track foreman for the Pennsylvania railroad. He married **Stella Champion**. 3. **George Washington** (see forward). 4. **Sarah**, married **Frank Slade** and resides in Baltimore. 5. **Fannie**, married **Frank Cooper**, a locomotive engineer, and resides in Baltimore.

(IV) **George Washington**, son of **James** and **Susan (Hoover) Rhoads**, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1862. He was educated in the public schools of Marysville, Pennsylvania, and learned the tinner's trade, beginning at the age of fourteen years. He worked at his trade for several years, then entered the railroad employ, continuing about nine years. He then returned to the tinning business, which he followed until 1912. He then purchased the hotel at Marysville, of which he is now proprietor. He is a Democrat in politics and a keen, foresighted business man.

He married, in 1883, **Margaret**, daughter of **Isaac** and **Margaret (Strine) Piatt**, of Marysville. Children: **Pearl**, married **John Strickey**, a boiler inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad; **Myrtle**, married **Alfred Flickinger**, a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad; **Violet**, married **Wesley Kerstetter**, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad; **Earl**, a tinner, unmarried; **George**, a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, married **Violet Wilson** and resides at West Fairview; **Edna**, resides at home.

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