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John S. Richey, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., son of **William** and **Margaret (McAfee) Richey**, was born in Juniata County, March 10, 1825. His maternal grandfather, **John McAfee**, was a native of Ireland, who came to this country and settled in the Tuscarora Valley, just at the foot of the mountain. In this favorable position he engaged in milling, and continued in that vocation for the rest of his life. He married **Jennie**, daughter of **John Stephens**, and raised a family of five children: **Daniel; Rebecca; James; Margaret;** and **Wilson**. Mr. and Mrs. McAfee were members of the Presbyterian Church. **William Richey**, father of **John S. Richey**, was born in the north of Ireland. He came to this country in early life, and settled in Juniata County. He was a weaver, having learned that handicraft in Ireland; at a later date, he carried it on in connection with farming. He was married to **Margaret**, daughter of **John and Jennie (Stephens) McAfee**, of Juniata County. Their children were: **John S.**; **Daniel**, a printer, died at the age of nineteen years; **Samuel**, deceased, was a prominent lawyer; and five who died in infancy. Mr. **William Richey** and wife were members of the Methodist church. **He** died at the age of sixty-five years; his **wife** died in 1869, aged sixty.

John Richey received his early education in the public schools, completing his course in the Marklesville Academy. His parents being poor, his boyhood was spent among strangers, farmers who lived in the neighborhood. At the age of eighteen he became a learner with **William McAfee**, manufacturer, in Tyrone Township, Perry County. Having served an apprenticeship of three years, he continued in the same employ for five years, working as a journeyman. In 1863, **Mr. Richey** entered the State service at Gettysburg, Pa., Company I, Thirty-sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Emergency Men, and served for six weeks. In the fall of 1864, he became brakeman and flagman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and served in that position for seven years. He then came to Carroll Township, Perry County, and bought the farm on which he now resides, superintending its cultivation.

Mr. Richey was married, September 2, 1852, to **Alcinda**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Susan (Rod) Hubler**. Mr. Richey is an active Prohibitionist, and a member of the Methodist church. He is one of Perry County's oldest and most highly respected citizens .