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**Samuel A. E. Rife**, manager of the store of the Duncannon Iron Company, Duncannon, Perry County, Pa., was born February 7, 1849, in East Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, Pa. He is the son and only child of **John** and **Elizabeth (Erb) Rife**, both deceased, the former having passed away in 1856, the latter in 1869. **Mr. Rife's** paternal ancestry were English; on the maternal side it is German. His father, who was a prosperous farmer, was born in Cumberland County, and remained there during his entire life.

**Samuel A. E. Rife** passed his boyhood in his native township, on the homestead farm, receiving his education in the public schools. After the completion of his school days, he was engaged as salesman. In March, 1870, he removed to Duncannon, where, for the past twenty-six years, he has been continuously in the employ of the Duncannon Iron Company, filling ably and efficiently the responsible position with which he has been entrusted. **Mr. Rife** has served his fellow-citizens of the borough faithfully and well as school director and member of the council. His political views are Republican.

**Samuel A. E. Rife** was married at Carlisle, Cumberland County, July 17, 1869, to **Elmira B.**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Joanna (Trout) Weaver**, natives of Lancaster County, who had removed to Cumberland County. They have two children: **Blanche**, who died in childhood; and **J. Arthur**, the only surviving child, **Mr. Rife** attends the Presbyterian Church.