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Henry Rinesmith, Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., was born in that part of Cumberland County now embraced in Madison Township, Perry County, December 28, 1819; he is a son of the late **John** and **Elizabeth (Ernest) Rinesmith**. Both the **Rinesmiths** and the **Ernest**s were of German descent, and were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. **Mrs. John Rinesmith's** grandfather was for many years a resident of Madison Township. **John Rinesmith's** calling, in his earlier years, was that of a blacksmith; but he afterwards turned his attention to agriculture, and was for the greater part of his life a farmer of Spring Township, then forming part of Tyrone. Here he resided at the time of his death.

Brought up on his father's homestead, **Henry Rinesmith** was educated in the common schools of the township, and after his school days were over, continued to follow agricultural pursuits. After some years, he bought the **Souder farm**, and cultivated it with success for many years. From 1889 to 1895, **Mr. Rinesmith** served the county efficiently as associate judge. He has also been elected to various township offices, among them those of director of the poor and justice of the peace. With the exception of rendering these public services, he has devoted his attention exclusively to his farm. He is an adherent of the Democratic Party.

Henry Rinesmith was married in Spring Township, March 23, 1843, to **Frances**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Mary (Sowers) Souder**. Two of their children died young; those surviving are: **William**; **Elizabeth M. (Mrs. George Patterson)**; **James P.**; **Alice (Mrs. Thomas T. Graham)**; and **Ida (Mrs. Charles H. Eaton)**. The family attends the Reformed Church.