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Henry Ritzman, deceased, who was one of the most progressive farmers of Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pa., was born in 1816, in Snyder County. He is a son of **John** and **Catharine Ritzman**. **Mr. Ritzman** owned an excellent farm in Turbett Township of more than 160 acres, which he improved and cultivated to a very high degree. Upon this land he erected the commodious dwelling in which his widow still resides. **Mr. Ritzman's** first marriage was with **Sarah Boyer**, of Snyder County. They had eight children, of whom **two** died in infancy. The others are: **Jacob**, of Clearfield County; **Samuel**, deceased; **Catharine E. (Mrs. William H. Groninger)**, of Turbett Township; **Percival**, deceased; **George**, of North Dakota; and **Jackson**, of Turbett Township. **Mrs. Sarah Ritzman** died in Turbett Township, in 1868.

In 1864, **Mr. Ritzman** was married in Perry County, to **Eliza**, daughter of **Henry Hipple**, a blacksmith of that county; she was the widow of **John Peck**. They have one child, **John C**, telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Van Dyke Station. **Mr. Ritzman** was an old line Whig, and subsequently a Republican. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He was a man of upright character, honored and respected by all. His death occurred in 1878.

John Peck, the first husband of **Mrs. Eliza Ritzman**, the widow of **Henry Ritzman**, was born in Perry County, and was of German descent. He was a farmer, owning a farm in Perry County. He was married to **Eliza Hipple** in Perry County, March 4, 1847. They had four children, of whom but one is now living, **William H. Peck**, of Huron County, O. Those deceased were: **Mary E.**; **Margaret J.**; and **Samuel M.** **Mr. Peck** was a Democrat, and held numerous offices, including the responsible position of justice of the peace, which he filled for several years. He was a member of the (German) Reformed Church. His death occurred in 1863.

Mrs. Eliza Kitzman, the widow of **Henry Ritzman**, is a remarkable instance of physical and mental strength at the age of seventy two. She is universally respected for her many excellent qualities. She was a faithful and devoted wife, and a loving mother, not only to her own children, but also to her stepchildren. She is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.