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**George W. Robinson**, Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., was born in Tyrone Township. Perry County, May 12, 1841. He is a son of **John** and **Mary (Rice) Robinson**. His paternal grandfather, **Charles Robinson**, a native of Ireland, came to America when a boy. He was a weaver and worked at his trade all his life. Mr. **Charles Robinson** was married to Miss **Mary Duncan**. Their children are: **Hannah; James; Elizabeth; Samuel; Alexander; David;** and **John**. All are dead except **Hannah**. Mr. **Robinson's** maternal grandparents were natives of Perry County. His grandfather, **Samuel Rice**, wheelwright and farmer, was married to **Miss Mary Shull**. Their children are: **Sarah**, widow of **John Sanders; Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel Orris); Mary**, widow of **John Robinson; Fanny (Mrs. George W. Hench); Samuel; Susan**, widow of **Joseph Kell; Ellen (Mrs. James Meminger); Josiah; Conrad; Catharine**, deceased; and **Phoebe**, deceased. Mr. **Robinson's** parents were natives of Perry County. His father, **John Robinson**, tanner and farmer was an enterprising business man, interested in improved methods of farming. He brought the first reaper into Perry County in 1849. He was actively interested in county affairs, and filled various township offices. Mr. **John Robinson** was married to **Mary**, daughter of **Samuel** and **Mary (Shull) Rice**. Their children are: **George W.; Mary J.**, died at the age of twelve; **Emma (Mrs. Enos Young)**, died in 1891, aged forty-five; and **David Wilson**, died in 1895, aged forty-six. **David W. Robinson** was a carpenter, and afterwards entered the employ of the Perry Valley Railroad as division foreman. After holding this position for several years, he removed to Iowa, and secured a position on a railroad as road master. Ten years later he removed to New Bloomfield and took charge of the division between Newberry and Milton. He was well-known and highly esteemed among railroad men. Mr. **John Robinson** was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was for many years an elder. He died in 1849, aged thirty-one years; his widow married Mr. **Thomas Mehaffey**. She resides with her son **George**. **George W. Robinson** was educated in the public schools of his native township. He remained at home, attending school in winter and working on the farm in summer. His father died when he was nine years old. After his mother's marriage to Mr. **Mehaffey**, **George** continued to work for her on the farm until he was twenty-five, when he began farming for himself; he now owns two of the finest farms in Perry County. In 1893 he retired, and is enjoying the fruits of his labors. Mr. **Robinson** is a member of the Democratic Party. He is highly esteemed as a neighbor and as a citizen.

**George W. Robinson** was married, March 1, 1866, to **Catherine**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Souder) Foulk**. They had five children: **Alice (Mrs. James Baer); Lewis; Harry W.; Dellie;** and **Annie C**. Mrs. **Robinson** was an active member of the United Brethren Church; she died May 20, 1887, aged forty-five years. Mr. **Robinson** was married a second time, August 29, 1889, to **Margaret**, daughter of **Benjamin Cunningham**. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church; in which Mr. **Robinson** has held numerous offices. The grandparents of Mrs. **George Robinson (Catherine Foulk)** were of German descent. Of their seven children only two survive: **John;** and **George**. Her parents were natives of Perry County. Her father, **John Foulk**, a farmer in Perry County, was married to **Miss Kozier**, and afterwards to **Mary**, daughter of **John Souder**. Six of their children are living: **Amos; John; Mary (Mrs. Wesley Wallace); Kelley; Henry;** and **Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles Henderson)**. Mr. **Foulk** died in 1880, aged sixty-four; his wife died in 1889.