

A History of the Juniata Valley and its People Under The Editorial Supervision of John W. Jordan, LL.D.; Librarian of Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Illustrated; New York, Lewis Historical Publishing Company; 1913; Volume II and III

The **Ruperts** are of German descent and early settlers of Franklin County, from whence came **Adam** and **Mary (Grouse) Rupert**, settling in Huntingdon County, along the Ridge, where they lived until death upon their own farm. Both, originally Lutherans, became members of the Church of the Brethren (Dunkard), a faith their descendants adhere to. He was a Democrat in politics, but a very quiet, industrious man, taking little part in public affairs. Children by first wife: 1. **Joseph**, married **Elizabeth Ruppel** and lived in different parts of Huntingdon County. 2. **Samuel**. 3. **David**, married **Margaret Dorian**. 4. **John**, married (first) **Martha Wakefield**, (second) **Widow Allen**. 5. **Adam** (2), married, **Jane Corbin**. 6. **Hannah**, married **Joseph Hannawalt**. 7. **Elizabeth**, married **Michael Bollinger** and moved west. 8. **Catherine Ann**, married **Jacob Goodman**, who resides in Big Valley. 9. **Sophia**, married **John Goodman** and died in Illinois. At the time of becoming the wife of **Adam** (1) **Rupert**, **Mary Crouse** was a widow. Children of **Adam Rupert** and **Mary Crouse**: 10. **George** (of whom further). 11. **William**, married **Mary Ann Shenefelt**. 12. **Mary**, married a **Mr. Corbin** a farmer of Huntingdon County.

(II) **George**, son of **Adam** and **Mary (Crouse) Rupert**, was born in Huntingdon County in 1828, died at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, April 7, 1863, while in the service of the United States government as a soldier. He was a carpenter and pump maker by trade, also engaged in farming. He was a Democrat in politics and at one time was tax collector of Brady Township. He married, January 10, 1853, **Mary S. Boring**, born April 15, 1834, who survived him and married (second) April 16, 1869, **Jesse Goodman**, born May 19, 1838, son of **Daniel** and **Susan (Newkirk) Goodman**. **Jesse Goodman**, a farmer and carpenter, enlisted in Company K, Second Kansas Cavalry, recruited in Omaha, Nebraska, January 15, 1861, and served in the Union army three years and fourteen days, seeing hard service and ranking as second duty sergeant. He resided for a time in Pike County, Illinois, then journeyed to Montana and Utah, remaining in Beaver County, Utah, two years before returning to Huntingdon. **Mrs. Goodman** is a member of the Lutheran Church; her husband a member of George Simpson Post No. 144, Grand Army of the Republic. He is a Democrat in politics and present assessor of the third ward. Children of **George** and **Mary S. (Boring) Rupert**: 1. **Jesse W.**, born October 9, 1853, now a teamster for the Pennsylvania railroad, married **Amanda David**. 2. **Nancy Jane**, born November 28, 1855, died 1878, the year of her marriage to **Levi Guss**, a printer, of Huntingdon. 3. **James Lee** (of whom further). 4. **Edward**, born 1861, now a banker of McVeytown, Pennsylvania, married **Ella Lamberson**. 5. **Harry M.**, born April 12, 1863, died September, 1909; married **Maud Hatfield**.

Mary S. (Boring) Rupert, mother of **James Lee Rupert**, is the daughter of **Zachariah** and **Elizabeth (Diffenbaugh) Boring**, natives of Maryland. **Zachariah Boring** was a son of an English emigrant, who settled in Maryland, where **Zachariah** learned the cooper's trade. Later in life he moved to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, where he purchased and cultivated a farm near Mill Creek, dying thereon about 1851. His wife, **Elizabeth Diffenbaugh**, born January 27, 1800, died in May, 1897, lacking but three years of reaching a full century of years. **Zachariah**, born about 1790, served in the war of 1812. He was a Whig in politics; she a member of the

Lutheran Church; children: 1. **John**, born in Maryland, became a farmer of Huntingdon County, married **Barbara Pheasant** and died in Mapleton. 2. **David**, a shoemaker by trade, also a railroad employee, married **Zella Grady**. 3. **Michael**, a farmer of Trough Creek Valley, married **Rebecca Sloan**. 4. **Catherine**, died aged nineteen years. 5. **Jacob**, died in infancy. 6. **Mary S.**, married (first) **George Rupert**; (second) **Jesse Goodman**, both of previous mention. 7. **Angeline**, married **John Potter**, a pump maker and farmer of Huntingdon County. 8. **Rebecca**, married **William Lovell** and resided in Cambria County, Pennsylvania. 9. **Nancy J.**, died in infancy. The only survivors of this family are **Angeline (Mrs. John Potter)** and **Mary S.**, wife of **Jesse Goodman**, now living in Huntingdon.

(III) **James Lee**, son of **George** and **Mary S. (Boring) Rupert**, was born March 27, 1858, in Union Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the Soldiers' Orphans' School, in Andersonburg, Perry County, later taking a business course at Huntingdon, under Professor Kidder. He then entered the printing offices of "The Brethren," established by Quinter & Brumbaugh Brothers, becoming an expert typesetter and continuing in that employ seven years. For the succeeding six years he worked for the J. C. Blair Company until 1890, when he established a printing establishment in Huntingdon, which he has ever since successfully conducted. He does job printing of every variety, has a well-equipped plant and has established a reputation for fine printing and just prices. He is a Republican in politics, but has always closely attended to his private business and never sought political preferment. He is interested, however, in all that pertains to the welfare of his city, and is there held in esteem as an honorable business man and good citizen.

He married (first) in July, 1879, **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Alexander Campbell** of Huntingdon. She died December 20, 1886; issue: 1. **Elmer N.**, born January 18, 1881, now a bookkeeper for the Bayer-Beaver Company; he married **Mabel Isenberg**; children: **Frederick Allen, Geneveive Isenberg**. 2. **Florence**, deceased. 3. **Herbert**, deceased. **Mr. Rupert** married (second) May 30, 1889, **Laura C. Carver**, daughter of **George Carver**, died January 14, 1913, and his wife, **Anna Bare**, who survives him; children: 4. **J. Lillian**, born December 17, 1893, graduate of Huntingdon high school, class of 1911, and the Business Department of Juniata College, 1913. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. Rupert** and their daughter, **J. Lillian**, are members of the Church of the Brethren, which he serves as deacon.

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