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William H. Schlusser, Lebo, Perry County, Pa., was born in Spring Township, Perry County, May 28, 1843. He is a son of **Peter** and **Jane M. (Jones) Schlusser**. His paternal grandfather, **Henry Schlusser**, a native of Adams County, Pa., was of German descent. His wife was **Margaret Fitzel**. They had twelve children: **John; Henry; Catherine; Annie (Mrs. Joseph Lah); Michael; Daniel; Mary; Leah; Peter; Sarah; Isabella;** and **one** who died in infancy. Only four are living. **Mr. Schlusser's** maternal grandfather, **Benjamin Jones**, a native of Wales, emigrated to America and settled on a farm in Spring Township. He married **Rebecca Sutch**. Their children are: **William; Robert; Israel; Benjamin; Joseph; John; Sarah; James; Elizabeth; Rebecca; Martha;** and **Margaret**. **Mr. Jones** was a member of the United Brethren Church, in which he was an office bearer. He died in 1856, aged eighty-two; his wife died in 1857, aged seventy seven.

Mr. Schlusser's parents were natives of Perry County. His father was a molder, and although he cultivated a farm, he never abandoned his trade. He was married to **Jane**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Rebecca (Sutch) Jones**. Their children are: **David; Benjamin; William H.; Sarah (Mrs. Archibald Wells); Joseph; Hiram;** and **John**, starved to death in the prison at Andersonville, in 1864. **Mr. Schlusser** and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church in which **Mr. Schlusser** was a class-leader. He died November 5, 1879, aged sixty-six; his wife died January 20, 1896, at the age of eighty-six.

William H. Schlusser was educated in the public schools of Spring Township. He remained at home, working with his father on the farm, and as a stone mason, until he was twenty-seven. He enlisted August 30, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for one year. He took part in the battles of Hatchers Run, Amelia Court House, Yellow Swamp, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Beams Station, Appomattox Court House, and Richmond. After he was discharged, **Mr. Schlusser** returned to Spring Township, and rented a farm which he cultivated until 1888, when he removed to the farm on which he now resides.

William H. Schlusser was married, March 9, 1871, to **Mary**, daughter of **John G.** and **Elizabeth (Hoover) Nickey**. Their children are: **Matilda (Mrs. James Morrow); William E.; M. Lizzie; Harrison C; John B.**, died aged eight months

and six days; and **Emma C**, died aged eighteen months. **Mr. Schlusser** and his family are members of the United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Schlusser's paternal grandparents were German by birth; her maternal grandparents were natives of Lebanon County. They removed to a farm in Cumberland County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Her parents were born in Cumberland County. Her father was a tailor but also owned and cultivated a farm. He married **Elizabeth**, daughter of **John** and **Julia (Livingston) Hoover**. Their children are: **Susan (Mrs. Jacob Mountz)**; **Mary (Mrs. William H. Schlusser)**; **Caroline**, died July 27, 1856, aged one year; **Sarah Ann**, died March 16, 1872, aged twenty; **Levi**, died June 10, 1894, aged forty-nine years, eleven months and seventeen days; **John C**, died January 3, 1887, aged thirty years, six months and twenty-two days; and **Emma C**, died October 10, 1891, aged twenty-nine years, nine months and five days. **Mr. Hoover** and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church. **Mr. Hoover** died October 11, 1878, aged fifty-six; his wife died, March 31, 1874, aged seventy-four years, two months and sixteen days.