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**Daniel S. Schreffler**, now living in partial retirement at Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy Township, was for a number of years engaged successfully in farming on the south side of Line Mountain, and he is one of the most substantial and highly esteemed residents of that section, where he has passed all his life.

The **Schreffler family** of eastern Pennsylvania claims as its founder in America **Heinrich Schreffler**, who settled in the borough of Reading, Berks County, at an early date. His will, on record in Will Book A. page 83, in the Berks County courthouse, was made April 25, 1783, he "being old and weak in body," and was probated Sept. 6, 1784. Apparently he died in the summer of 1784. He made his mark on the document, and his sons **Christian** and **Godfriedt**, (as the name was spelled in the will) were appointed executors, among the items was one to the effect that **George** "shall have my fine stocking weaver loom, with all belongings." The son **Conrad** died before his father, and his son, also named **Conrad**, obtained his father's share of the inheritance. To **Heinrich** and **Magdalena Schreffler** were born the following children: **Christian, Henry, Godfried, Carl, George** and **Conrad**. The son **Christian** lived in the borough of Reading in 1790, in which year he was the head of a family consisting of himself, wife, three sons under sixteen years of age and three daughters.

**Godfried Schreffler**, son of **Heinrich (Henry)**, was a farmer in Bethel Township, Berks County. He made his will in 1811 and died in 1812. The executors of his will were his sons **John** and **Godfried**, his family consisting of nine children, named : **John, Godfried, Peter, George, Conrad, Catharine** (married **Simon Smeltzer**), **Polly** (married **John Focht**), **Betsy** (married **John Groff**) and **Hannah** (unmarried ).

**Godfried Schreffler**, the grandfather of **Daniel S. Schreffler**, was a farmer in Northumberland County, owning the farm in Washington Township which is now the property of Andrew Adams. He is buried in that township, at the Himmel Church, and was a Lutheran in religious connection. He was a tall man and dark complexioned. To him and his wife **Eve (Lebo)** were born children as follows: **Joseph; Godfried; John; Daniel; Mrs. Michael Dockey; Susanna, Mrs. John Snyder;** and **Elizabeth, Mrs. Nicholas Adam.**

**John Schreffler**, son of **Godfried** and **Eve (Lebo)**, was born in 1819 in Dauphin County, Pa., and died in 1894. He and his wife, **Salome (Rebuck)**, who died in 1893, aged seventy-three years, are buried at the Himmel Church. He owned an eighty-acre farm situated on the side of Line Mountain, in Washington Township, to the cultivation of which he devoted the major part of his life. In August, 1863, he enlisted for nine months' service in the Civil war. His family was a large one, namely: **Harry** married **Hettie Bergner**; **Lovina** married **John Falck**; **Urias** married **Mary Ferster**; **Katie** married **James Seiler**; **John** married **Amanda Hetrich**; **Hiram** married **Malinda Rebuck**; **Nathan** married **Mary Miller**; **Mary** married **Joel Mattern**; **Fietta** married **Enoch Mattern**; **Elias** is unmarried; **Frank** married **Malinda Rebuck** and (second) **Lydia Drumheller.**

**Urias Schreffler**, son of **John** and **Salome (Rebuck) Schreffler**, is a farmer in Washington Township, this county. His children are: **James, Charles, Levi, Jay** and **Ida**.

**Daniel Schreffler**, son of **Godfried** and **Eve (Lebo) Schreffler**, was born Sept. 9, 1827, in the lower section of Northumberland County, and was reared in Washington Township, where Andrew Adam now lives. He was a lifelong farmer, for many years living and working in Upper Mahanoy Township, where he owned the tract of seventy seven acres now owned by **Malinda Schreffler**. He served as supervisor of his township, and was well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the local organizations of the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A. until they were disbanded. He and his family were Lutheran members of St. John's Church, where he and his two wives are buried. His first marriage was to **Sallie Schankweiler**, who was born Oct 30, 1825, and died March 19, 1882. His second wife, **Dina (Bohner)**, was born Sept. 22, 1833, and died Dec. 26, 1907. **Mr. Schreffler** passed away March 4, 1908. All his children were born to his first marriage, viz.: **John: William: Lizzie**, who married **Silas Eister: James S.; Mary**, who married **Joel Reitz; Andrew**, who died young; **Daniel S.; Sarah**, who married **John Kahler**: a son that died in infancy: **Elias**, who died young; and **Henry**.

**John Schreffler**, eldest son of **Daniel** and **Sallie (Schankweiler) Schreffler**, was born in 1851. He grew up on the home farm and attended the country schools. After his marriage to **Caroline Kieffer**, in 1873, he purchased a farm in Washington Township, and there resided until the time of his death, following agricultural work. He was the father of these children: **Andrew**, who married **Martha Rebuck; Mima**, who married **Cyrus Moyer; Callie**, who married **Lewis Rebuck; Samuel**, who married **Jemima Demmoyer; Etta**, who married **Samuel Kieffer; Katie**, who married **Adam Drumheller; Dora**, who married **David Reitz; Jane**, who married **Daniel Reitz; David, Sallie** and **Mazy**, all three deceased; **John** and **Loy**.

**Mr. Schreffler** was a prominent factor in the Himmel Lutheran Church, of which he was trustee for a number of years. He was school director for years, also supervisor for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat.

**James S. Schreffler**, son of **Daniel** and **Sallie Schreffler**, was born Sept. 2, 1854, and spent his early years at farm work. When nineteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed regularly for about two years, and has continued to work at it off and on ever since. In the spring of 1879 he commenced to farm at his present location in Upper Mahanoy Township, having a tract of sixty-six acres along the south side of Line Mountain, at the head of Greenbrier Creek. It was formerly the property of **Jacob Shankweiler**, who built the house and barn in 1852, burning the brick he used from clay obtained in the meadow above the house. **Mr. Schreffler** has been quite active in the work of the Democratic Party in his section, has served as election officer, and was a member of the township school board for nine years. He has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation at St. John's Church for a number of years, and is at present serving as trustee; he was formerly a deacon. His family are also identified with this church.

On March 9, 1879, **Mr. Schreffler** married **Sarah Jane Falck**, and to their union have been born six children, as follows: **Daniel O.** died in his eighth year; **Mazy C.** died in her ninth year;

**Charles M.** married **Nealla Paul**; **Katie A.** married **William Fetherolf**; **Edward L.** is a school teacher in Upper Mahanoy Township; **Emma A.** died in her sixth year.

**Daniel S. Schreffler** was born Dec. 26, 1860, son of **Daniel** and **Sallie Schreffler**. He worked with his father until he attained his majority, in the spring of 1882 becoming a tenant farmer in Lower Augusta Township, where he remained for six years. Moving across the Line Mountain into Washington Township, he farmed near Rebuck for the next three years, in the spring of 1890 purchasing his uncle's farm of 144 acres, good land, where he lived until he retired from the more arduous work of life. He built the dwelling and summer house now standing on that property and made a number of other improvements which materially added to its value, having a well kept farm, which he sold in the fall of 1909. He then purchased a residence in which his father lived and died, at Leek Kill, and moved there in the spring of 1910. He has given up the more trying labors and is now spending his time in partial retirement. **Mr. Schreffler** has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality, and served efficiently as school director for one term of three years and as auditor for many years. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran member of St. John's Church, in which his family also belong.

In 1881 **Mr. Schreffler** married **Hattie Eister**, daughter of **Peter** and **Mary (Bohner) Eister**, of Augusta Township, this county, and they have four children; **Mary E.**, now the wife of **Lewis Snyder**; **William**, who married **Jennie Snyder** and lived in Upper Mahanoy Township; **Daniel E.**, and **Carrie M.**

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