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Benjamin Frank Shade, farmer and stockman, Newton Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pa., was born in Long Hollow, Wayne Township, Mifflin County, November 7, 1843. **John Shade**, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Berks County, and of German descent. The ancestors of the family in this country, who spelled the name "**Schadt**," came from near Berlin, Germany, and settled near Lancaster, Pa. **John** was a stone mason, and worked at his trade in both Berks and Mifflin Counties, removing to the latter at an early day. He bought a small farm near McVeytown and later purchased 360 acres in Long Hollow, Wayne Township, which he improved and cultivated, and became a successful farmer and stockman, being assisted by his sons in the management of the farm. He married **Mary Shoemaker**, a native of Berks County. Their children were: **John; Philip; Rebecca; Jacob S.; William;** and **Samuel**. **John Shade** died on the old homestead in 1856. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Shade, Jr., father of **B. F. Shade**, was born in Berks County, Pa., and received a fair German and English education. He learned stone masonry under his father, and followed that business nearly all his life besides farming. He cultivated the home farm for his father, and bought, in addition, one of eighty acres in Wayne Township. He became successful as a farmer and stock raiser. **John Shade** married **Elizabeth Barr**, of Wayne Township. Their eight children were named as follows: **B. Frank; Hannah (Mrs. Samuel B. Stine)**, of Mifflin County; **Mary M. (Mrs. Daniel Thompson)**, of Delaware; **George W.**, deceased; **John W.**, a resident of Delaware; **Ellen**, deceased; **Albert** and **David**, residents of Iowa. **Mr. Shade** died on the homestead in 1877, and his wife in 1888. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was an earnest industrious man and enjoyed the good will and esteem of all who knew him.

B. Frank Shade, his eldest child, was educated in the public schools and in the Juniata Seminary. After graduating from the latter, he taught ten terms in Oliver, Wayne and Bratton Townships. The present county superintendent, Thomas C. Cooper, was one of his pupils. During the summer months he cultivated the farm for his father, and in 1878, after his father's death, took charge of it. He now ranks as a representative farmer and stockman of the county. He has also a practical knowledge of stone masonry and carpentry, and works at the latter. In 1863, he enlisted at Newton Hamilton in Company F, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Militia, three months' men, and was stationed at Philadelphia. In 1864 he again enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Ninety-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served one hundred days, doing guard duty in the Shenandoah Valley. In 1873 **B. Frank Shade** married **Barbara Bashoar**, a daughter of **Daniel Bashoar**, a farmer of Derry Township. She died in 1874, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth M. In 1879 **Mr. Shade** was married a second time, to **Salome Lightner**, a daughter of **Moses Lightner**, of Huntingdon County. To this union there have been born five children: **Franklin O. ; Lillie S.; Lawrence M.; Verna A.;** and **Florence E.** In politics **Mr. Shade** is an ardent Democrat, and has filled the offices of school director, township clerk, auditor and tax collector. He is a member of the German Baptist, or Dunkard Church, and is respected for his honesty, uprightness and integrity.

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