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**Sterrett Shaeffer**, Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., was born at the **Shaeffer** homestead in Tyrone Township, Perry County, in October, 1862. He is a son of **Peter** and **Nancy (Lightner) Shaeffer**. He received his education in the public schools of Tyrone Township, and remained at home learning farming under his father's thorough training. From 1855 until 1863, he resided in North Middleton Township, Cumberland County, and then returned to his home in Tyrone Township, Perry County. **Mr. Shaeffer** is interested in local affairs, is a Republican, and has served acceptably in various township offices. He is a prosperous business man and a stockholder in the Perry County Railroad.

**Sterrett Shaeffer** was married in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., March 5, 1857, to **Catherine**, daughter of **Christian** and **Frances (Heckendorn) Kell**. They have five children: **Andrew**; **Jennie (Mrs. George B. Miller)**, of Tyrone Township; **Daniel**, of Franklin County, Pa.; **John E.**, at home; and **Sarah**, died at the age of seven. **Mr. Shaeffer's** family attend the Reformed Church.

The **Kell** and **Heckendorn** families are of German ancestry. **Mrs. Shaeffer's** grandparents, paternal and maternal, were among the original settlers of Northumberland County, and afterwards removed to Spring Township, Perry County. Her father, **Christian Kell**, was a native of York County, Pa., but spent the greater part of his life in Spring Township. He had ten children: **Levi**, of Landisburg; **Eliza (Mrs. Frederick Souders)**, of Spring Township, Perry County; **William**, died in early manhood; **Mary (Mrs. Daniel Hollman)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Catherine (Mrs. Sterrett Shaeffer)**; **Sarah**, died in early womanhood; **John**, of Spring Township; **Frances (Mrs. John Wagner)**, of Cumberland County, Pa.; **Sophia (Mrs. Jacob Shoemaker)**, of Cumberland County, Pa.; and a **son** who died in infancy.

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