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**Emanuel S. Shaffer**, whose farm of fifty acres lies two and one-half miles northwest of Kerrmoor, in Ferguson Township, is one of the leading citizens of this section, in which he has been engaged in general farming for many years. He was born November 11, 1846, in York County, Pa., and is a son of **William** and **Katherine (Thoman) Shaffer**.

**William Shaffer** was born in 1818, in Maryland, and moved in early manhood to York County, Pa. He was married in 1840 to **Katherine Thoman** and they had seven children: **Cornelius, Edward, Albert, Mary Ellen, Henrietta, Emanuel S.** and an **infant** daughter that died at birth. The mother of the above family died in December, 1898. In 1852 **William Shaffer** moved with his family to Perry County, Pa., and lived there during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in September, 1897.

**Emanuel S. Shaffer** obtained his education in the schools of Perry County. He worked as a lumberman there until 1866, when he settled along the Susquehanna River and engaged in business as a pilot and as a contractor. He lived in Jefferson County for a time and then came to Clearfield County and settled in Ferguson Township, this farm then being known as the **Barrett** farm. He cleared about twenty acres of his land and has done all the building and made all the substantial improvements. On May 5, 1870, **Mr. Shaffer** was married to **Miss Amanda McCracken**, who was born in Ferguson Township, September 25, 1852, a daughter of **William** and **Mary McCracken**. Ten children have been born to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Shaffer** and although some of them have passed away, the family is yet a large and closely united one. **Ada**, the eldest, married **Erfford C. Holt**, and they live in Sweet Valley, Potter County, Pa. They have had seven children: **Earl, Louis, Vada, Edith, Gladys, Leslie**, and **Ruth**. **Emma**, the second daughter, survived but eighteen months and her burial was in Jefferson County. **Elizabeth** is the wife of **W. D. Helsel** of Irvona, Pa., and they have five children: **Lester, Emanuel, Martha, Josephine** and **John**. **Leslie**, the eldest son, died at the age of six years and his burial was in the Presbyterian cemetery at Fruit Hill. **Orel M.** married **Cora Mitchell**, a daughter of **George** and **Lydia Mitchell**, and they have three children: **Emanuel, Paul** and **Lena**. **Norman** married **Dora Redden**, a daughter of **James** and **Emma Redden**, and they have one son, **James**. **Anderson** married **Vena Wiley**, a daughter of **Herbert** and **Katherine Wiley**, and they have one son, **Pressly**. **Bertha** resides at home. **Sadie** died at the age of eighteen years and her burial was in the Fruit Hill cemetery. **George S.**, the youngest, assists his father on the home farm. **Mr. Shaffer** and family are members of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Grange at Kerrmoor, the Odd Fellows at Ansonville and the Masons at Curwensville. In politics, like his late father, **Mr. Shaffer** is a Democrat. He has served as school director but has accepted no other township office. He is one of the stockholders in the Ferguson-La Jose Telephone Company.

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