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**Singleton Sheaffer**, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Madison Township, Perry County, July 1, 1846. He is a son of the late **William** and **Mary Ann (Little) Sheaffer**. His paternal grandfather was a farmer, who with his wife, came from Germany, and settled in Adams County, Pa. Besides farming, **Mr. Sheaffer** was engaged in hauling produce, etc., between Pittsburg and Baltimore. He was the first man in Adams County to use a brake on his wagon. Only one of his family of five children is now living, **John Sheaffer**, of Adams County. On the maternal side, the grandparents of **Singleton Sheaffer**, were also of German birth, natives of the city of Württemberg; and they, too, settled in Adams County, where **Mr. Little** was a general laborer. They were members of the Catholic Church. **William Sheaffer**, who was all his life a farmer, took up his residence in Jackson Township, Perry County, about sixty years ago; after pursuing his important calling there for many years, he removed to Tyrone Township for one year, then to Centre Township for two years, and lastly to Saville Township, where he passed the last part of his life, dying in 1872, at the age of sixty-eight. His wife is living, a venerable but still active woman of eighty-three, and resides in New Bloomfield. These worthy parents were both earnest and faithful members of the Lutheran Church. Their children are: **George**, deceased; **Oliver**, died in 1857, aged twenty years, eleven months and fifteen days; **Emeline (Mrs. Henry Bailor)**, died in 1864, at the age of twenty-four; **Lavina**, married first to **Benjamin Ziegler**, secondly to **James P. Flickinger**, both deceased; **Caroline (Mrs. George Sheaffer)**, of Harrisburg; **Singleton**; and **Amos**, also of New Bloomfield.

Until he was eighteen years of age, **Singleton Sheaffer** attended the common schools during the winter months, helping on the farm as a robust and willing son can do during the busy seasons of the year, and continuing after his school days were over to be his father's helper, so long as the latter lived. Almost the only interruption to this busy and useful life was caused by the war of the Rebellion, which called so many patriotic youths from quiet pursuits to the battlefield. He entered the service as a teamster in 1861 and served for three years, lacking but twenty days. On account of illness, he was discharged at City Point, Va., but after a very short stay at his home, he re-entered the service in the same capacity and served until the close of the war. His duties in hauling ammunition exposed him to the perils of the battlefield, and he saw service of this kind at Fredericksburg, the Wilderness, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania Court House, and many other points.

In the year before his father died, **Mr. Sheaffer** began running a team from Loysville, carrying all kinds of produce, which enterprise he continued for a year. After that he was for four years in the business of farming and hauling in Centre Township. His principal business since 1871 has been dealing in stock, with which he connected the livery business. From 1885 to 1888, he resided in Carlisle, Pa., occupied with stock dealing through the warm seasons, and in conducting a restaurant in the winter. He then removed to New Bloomfield, which has since been his home; here he carried on his trade in live stock, and for three years, ran a team. In 1892, he embarked in the livery business, in which he is prospering well; he has many patrons, who are among the best classes of people, he having won the confidence of all who deal with him. He has handsome and comfortable equipages for private hire, and well trained horses; his

establishment is popular, and his enterprise flourishing. On January 18, 1897, he took charge of the Eagle Hotel, New Bloomfield, which he has since successfully conducted. Before his removal to Carlisle, **Mr. Sheaffer** was constable of New Bloomfield for seven successive years; after his return to Perry County, he was again elected constable, serving three years; he was afterwards elected high constable of New Bloomfield, and served one year.

**Singleton Sheaffer** was married, June 9, 1871, to **Margaret E.**, daughter of **John A.** and **Margaret (Bower) Fisher**. Their children are: **William; James F.; Henry L.; Mary; Eliza; Emily E.**; and **George O.**, who lived but a single day. **Mrs. Sheaffer's** parents were natives of Württemberg, Germany. On coming to this country, about 1845, they landed in Philadelphia, near which city **Mr. Fisher** was at first engaged in working on a truck farm; later, he was in a general store in the city. From the time of his removal to Perry County, he gave his attention entirely to farming. **Mr. Fisher** was three times married; his first two wives were sisters, of the **Bower** family, one of whom, **Margaret**, was the mother of **Mrs. Sheaffer**, and of **Emily Fisher**, who resides in Chicago, Ill. **Mr. Fisher's** third wife was **Miss Sarah Sweiger**. He died in June, 1887, aged sixty-six years. He was a man of intelligence and of excellent character, and exerted a good influence in the community and in his church; he was a member of the Lutheran denomination, and was chosen to the various offices of the congregation.

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