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**Hon David H. Sheibley**, Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., son of **Jacob** and **Salome (Harman) Sheibley**, was born July 14, 1835, on the old homestead where he still resides. His paternal grandfather, **Peter Sheibley**, a native of Switzerland, came to this country when a young man, and resided in Northampton, Berks, and finally in Perry County. He was a farmer all his life, was twice married and had a large family of children. His second wife was **Miss Lynn**. **Peter Sheibley** was a member of the Reformed church. **Hon. D. H. Sheibley's** maternal grandfather was a farmer. He owned the farm on which **Mr. Sheibley** now resides, and reared six children. **Mr. and Mrs. Sheibley**, the parents of **Mr. Sheibley**, were both born in Perry County. In early life his father had learned carpentry, but worked at it only a few years and then went to farming. He married **Salome Harman**; they had seven children, only two of whom are living: **David H.**; and **Angeline (Mrs. Charles K. Smith)**. Those deceased are: **John**; **Peter**; **Mary Ann (Mrs. Francis Gibson)**; **Caroline**, wife of **Reuben Spotts**, and later of **Jesse L. Garrett**; and one that died in infancy.

**Jacob Sheibley**, father of **David H.**, was prominent in his community. Besides serving in many of the township offices, he was county commissioner for a term of three years, and associate judge for a term of five years. He was active in church affairs also; a member of the Reformed church, he was deacon and elder for many years. He died February 14, 1882, at the age of eighty-three years and four months. His wife died April 5, 1848, aged thirty-eight years.

**David H. Sheibley** received his education in the public schools and the academies of Bloomfield and Landisburg. He was reared on a farm belonging to his father, for whom he worked until he was twenty-six years of age; then he began farming for himself, and that occupation still engrosses his time and attention. He is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county. Capable and popular, he has filled creditably all the township offices. He has served as school director for twenty years, and as assessor for three terms; in 1876 he was elected to the State legislature for two sessions. In 1883, **Mr. Sheibley** was made treasurer of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Fire Insurance Company, and held that position for fourteen years; and in 1895, he was made president of the same company. He has been connected with the Perry County Agricultural Society since its organization in 1885, and during the last six years has been its president. **Mr. Sheibley** is an active member of Mt. Dempsey Lodge, No. 172, I. O. O. F.

On December 25, 1872, **Mr. Sheibley** was married to **Matilda L.**, daughter of **Frederick** and **Susan (Lenker) Boger**. **Frederick Boger** was born in Germany, and on coming to America he settled in Berks County. He was a clerk nearly all his life. He married **Susan Lenker**, and they had eight children: **Amelia**, widow of **John Cree**; **Frederick**; **Matilda L.**; **Victoria**, widow of **Jacob Thudium**, resides in Baltimore; **Edward**, died young; **Virginia**, wife of **John Calio**, and later of **Joseph Wert**, died in 1880, aged thirty-eight years; **Amanda (Mrs. George Shearer)**, died in California; and **Albert**, died in June, 1893, aged forty eight years. **Mr. Boger** was a member of the Lutheran Church, and **Mrs. Boger** of the Reformed. He died in 1876, at the age of seventy-nine years; his wife preceded him to the grave, dying in 1869, at the age of forty-eight years.

**Mr. and Mrs. Sheibley** have three children: **Charles**, married to **Miss Milligan**, resides in Iowa, where he is engaged in farming; **Sallie**, wife of **H. B. Rhinesmith**, the well-known proprietor of Hotel Rhinesmith, Bloomfield; and **Jacob L.**, who is not married and lives at home. The family attends the Reformed Church.

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