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James P. Sheibley, M. D., Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., son of **Bernhard** and **Mary (Holmon) Sheibley**, was born in Landisburg, April 11, 1843. He was educated at Mt. Dempsey Academy, of Landisburg. He was barely eighteen years old when, on May 5, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Seventh Pennsylvania Reserve, a company raised at Liverpool, Pa., and commanded by Capt. John Jamieson. **Mr. Sheibley** served in this regiment for three years, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment, June 16, 1864, was discharged at Philadelphia. During this time, he had taken part in the battles of Mechanicsville, Va., Gaines Hill, Va., and Charles City Cross Roads, Va.; in the last name engagement he was wounded in the thigh, taken prisoner on the field, and conveyed to Savage Station, where a month later he was exchanged, and went to the Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa. During the time he lay wounded on the field, the ball was extracted from the bone by a Confederate surgeon; it is now in **Dr. Sheibley's** possession. After convalescence, he returned to his regiment and served the remainder of his time of enlistment, taking part in all the battles under General Grant, from Rapidan to Cold Harbor. He was discharged at Philadelphia, June 16, 1864, and went home to Landisburg. During the following year, he worked in the printing office of the Advocate, at New Bloomfield. In 1866, he was appointed to a clerkship in the War Department, at Washington, D. C. He occupied this position for one year, during the same time attending lectures at the medical department of Georgetown College. In 1867, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduated in 1868, and on May 6 of that year was appointed acting assistant surgeon, United States Army, and filled this position in the Fourth Military district for about one year. **Dr. Sheibley** then returned to Philadelphia, and took a post-graduate course at the university. Since 1871 he has been in continuous practice at Landisburg, one of the honored and trusted guardians of the health of that borough. He is a member, and the surgeon of Elias Rice Post, No. 539, G. A. R.; he served four years as post commander. He has been a school director for twelve years; was treasurer of the board for three years, and is now its president. **Dr. Sheibley** attends the Reformed Church.

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