

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

William H. Sheriff, wagon maker, and farmer Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, and a man widely respected, is a native of this community, having been born in the vicinity of his present home Sept. 29, 1854. We have but little record of his ancestry. The family came originally from Germany, and his father, **Conrad Sheriff**, was born in Perry County, Pa., where he was reared. Attaining his majority, he learned the trade of a mason, and followed it for about thirty years. He married **Mary Comp**, and to them were born children as follows: **William H.** is mentioned again; **Catherine** married **D. A. Stoner**, a carpenter and miller of Cumberland County, and had children; **Mary** (married **John Campbell**, of Perry county, and who had **Lee**, at home, and **Emelia**. who died recently), and **George Stoner** (who married **Miss Elizabeth Cap**, of Silver Spring Township, and had children: **Muryl Adams**, **Catherine**, **Frances** and **Cletus**).

William H. Sheriff received his education in the common schools of Silver Spring attending until he was fifteen, at which time he was employed as a laborer, continuing thus for six years. He then began learning the trade of wagon making, and has followed it up to the present time; he and his family reside upon a well-cultivated farm of sixteen acres.

On May 20, 1876, **Mr. Sheriff** married **Mrs. Mary Ann (Hartman) Williams**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Burns) Hartman**, of York County. Two children have blessed this marriage: **Florence**, wife of **Herman Smith**, of Perry County, has had two children, **Elsie** (at home) and **Jessie Belle** (who died in infancy); **Mary**, wife of **John Stoner**, of Cumberland County, has one child, **Alma**, at home. **Mrs. Sheriff** was born in York County Feb. 11, 1854, and obtained her education in the schools of that county. After leaving school she was employed for several years, and then married **Josiah Williams**, also of York County. One child was born to them, **John**, who married **Bessie Stevens**, of Cumberland County, and has four children, **Zelma**, **Mary**, **Gladys** and **Ruby**, all at home.

While not affiliated with any religious denomination **Mr. Sheriff** has a leaning toward the United Brethren, supporting that church and attending its services. **Mrs. Sheriff** is a member of the Bethel Church of God. **Mr. Sheriff** has been a lifelong Democrat, but has never aspired to any political office. He is a man widely respected for his many excellent traits of character, and is hardworking and industrious, while his wife is a model housekeeper and a tender and loving wife and mother.

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