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James A. Shipp, borough clerk and manager of the City Hotel, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1843, son of **John** and **Susanna (Askins) Shipp**. He received his education at the public schools of Shamokin, after which he learned the trade of machinist. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, of which he was corporal. At the battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862, he received a gun-shot wound in his left shoulder, was taken prisoner and sent to Staunton, Virginia, and transferred from there to Libby prison, where he remained until January 1863, when he was paroled. In 1868 under the firm name of **Boughner** and **Shipp**, he was engaged in the coal business, operating the Penitentiary colliery. In 1872 he was operating the **Frank Gowen** colliery, and was burned out by the Mollie Maguires. He then, in connection with **Isaac May, Jr.**, engaged in the mercantile business until 1876. In 1878 he was engaged in the oyster business, and was elected in this year secretary of the borough council and market clerk. In 1879 he was appointed a member of the borough police, and served four years. In 1881 he was appointed a member of the coal and iron police, and was at the Houtzdale riots in Clearfield County. In 1881 he was appointed depot master for the Philadelphia and Beading Railroad Company. January 1, 1890, he accepted the position of manager of the City Hotel. In 1871 **Mr. Shipp** was elected lieutenant of the Shamokin Guards, and in 1873 became its commanding officer, and was at the Shenandoah Riot in 1874, Williamsport in 1872, and the Pittsburgh Riots with his company. He was one of the charter members of Lincoln Post, G. A. R.: he is also a member of the Masonic order and the K. of G. E. Politically he is a Republican. **Mr. Shipp** was married in 1864 to **Kate Boughner**, of Shamokin, who died, July 25, 1889, leaving two children: **Harry R.** and **Charles A.**

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