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John Shipp, deceased, was born at Hughes's Furnace, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1822, son of **Michael** and **Catharine (Smith) Shipp**. He was employed at the Juniata Furnace in Perry County, and from there went to Victoria Furnace in Dauphin County, and thence removed to Millersburg, Pennsylvania. In June, 1850, in connection with **Zacharias Batorf**, he engaged in the foundry business at Tremont, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. He subsequently came to Shamokin and was in the employ of **Stephen Bittenbender**, after which he went to Port Carbon for the purpose of casting the Henry Clay monument. Returning to Shamokin in 1853 he again took charge of the foundry and machine works for **Stephen Bittenbender**, where he remained through the years 1856-57. He then established in Shamokin the Star Iron Works, which he operated until 1873, when he sold his plant to **Fisher & Medlar**. He then connected himself with **Boughner, Shipp & Company**, coal operators, where he remained two years. At the expiration of that time he located in Ralpho Township, and engaged in farming two years, when he returned to Shamokin and embarked in the mercantile business, which he conducted until his death in 1878. Politically, **Mr. Shipp** in early life was a Whig, and later joined the Republican Party. He was an earnest Christian, and was one of the original members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was class leader many years, and was a liberal contributor of his means to the establishment of the Methodist Church in Shamokin. He married **Susanna Askins**, of Perry County, Pennsylvania, who died in 1853, leaving three children: **James A.**; **Sallie**, wife of **John Cruikshank**, of Yorktown, Virginia, and **Wilbur**, of Pittston, Pennsylvania. **Mr. Shipp** was a member of the F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F., and was one of the active and enterprising citizens of Shamokin.

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