

History of Perry County, Pennsylvania, Including Descriptions of Indian and Pioneer Life from the Time of Earliest Settlement Sketches of Its Noted Men and Women and Many Professional Men, By H. H. Hain, Harrisburg, Pa., 1922 - Hain-Moore Company, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. John David Shortess was born near Markelville, March 22, 1860, the son of **Rev. Samuel Irvine** and **Elizabeth (Kline) Shortess**. He attended the public schools until his eighteenth year, when he entered the Union Seminary at New Berlin. During the winter of 1879-80 he taught school in Union County to help secure his education. In 1882 he graduated from the Theological Department of the Seminary, and during the same year was admitted to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, where, with 1922, he is closing his fortieth year of active work. He was elected by his conference in 1917 as presiding elder, and was stationed at Carlisle for the four-year term. Upon being reelected, in 1911, he was stationed in the Lewisburg District. In 1914 the D.D. degree was conferred upon him by Oskaloosa College. For sixteen years he has been an active member of the board of trustees of Albright College at Myerstown, and is also a member of the board of trustees and treasurer of the Ministerial Aid Society of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. In 1915, he had a prominent part in the establishing of the United Evangelical Home for children and the aged at Lewisburg, Pa., and has since served as a trustee and on the executive board. At the last meeting of the Historical Society of the United Evangelical Church, he was elected president, to succeed Bishop U. F. Swengel. He has also represented his conference at three quadrennial sessions of the General Conference, the highest legislative body of his church. Of his four children, **Samuel Irvine Shortess**, A.B., is professor of Biology in Girard College, Philadelphia.

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