

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.

John H. Shumaker, Ph.D., was born near Sandy Hill, Madison Township, in 1828. He was educated in the free schools, just opened when his schooling started, and at the Tuscarora Academy and Marshall College, from which he graduated in 1850. An ancestor of his had been tutor to the King of Prussia, and he early decided upon teaching as a profession. In 1851 he began teaching at Tuscarora Academy, where he remained as principal until 1868. From then until 1883 he was principal of the Chambersburg Academy, when he was elected as principal of Blair Presbyterial Academy at Blairstown, New Jersey. He was the first principal of this institution to receive a salary. He was so successful that it became necessary to enlarge the institution, the new girls' dormitory being added. He remained there until 1892. He returned to his home in Chambersburg, where a malignant disease cut short his life in 1894. He was a noted speaker and was frequently heard at normal, county and state meetings. He had pursued a course in theology and filled many vacant pulpits as an able supply.

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