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**Luther Melancthon Shumaker**, M. D., Elliotsburg, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, April 26, 1856, son of **Henry** and **Margaret (Kessler) Shumaker**. His paternal grandfather, **Henry Shumaker**(1), was of German birth. **Henry Shumaker** (2) is a native of Perry County, and a prominent farmer; he has served as supervisor, and was a member of the board of school directors for many years. In 1883, he was elected County commissioner, and served a term of three years. **Henry Shumaker** was married to **Margaret**, daughter of **Peter Kessler**. Their children are: **Mary (Mrs. Samuel Loy)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Daniel K. Minich)**; **Samuel D.**; **Luther M.**; **Peter H.**, of Marklesville, Pa; **John L.**; **Andrew**; **Ida (Mrs. Charles Kistler)**; **Andrew S.**; **Henry**, died when a student at Gettysburg College; and **Peninna**, died when a child. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Shumaker** are members of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. Shumaker** has been in service as a trustee, a deacon, and an elder for many years.

**Luther M. Shumaker** attended the public schools until the age of sixteen, when he entered the academy at Bloomfield, and later the college at Gettysburg. In 1882, he became a student of Carthage College, Carthage, Ill., but his health failing, he returned home and did not resume his studies for several years. In 1883, he began teaching school, and taught four years in his district, and three years in Wyoming valley. In 1887, he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1889. He began the active work of his profession at Elliotsburg, and there has established a good practice. He is a member of the Perry County Medical Society.

**Luther M. Shumaker** was married, September 10, 1891, to **Lizzie K.**, daughter of **John K.** and **Henrietta (Billman) Stambaugh**. Their children were: **Luther**, died aged twenty-eight days; **Eugene**, died aged eleven months; and **Morris M.**, died aged two years, three months and eighteen days. **Dr. Shumaker** is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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