

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

Jacob W. Simmons, one of the representative men of Silver Spring Township, was born here Oct, 20, 1855, and in the maternal line of the house is descended from a very distinguished family, **Frederick Stein**, father of his mother, was a resident of Silver Spring Township, and a very wealthy farmer. He married **Mary Smith**, of Middletown, and became the father of eight children; **Daniel** married and lives in Ohio; **John** married **Susan Rhule**, of Middlesex Township, and lives in Illinois; **Christian** is married, and lives in Vermont; **Joseph** married **Lydia Lantz**, of Hampden Township, and both are now deceased; **Sarah** married **John Simmons**, and became the mother of our subject; **Kate** married **Philip McGaw**, and lives in Shippensburg; **Emilia** married **George Rudy**, of Union County, and lives in Piketown, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania; **Mary** also married **John Simmons**.

There's but little known of the paternal side of the family. **John Simmons** was born in Hampden Township, there received a common school education, and followed the occupation of farming. He was married first to **Sarah Stein**, by whom he had three children: **Jacob W.**; **John**, who married **Elizabeth Spangler**, daughter of **Amos Spangler**, of Silver Spring Township, and had three children: **Willis**, **Samuel** and **Charles**, all at home; **Sarah**, who married **George Shumbarger**, of Hampden Township, and has children, **Kate** (who married **Arthur Adams**, of Hampden Township, and has one child, **Clyde Franklin**, at home), **Alda**, **Mary**, **Agnes**, **Walter**, **Franklin**, **Elsie**, **Francis** and **Ruth**. The maiden name of the second wife of **John Simmons** was **Mary Stein**, she being a sister of his first wife, and by her he had two children: **Samuel**, who married **Anna Hosier**, of Hogestown, and has two children, **Ira** and **Viola**, both at home, is a butcher; **Emma**, who married **McClellan Walters**, of Silver Spring Township, now resides in Shiremanstown, and has three children, **Cora**, **Mary** and **Esther**, all at home.

Jacob W. Simmons received a common school education in Silver Spring Township, and attended until he was twenty years of age. At that time he commenced farming for himself upon the place he now occupies. About sixteen years ago **Mr. Simmons** began practicing veterinary surgery, which he had learned at home, and attending lectures, and as he has been very successful, he has been able to build up a large practice in addition to carrying on farming, his property being kept in excellent condition. On Dec. 21, 1878, **Mr. Simmons** married **Elizabeth Weary**, daughter of **George W. Weary**, of Middlesex Township, by whom he had one child, **John**, unmarried, and living at home. His first wife died on March 12, 1898, and was buried at the stone church above Wertzville. On Dec. 14, 1900, **Mr. Simmons** was united in marriage with **Miss Jennie Albright**, daughter of **W. A.** and **Jennie (Hill) Albright** of Perry County. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Simmons** have one child, **William Albright**. **Mrs. Simmons** received her education in the common schools of Perry County, finishing when she was about twenty years of age. After leaving school, she resided at home until her marriage. She is a very pleasant lady, an excellent housekeeper, and a devoted wife and mother. She is a consistent member of the Evangelical Church. In politics, **Mr. Simmons** has been a lifelong Republican, but has never aspired to office.

Mr. and **Mrs. Simmons**, residing on their excellent farm of 110 acres, all of which is under cultivation, dispense a gracious and generous hospitality to their many friends, and are important factors in the life of the township.