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Snavely, William J., cashier, Steelton National Bank, was born near Boiling Springs, Cumberland County, Pa., July 10, 1861. He is a son of **John** and **Susan (Gish) Snavely**. **John Snavely** was born in Bismarck, Lebanon County, Pa., but had resided in Cumberland County some years before his son **William J.** was born. He was for the greater part of his life a farmer, but since 1875 has resided in Steelton. He has reached the age of seventy-three; **Mrs. Snavely**, who was a native of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, is seventy-one years old. They had eleven children, of whom nine are living: **Catherine**, wife of **Samuel Plouse**, Campbellstown, Pa.; **Matilda**, wife of **Arthur Young**, Philadelphia, Pa.; **Lera-Belle**, wife of **Joseph B. Hummel**, Steelton, Pa.; **John H.**, dentist, Steelton; **William J.**; **Carrie**, wife of **Jonah B. Diffenderfer**, referred to elsewhere in this volume; **Bertha G.**, **Minnie B.**, and **Ora A.** One child died in infancy; **George W.** enlisted in company A, Twentieth Pennsylvania cavalry, and died in Andersonville prison.

William J. Snavely, when but a child, left his native county with his parents, who located in Hockersville; five years later they removed to Hummelstown, and five years after that to Manheim, Pa., where he remained until 1884. He was educated in the public schools of Hummelstown and Manheim. In June, 1884, he removed to Lincoln, Pa., and was cashier of the Lincoln National Bank until December, 1886. He then came to Steelton, and has since that (late been cashier of the Steelton National Bank, efficiently performing the duties of that position. He has been secretary and treasurer of the Middletown, Highspire and Steelton Street Railway Company since its organization. **Mr. Snavely** is a Republican, but votes for men rather than for party. He has served two years as school director of Steelton. He was married, in Duncannon, Pa., August 1, 1889, to Miss **Carrie J.**, daughter of **Hugh** and **Ellen (Lightner) Wilson**, of Landisburg, Perry County. They have no children. At the age of twelve **Mr. Snavely** began to fight the battles of life for himself. The important positions he has filled have been won by his own indefatigable exertions.