

John C. Snyder, Blain, Perry County, Pa., was born November 18, 1838, in Toboyne Township, son of **David** and **Mary (Stump) Snyder**. **Abraham Snyder**, his grandfather, came from Northumberland County, Pa., and settled in Toboyne Township, where he was occupied for some years both with farming and with tailoring; but during the latter part of his life he did very little at the latter business, devoting almost exclusive attention to farming, especially after his removal to Adams County, where he died at the age of eighty. **Abraham Snyder** was twice married, in Toboyne Township. His first wife was **Mary Kern**; they had children, as follows: **David; Simon; Joseph; John; George; William; Hannah; Mary**; Sarah; and **Susan**. To his second marriage, with **Miss Holtz**, were born three daughters and two sons. **Mr. Snyder** was a worthy and respected citizen, a member of the Reformed Church, and of good character and influence. His son, **David Snyder**, having been educated in the common schools of Toboyne Township, continued to reside with his parents until he reached manhood. He became a cooper, and worked at that trade in addition to farming during most of his life. In 1858, he purchased the farm in Jackson Township, on which **Mr. John C. Snyder** now lives, and made it his permanent residence during his later years. Like his father, he was a good citizen, and well regarded by his neighbors. He was a Democrat, of the Jefferson school, and warmly interested in the affairs of the country and of his vicinity. **David Snyder** was married in 1834, to **Mary**, daughter of **Messias Stump**. Their children are: **Abraham**, married first to **Elizabeth Baker**, who died, then to **Lydia Ann Gray**, who also died, leaving three children, and lastly to **Annie Reed**, of Cumberland County, Pa.; **William**, married **Sarah Loy**, has two sons and seven daughters; **Simon**, married **Sarah Bistline**, has seven children; **John C.**; **Sarah (Mrs. John Swartz)**, has ten children; **Magdalena (Mrs. Jacob Allison)**, has five children; **Barbara (Mrs. David Hollenbaugh)**, has two children; **Angelina (Mrs. George Ensminger)**, has two children; and **Jemima (Mrs. Alpheus Neidich)**, has eight children. **David Snyder**, who was born in 1805, died December 9, 1872; his wife survived him until 1881, reaching the age of about seventy-seven. Both were consistent members of the Reformed Church.

Their third son, **John C. Snyder**, attended the schools of Toboyne Township, and assisted in the work of his father's farm, thus acquiring skill and experience as a tiller of the ground. He married at the age of twenty three, and in the same year began farming for himself on his father's property in Jackson Township. Here he has passed a life of activity and usefulness. He has so improved his land and buildings as to have a neat, convenient and very productive farm. The homestead became his property after his father's death. **Mr. Snyder** is interested in local affairs, and is always ready to promote any worthy enterprise.

John C. Snyder was married, November 21, 1861, to **Mary A.**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Mary (Sheibley) Deach**. Their children are: **Ambrose**, died when about three years old; **Samuel**, died at the age of twenty-three; **Pierce B.**, died aged twenty-five; **David M.**, married **Delilah Shoemaker**, has four daughters, **Gertrude S.**, **Mary G.**, **Ida F.**, and **Vera M.**; **Florence (Mrs. William Sheaffer)**; **Charles F.**; **Rose E.**; **Ada L.**; and **William D.**, died aged four years. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Snyder** are members of the Church of God.