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John D. Snyder, merchant, and dealer in coal and in railroad ties, Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., is a son of **George C.** and **Mary (Loring) Snyder**, and was born at Liverpool, August 31, 1863. His grandfather, **David Snyder**, was an old resident of Liverpool Township. He was engaged in farming all his life, was twice married, and died on the old homestead in Liverpool Township. There **George C. Snyder**, father of **John D.**, was born, and was reared on the farm. After reaching manhood, he learned carpentry of **Jacob A. Smith**, at Middleburg, Snyder County, Pa., after which he returned to Liverpool and was for several years clerk in the store of **H. W. Silverman**, for whom he worked several years. After this he went into business on his own account, on the site now occupied by his son **John D.** The business prospered and became too large for its accommodations, and he then tore away the old building and erected a commodious store room. In 1861, he married **Mary Zaring**, and built a large, substantial brick dwelling, which is now occupied by his son. **Mr. Snyder** was a prosperous business man and was one of the leading men of the town. He was a staunch Democrat, and served one term as overseer of the poor. He was a member of the United Brethren Church and for many years superintendent of the Sunday-school. He died June 12, 1893, his wife having died in the previous year, and both are buried in the cemetery at Liverpool. Their children are: **Susan (Mrs. Peter O. Owens)**, of Liverpool, Pa.; **John D.**; **Albert S.**, married **Mrs. Katy Huttenstein** from Shamokin Dam, Pa., resides at Liverpool; **Almeda**, married **Park Holman**, merchant, Liverpool, Pa.; **Miles O.**, married **Anna Sheets**, of Liverpool, Pa., and is in the coal business at Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pa.; **G. Guy**, attending Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.; **Bertha**, resides with her sister, **Mrs. Holman**; **Max O.**; **Stanley A.**; **Duke**; and **J. L.**; the last four at home; **Artie Alma**, died aged eight years; **Rufus W.**, died aged two and a half years; and **Hilda**, who died aged six weeks.

John D. Snyder attended the schools of his native place, and in the spring of 1888, after some training in his father's store, took a three months' course at the business college of Bryant & Stratton. After the completion of his commercial course, he spent two years in his father's business, after which he went to Selinsgrove, Pa., and began dealing in coal and railroad ties. At the end of three years his father died, and he returned and took charge of the business, including a general store, and a yard for coal and railroad ties. He furnished each year 50,000 ties to the Central New Jersey Railroad.

John D. Snyder was married in 1884 to **Miss Lena Snyder**, of Liverpool. **Mr. Snyder** is an adherent of the Democratic Party. He is at present filling the office of burgess, and is the first incumbent of the office to serve a term of three years. He has also served as borough auditor. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and a trustee of his congregation. **Mr. Snyder** is genial and popular; he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the community.

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