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SNYDER



This name, **Schneider** in German, was first found in Pennsylvania in official lists under date of September 15, 1728, when **Matheis** and **Christian** landed from the same ship, coming from Germany. Under the anglicized spelling, **Snyder** is found on lists of September 18, 1727. While many retain the German spelling, the form **Snyder** is almost as freely used, although in the lists of those landing in the province there were one hundred and fifty-three **Schneiders** and but thirty-seven **Snyders**. However, this proportion would not hold good in latter days. The founder of this branch was **Anthony Snyder**, who was born at Knippenburgh, near Oppenheim, Germany, arrived in Pennsylvania in 1748 and settled in Lancaster.

(I) A descendant of **Anthony** was **Henry Harrison Snyder**, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he lived and died. He married **Anna Staley** born in Lancaster County of Irish parentage. Among his children was **Jacob S.**, mentioned below.

(II) **Jacob S.**, son of **Henry Harrison** and **Anna (Staley) Snyder**, was born in Lancaster County in 1817, died in 1903. He learned the carpenter's trade, later became an undertaker and located at Reamstown, Lancaster County. He was a Lutheran in religion, and a Republican in politics. He married **Anna Bridegam**, born in Lancaster County in 1815, daughter of **Henry** and **Sarah Bridegam**, both of Lancaster County, all members of the Reformed Church. Children: 1. **Henry Harrison**, who died in 1911, aged seventy-one years. He was a lieutenant in the civil war, serving from the first call to the final surrender in Company L, Seventh Regiment Cavalry, and once for a term of five days was acting captain of his company. 2. **Jacob A.**, died in 1864, one of the victims of the Salisbury (North Carolina) prison pen, after having been held a prisoner at Libby Prison in Richmond. He was a private of the Fifty-fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. 3. **William F.**, of whom further. 4. **Anna**, married **John Mumma**, of Lancaster County. 5. **Sarah**, married **Charles Tole**, of Lancaster City. 6. **Mary Elizabeth**, married **Scott Groff**, of Lancaster County, whom she survives. 7. **Susan Rebecca**, married **Charles Witmeyer**, of Lancaster County.

(III) **William Franklin**, son of **Jacob S.** and **Anna (Bridegam) Snyder**, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1845. He was educated in the public schools and at a suitable age went to Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, to learn the trade of chairmaker, serving one and a half years, then enlisted, although his term had not expired. He enlisted, in 1863, in Company E, Twenty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving six months, then returned

home and for a time again worked at his trade. In 1864 he enlisted in Captain A. B. Sanno's independent cavalry company, serving one hundred days, receiving honorable discharge, September 16, 1864. On September 17, or the next day, reenlisted in Company I, Ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, for one year, serving until the close of the war. He was with Sherman in his march from "Atlanta to the sea" and witnessed the surrender of General Johnston's army. After the war he finished learning his trade and worked in Lancaster until 1867, then located in Mifflintown, where he was married a year later. In January, 1868, he began the manufacture of chairs for his own account, his father-in-law, **Mr. Sandoe**, conducting an undertaking establishment. He continued thus until 1878, then purchased **Mr. Sandoe's** interest and has since conducted the undertaking business in Mifflintown alone, selling out his chair manufacturing to his son, **D. L. Snyder**, in 1909. He continued his undertaking business until February 1, 1913, when he sold that department to his son, **D. L. Snyder**, and retired. He has been very successful in business, built a fine store building in 1909, and now lives in a residence he erected in 1901. During the years he spent in undertaking he conducted the funerals of three thousand one hundred and thirty-four persons, his business extending over a large expanse of territory surrounding Mifflintown. He is a Progressive in politics and has served as member of the borough council. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, **Mr. Snyder** having been a member forty-seven years, active and useful. He belongs to D. H. Wilson Post, No. 134, Grand Army of the Republic; has been an Odd Fellow for forty-three years, first joining Lodge No. 131, now a member of Lodge No. 911. He has filled all the official chairs in the local lodge and in 1876 was representative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, sitting in Philadelphia.

He married, December 24, 1867, **Isabella**, daughter of **Anthony Sandoe**, an early settler in Mifflintown, locating there in 1840, and died in 1905; he married **Rebecca Coder**, who died in Mifflintown in 1897. **Anthony Sandoe** was in the undertaking business in Mifflintown until 1878, when he sold out to his son-in-law **William F. Snyder**. Children of **Mr. and Mrs. Snyder**: 1. **Rebecca**, born 1870; married **Cooper Moorehead** of Newport, Perry County, Pennsylvania; children: **Isabella** and **Miriam**. 2. **Mary E.**, born 1873; married **William Frasier**, of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. 3. **David Lewis**, born August 11, 1882; now his father's successor in the furniture and undertaking business; married **Frances Gouchenour** and has a son, **William Franklin** (2).

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