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**Fred Souder**, Alinda, Perry County, Pa., was born in Spring Township, Perry County, October 15, 1821. His paternal grandfather, **Henry Souder**, was born in Germany and came to this country when only seven years of age. He worked as a day laborer. His children were: **Jacob; John; George; William; Mrs. Gameman; Mrs. Shull; Mrs. Turnbaugh; and Mrs. Miller.** The grandfather died at the age of seventy-five years.

The maternal grandparents of **Mr. Souder** were natives of Maryland, who came to Perry County in 1805 and engaged in farming in Tyrone Township. They had two children: **William;** and **Mary;** both now deceased. Both grandparents were members of the Reformed Church, and both lived to an advanced age. **Jacob Souder**, carpenter, was born in Perry County. He followed that occupation for thirty-five years, and then engaged in farming, being the owner of a very fine farm. He was married to **Mary**, daughter of **Fred Sowers**. They had a family of seven children: **Mary Ann (Mrs. Henry Sigener)**, of Youngstown, O.; **Fannie (Mrs. Henry Rhinesmith)**, of Landisburg, Perry County; **Fred; Jacob**, died in 1852, aged forty-three years; **John**, died while returning by sea from California, in 1852, aged forty-four years; **Samuel**, died in April, 1886, aged seventy-six years; and **Margaret (Mrs. Henry Watson)**, died in 1894, aged seventy years. **Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Souder** were members of the Reformed Church, the father serving as deacon and elder for many years. He died in December, 1842, aged sixty-two years. **Mrs. Souder** died in 1825, at the age of thirty-four years.

**Fred Souder** was educated in the subscription schools, and in the public schools after their establishment in 1834. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, working at home until he reached his majority. On the death of his father, he rented the place and there farmed for himself for five years. Then the farm was sold, the elder brother having in charge the settlement of the estate. In 1848, **Mr. Souder** removed to Cumberland County, where for six years he gave his attention to farming. Returning to Perry County, in 1854, he bought the farm on which he now lives, a retired farmer. He has filled very acceptably the offices of inspector, township auditor, school director for six years, assessor for six years, and justice of the peace for ten years.

**Mr. Souder** was married, November 9, 1843, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Christian and Frances (Heckendorn) Kell**. Their ten children are all living: **Alfred**, married **Margaret Sheibly**, is engaged in mercantile business at Alinda; **Francis**, married to **Mary Rosenberger**, resides in Chambersburg, Pa.; **Lewis Morris**, of Whatcom, Wash.; **John W.**, a photographer at St. Joseph, Mo.; **Sarah E. (Mrs. Zachariah Dock)**, of Tyrone Township, Perry County; **Samuel**, married to **Mary Scott**, is a druggist in Dayton, O.; **Mary Alice**, wife of **Rev. S. S. Snyder**, a missionary to Japan; **Oliver**, a printer, resides in Seattle, Wash.; **Henry M.**, also a printer, married to **Elizabeth Williams**, resides in the State of Washington; and **Frederick H.**, resides in Dayton, O. The family are members of the Reformed Church. The father was a deacon and is now elder, and takes a prominent part in the work of the Sunday school.

The paternal grandfather of **Mrs. Fred Souder**, **John Noll**, a native of York County, was a farmer all his life. He was married to **Catharine Kulp**. Their children were: **Henry; John;**

**Christian; Philip; Jacob; Clarissa (Mrs. Jacob Sunday); Kate (Mrs. John Jacobs); Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Color); Elizabeth (Mrs. David Stambaugh); and Mary (Mrs. Philip Maul).** The grandparents were members of the Reformed Church, **Mr. Kell** serving as elder and deacon. He helped to build the first church that was erected in Spring Township. He died in 1827, at the age of seventy years. **Mrs. Souder's** maternal grandparents were natives of Snyder County, Pa. Besides working at carpentry, **Mr. Heckendorn** also engaged in farming, and later in the hotel business at Wagners Gap. He was married to **Frances Darby**. Their children are: **Mary (Mrs. David Wunderlich); Eva (Mrs. Simon Moses); Elizabeth; Catherine (Mrs. Wagner); Adam; David; Francis; and Joseph.** **Mr. Heckendorn** and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, in which he held successively all the offices. He died at the age of seventy-four years; his wife surviving until 1846, when she died aged eighty nine years. The parents of **Mrs. Souder** were born in York County, and came to Perry County in early life. There they engaged in farming, although her father's trade was that of a weaver. **Mr. Kell** was married to **Frances Heckendorn**, daughter of **Christian** and **Frances (Darby) Heckendorn**. They had nine children: **Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred Souder); Mary**, widow of **Daniel Hallman; Levi; John; Catharine (Mrs. Sterrett Shaeffer); Frances**, widow of **John Wagner; Sophia (Mrs. Jacob Shumaker); William**, died in 1863, aged twenty eight years; **Sarah (Mrs. Philip Thumma)**, died in April, 1895, aged sixty-six years. **Mr. Kell** was township supervisor for some years. The family were members of the Reformed Church, the father holding all the offices. He died in 1863, aged seventy-four years and five months; his wife survived until 1880, dying then at the age of eighty-six years, two months and five days.

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