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**James L. Steward**, pumping engineer for the Pennsylvania railroad, Milford Township, Patterson, Juniata County, Pa., was born November 13, 1840, in Milford Township. He is a son of **George** and **Mary M. (Kline) Steward**. The **Steward** family, of Scotch-Irish descent, traces its ancestry back to **James VI**, of Scotland and I. of England, and his mother, the beautiful and unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots. **Samuel Steward**, grandfather of **James L.**, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a local preacher in the United Brethren Church in Franklin County, Pa., and subsequently in Ohio, in which latter state he died. **George Steward**, one of the sons of **Samuel Steward**, born in Franklin County, Pa., was a shoemaker. He removed to Milford Township, Juniata County, while still quite young. He married **Mary M. Kline**, the widow of a man named **Taylor**. Their children are: **William C.**, who died young; **James L.**, of Milford Township, Juniata County; and **Caroline**, widow of **Joseph Keller**, of Port Royal. **Mr. Steward** having died in 1848, his widow married **George Marks**. She died in Port Royal, in 1878.

**James L. Steward** was but seven years of age when his father was taken from him by death. He received his education in the public schools of Port Royal, Juniata County, and in various schools of Franklin County, whither his mother removed. He commenced life as a poor boy, and from the age of eighteen until after the breaking out of the Civil war he worked for wages on various farms in Franklin County. In 1864, he enlisted in Franklin County in Company I. Two Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteers; The regiment spent the greater part of his term in the Shenandoah Valley, doing picket duty. After ten months, the war having ended, he was mustered out at Harrisburg in 1865. Returning to Franklin County, **Mr. Steward** resumed farm labor, which he continued until 1869, then obtained employment with the Pennsylvania railroad, being a track hand until 1875, when he was promoted to foreman of the floating gang; he filled that position for nineteen years, and was then promoted to engineer of the pumping station at the Lewistown Narrows. **Mr. Steward** owns a small farm in Milford Township, on which he erected in 1870 a dwelling which is not only beautifully situated, but which is one of the finest residences in the township.

**James L. Steward** was married in Milford Township to **Miss Catharine A. Bousum**, a native of Perry County, and a daughter of **William Bousum**, a carpenter of Milford Township, Juniata County. They have had seven children: **Annie V.**; **David G.**, a railroad employee; **Lillie M. (Mrs. James McFadden)**, of Harrisburg; **William**, deceased; **Mary K.**; **James Leroy**; and **George W.** **Mr. Steward** was a Republican follower of Lincoln; and is now liberal in his political views, espousing those men and measures that he considers for the best interest of the nation. He was for six years a member of the school board. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and has been connected with the Sunday-school work both as a teacher and superintendent. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Association. **Mr. Steward** has been distinguished through his whole life for industry and sterling integrity, and as a consequence enjoys the highest esteem and respect of all who know him.