

History of Perry County, Pennsylvania, Including Descriptions of Indian and Pioneer Life from the Time of Earliest Settlement Sketches of Its Noted Men and Women and Many Professional Men, By H. H. Hain, Harrisburg, Pa., 1922 - Hain-Moore Company, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa.

**Dr. Harry Stites** was born at Fisherville, Dauphin County, June 28, 1854, the son of **Dr. Samuel** and **Catherine (Matter) Stites**, but at a very early age his father having located at Millerstown, he became a Perry Countian and always claimed it as his home. He was educated in the public schools of Millerstown and at Freeburg Academy. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1876 and immediately began practicing medicine at Newport. In 1881 he located at Sioux Falls, and became government physician to the Blackfoot Indian Agency, being later transferred to the Sioux Reservation. He then located in Florida for a time, and from 1887 to 1893 he practiced in Harrisburg. His health failing he returned to Florida, going in a vessel of his own with his family. In that state he was examining surgeon of the East Coast Railway under the noted Henry M. Flager's regime. In 1896 he took a postgraduate course in the Polyclinic College at Philadelphia and again located in Harrisburg, where he remained until 1900, when he traveled Europe, visiting the principal hospitals in order to advance further in his profession. He returned to his Harrisburg practice, but in January, 1906, left on a trip South to regain his health, going to Cuba. Two days after his arrival there he died. **Dr. Stites** had another distinction. In 1870 he organized Newport Council, No. 107, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and two years later was elected National Vice-Councilor, becoming National Councilor the succeeding year, so far as is known, the only Perry Countian to become the national head of a beneficial order.

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