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Williams Township, **Stites, George M.**, M. D., was born in Millerstown, Perry County, Pa., March 11, 1800. He is a son of **Dr. Samuel** and **Catherine (Matter) Stites**. His father, **Dr. Samuel Stites**, was born in New Jersey. He studied medicine and practiced for eight years in Fisherville, Dauphin County, and then located in Millerstown, Perry County, Pa. He married his first wife in Berks County, Pa. They had three children: **William, Anna, and Sally**. **Dr. Stites'** second marriage was in Dauphin County. The children of this marriage who are now living are: **Harriet**, residing in Millerstown, Pa.; **Lydia**, residing with her brother, **Dr. George M.**; **Clara**, court stenographer at Sioux Falls, S. D.; **Harry**, physician, West Palm Beach, Fla.; **Albert**, physician, Sioux Falls, S. D.; and **Dr. George M.** The father died in Millerstown, in 1882, aged sixty-two. He was a Republican. He was a member of the Ferry County Medical Society, and was a leading man in his profession. **Dr. Stites** was an active member of the Methodist Church. He was highly esteemed as a man.

George M. Stites attended the common schools of his native place until he was fourteen years old. At this age he entered Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and continued his studies there until he was seventeen. He then pursued his studies at Lafayette College, Easton, for eight months, at the end of which time he returned home and began the study of medicine with his father. After reading under his father for three years he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated in 1882. His practice of the healing art began in connection with his father at Millerstown, Pa., and was continued with success for five years. During part of this time he practiced alone, his father having died. At the end of the five years **Dr. Stites** came to Williamstown, and has resided here ever since. He has built up a large and lucrative practice, and is in the enjoyment of the conditions made possible by a successful business. His residence is a large modern structure with many of the latest devised conveniences.

Dr. Stites is a Republican and takes a leading part in the measures of his party. He is a member of the Board of Health, a school director and a trustee of the Methodist Church. He is a member and a trustee of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Lykens; a master mason of Ashler Lodge, No. 570, at Wiconisco; a member of Knights of Pythias Lodge, at Lykens, and of I. O. O. F. Lodge, at Williamstown.

Dr. Stites was married, in Millerstown, November 24, 1887, to **Miss Hannah Durbin**, daughter of **J. W. and Louisa Durbin**. They have had five children: **Clara**, died aged five years; **George**, died at eighteen months of age; **Louisa** and **Joseph**, twins, and **Harry**.

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