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Isaac Stoke, Blain, Perry County, Pa., was born in Harford County, Md., October 2, 1831, and is a son of **George** and **Sarah C. (Trostle) Stoke**. His paternal grandfather was a pastor of the Reformed Church; he resided near Dublin Springs, Cumberland County, Pa. His children were: **Joseph**, married and removed to Clarion, O., had one son and one daughter; **Peter**, married and removed to Zanesville, O., had a family of children; **Samuel**, married and resided in Franklin County, died in Chambersburg, Pa.; **George**; and **Annie (Mrs. Fuhrnall)**, of Cumberland County, where her descendants now reside. The youngest son, **George Stoke**, was brought up and attended the common schools in Cumberland County. He learned the trade of fuller, in which business he was skilled and successful; he was occupied with it during most of his life. He married **Sarah Catherine**, daughter of **Abraham** and **Catherine (Brough) Trostle**. One of their children died while an infant; the others are: **William**, of Jackson Township, married **Margaret Wentz**, has nine children; **Abraham**, of Mt. Vernon, O., married a lady of that State, has nine children; **Isaac**; **George**, of Adams County, Pa., married first **Miss Hullinger**, had five children, and after her death married another lady of the same county; **Samuel**, unmarried, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, Upper Sandusky, O.; **Jacob Franklin**, now of Kansas, married **Miss Kennedy**, of Adams County, Pa., resided in Iowa, where she died, leaving two children, and he married again; **Rev. Harry A.**, an Evangelical minister, resides in Fulton County, Pa.; **Catherine (Mrs. Alfred Wilt)**, of Adams County, has a large family, both sons and daughters; and twins, **Joseph** and **Sarah Ann**, the former married a lady of Huntingdon County, Pa., and resides at Altoona, Pa., the latter married **Charles Schaffer**, of Adams County, has sons and daughters, resides in Marion County, Kan. All the sons of **George Stoke**, except **Isaac**, served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion; **George** was wounded in the service. **George Stoke, Sr.**, spent his declining years in Tyrone Township, Adams County. He was a worthy man and a good citizen, and much respected. He and his wife were faithful members of the Evangelical Church. **Mrs. Stoke** died in 1853, aged about forty-five years; **Mr. Stoke** died April 7, 1877, aged about seventy-seven years.

The education of **Isaac Stoke** was obtained in the common schools of Adams County, after which he became apprentice to a miller, and thoroughly acquired the knowledge and practice requisite for carrying on that business. He worked as a journeyman in various places, among which were Harrisburg and towns in Cumberland, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Lancaster Counties. In 1857, he came to Perry County, and purchased the mill property of **Thomas Woods**, where he now resides and conducts a flourishing trade. He has made many improvements. In 1875, he built a new mill, fitting it up with new and improved machinery, of a larger capacity than the mill had ever before had. In 1895, he added a powerful engine and boiler in addition to his water-power, yielded by two iron turbine wheels. He is enterprising and progressive in his ideas, and this, combined with his just and reliable dealings, has brought him unbounded success. His comfortable and convenient dwelling was erected in 1864, and has a rather peculiar history. During its erection, the seven men employed in the work all decided to enlist; they did so, leaving **Mr. Stoke** to carry on the building as best he might; after serving their term of enlistment, however, all returned to the work except one, **Sylvester McElhenny**, who died from a gunshot wound received in battle. Besides the house and mill, **Mr. Stoke** has built a fine large

barn, and added other facilities. He is a Republican, and interested in politics, but not an office-seeker.

Isaac Stoke was married. April 14, 1857, to **Susan Elizabeth**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Trimmer) Howe**. Their children are: **Mary Eugenia**, deceased; **David P.**, married **Phebe Morrow**, has children, **Elizabeth E.**, **May**, **William**, **Frank S.**, **Minnie** and **Martha**; **Isaac Howard**, married **Ellen Snyder**, has eight children, **Georgiana**, **Bessie**, **Tower**, **Laura**, **Grace**, **Ruth**, **Roy**, and an **infant**; **Warren J.**, married **Sarah Biseline**; and **Harry D.** Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Stoke** are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Blain.

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