

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

John Stone, a prosperous and representative man of Steelton, Pa., and a man widely known, was born in York County, Pa., Oct. 11, 1860, son of **John** and **Mary Ann (Shearrer) Stone**, both natives of Perry County, Pa., but of German descent.

John Stone, Sr., was a farmer all his life, and was a well informed man, although his education was confined to the common schools. His death occurred in 1870, when he was forty-three years old; while his widow survived until 1883, when she too passed away, aged fifty-five years. Both were very consistent members of the Lutheran Church. The maternal grandparents were **John** and **Mary (Ernest) Shearrer**, most excellent people.

The parents of our subject had a family of seven children as follows: **Katie** married **Ephraim Jumper**, of Steelton; **Peter**, of South Middleton Township, Cumberland County, is a farmer, and married to **Mary Kutz**; **Annie** married **Stephen Johnson**, of Huntsville, Pa.; **Mary** married **William Rutz**, of North Middleton Township, Cumberland County; **John**; **Harriett** married **Joseph Kutz**, of Middlesex Township; **Sallie** married **Joseph Bowers**, of York County.

John Stone, Jr., was reared and educated in Cumberland County from the time he was two years of age, and remained with his mother until twenty-four, working by the month. From then until twenty-eight, he worked for neighboring farmers, and then engaged in butchering at Cumberland Springs. After four years at this line of business, **Mr. Stone** sold his interests, and moved to Steelton, where for four years more he was employed with the Harrisburg & Steelton Brick Company, and he then entered the shipping department of the Steelton Store Company. In 1900 he was made a driver of this company, and has thus continued.

Fraternally, **Mr. Stone** is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 928, Melrose Council; and the Modern Workmen, No. 5929.

On Jan. 3, 1889, **Mr. Stone** married **Miss Annie M. Kutz**, daughter of **Joseph H.** and **Elizabeth (Keihl) Kutz**, and they have two children deceased, and one living, namely: **Albert W.**, who died at the age of seven years and twelve days; a **daughter** that died in infancy; and **Ira J.**, born Sept. 17, 1893. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. Stone** are members of St. John Lutheran Church, in which **Mrs. Stone** is very active, she now being president of the Ladies' Sewing Circle; a member of the Ready Helpers, and also a member of the Missionary Society. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Stone** are popular in the church, and socially have many friends in this portion of the county.

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