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John F. Stoufer, Falling Spring, Perry County, Pa., son of **Christian** and **Mary (Noy) Stoufer**, was born in Perry county, February 7, 1844. His grandfather, **Jacob Stoufer**, carpenter and miller, was also interested in the lumber business. He was married to Miss **Elizabeth Miller**; their children were: **Christian**; **Hilary (Mrs. Abraham Spotts)**; **Eliza (Mrs. Francis Mickey)**; and three that are deceased. **Jacob Stouffer** died in 1850, aged sixty-eight years; his wife died the next year, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were members of the Lutheran church. The maternal grandparents of **John F. Stoufer**, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Adam Noy**, were natives of Dauphin County. **Mr. Noy** was a shoemaker, and worked at his trade besides farming. **Christian Stoufer**, father of **John F. Stoufer**, millwright and carpenter, is a native of Perry County. For many years he had charge of the saw-mill that is now operated by his son, **John F.**, and was also engaged in the lumbering business. He has served his township as constable and as school director for three years.

Mr. Stoufer married **Mary J.**, daughter of **Adam Noy**. Of their seven children five survive: **John F.**; **Martha J. (Mrs. Martin Mickey)**; **Sarah (Mrs. John Rupp)**; **Martin**; **Emma (Mrs. C. C. Lupfer)**; **Francis**, died in 1856, aged one year and five months; and **Adonijah Bigler**, died October 27, 1877, aged twenty-seven years. On the 27th of August, 1895, **Mrs. Stoufer** died, aged seventy-two years. **Mr. Stoufer** resides on the old homestead in Carroll Township.

John F. Stoufer received his education in the public schools of his district. He learned carpentry, and when he was nineteen entered the saw-mill that had been built by his father in 1863. Some years after, this saw-mill was washed away by a flood, and rebuilt the same year. Later it was destroyed by fire, and again rebuilt in 1884, **Mr. Stoufer** built on the present farm and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he again assumed the management of the saw-mill, and is so employed at the present time. For three years he has served as county auditor and for three terms as justice of the peace. Since his twenty-fifth year, he has been a member of Shermansdale Council, No. 186, Sr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Stoufer was married, January 16, 1883, to **Fianna**, daughter of **George** and **Mary (Wox) Kitner**. They have one child; **Mary C.** **Mr. Stoufer** is an active member of the Church of God, in which he has been elder for several years.

Mrs. Stoufer's parents, **George** and **Mary (Wox) Kitner**, were natives of Perry County, and farmers. Their children were: **Fianna (Mrs. Stoufer)**; **Joshua**; **Simeon**; **Othniel**; **Wilhelmina**, deceased; **Caleb**, deceased; and **Enos**, deceased. **Mr. Kitner** was a member of the Church of God and his wife of the United Brethren Church. **Mr. Kitner** died at the age of fifty-five years; his widow survived until December 31, 1893.

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