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Stutsman, John P., freight conductor, was born in Perry County, Pa., July 20, 1847. His father was a carpenter, contractor and builder. He was cut off in early life, dying at the age of twenty-nine years; his wife, who was **Miss Mary D. Poole**, is still living, and makes her home with her daughter **Mary**, wife of **William Huston**, of Harrisburg. Their children were five in number; the living ones are **John P.**, **David**, and **Anna**, widow of **Cyrus Lowe**. **John P. Stutsman** was only eight years old when his father died. His schooling was just begun, and after this sad loss had to be carried on amid many hindrances. While attending school he found time to do many odd jobs, by which he aided materially in the maintenance of his mother and the other children. At sixteen he found regular employment on the Northern Central railroad, and has been continuously in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad since that time. All his wages, during his youth, were turned over to his mother, for whom he cherished the fondest regard; and he was rewarded by her love and confidence. In this way a peculiar intimacy was established between mother and son, which has continued through life. He is one of the oldest employees in this capacity in the service of the railroad company. His long continuance in their employment and confidence demonstrates his ability and faithfulness.

He was married, December 24, 1871, to **Jane E. Rudge**. They have five children, two of whom are deceased; **Myrtle A.**, born December 1, 1872, died May 1, 1873; **Jonas R.**, born in November, 1875, was drowned while bathing in the old Price Basin at Harrisburg, August 7, 1882; his brother **James**, who was with him, was not able to render him any assistance. The living children are: **James O.**, **Catherine L.**, and **John L.** **Mr. Stutsman** resided in Harrisburg until 1894, when he purchased his present residence in Susquehanna Township. He is a member of Lodge No. 160, I. O. O. F., Harrisburg. Politically he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Stutsman's parents are both deceased. Her father died June 14, 1879, aged seventy three; her mother in June, 1881, aged eighty years. They had eight children, one of whom, **Edward**, was in the Union army, in company B, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania volunteers. He was taken prisoner and died of starvation in Andersonville prison. Their surviving children are: **Adam**, **David K.**, **Darius**, **Annie**, widow of **George Neuer**, **William**, **Jonas**, and **Jane E.**, **Mrs. Stutsman**.

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