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George W. Swarner, a wealthy land owner of Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, where he has been successfully engaged as an agriculturist for many years, is a native of Spring Township, Perry County, Pa., born Sept. 21, 1843.

George Swarner, his father, was also a native of Perry County. He was born in 1795, and received a good common school education for the times. During the troublesome times of the war of 1812 he entered his country's service, and was stationed at Philadelphia during the greater part of his term of enlistment. When discharged he returned to Perry County, and made his home there until his death. He married **Hannah Snyder**, and their children were: **Henry B.**, who married **Mary Reiber**, daughter of **George Reiber**, and lives in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County; **John A.**, mentioned elsewhere; **George W.**; **William**, who died in 1896; and **Annie**, who married **H. C. Sweigart**, of Carlisle, and had twin daughters, **Minnie** and **Minna**, both married and living in Carlisle. **George Swarner** had two sisters, one being Maria.

George W. Swarner was born in Perry County, as above stated. The public schools of his native township afforded him his educational facilities. His early training was all in the line of farm work, and it was but natural that on attaining man's estate he should follow that work. In 1866 he came to Cumberland County, and rented from a **Mr. Sugar** a farm in North Middleton Township, where he remained until 1870, when he settled on a farm in South Middleton Township, which was his home until 1883, the year of his removal to Dickinson Township. In the latter township he purchased the old **Park Peffer** farm of ninety-nine acres of rich land, on which he at once erected a new barn. He also repaired the house, making of it a substantial dwelling. In 1887 he bought the farm known as the **William G. Peffer** farm, containing 101 acres, and still later he became the owner of forty-one acres adjoining. His property has been the accumulation of his own economy, and that of his good wife. He is typically a self-made man, having received little aid from friends or relatives. In 1899, determined to rest from active work, he came to Carlisle, and purchased a fine home at No. 226 West South Street, which he improved, making it a thoroughly comfortable modern home.

In 1868 **Mr. Swarner** was united in marriage with **Catherine Zinn**, daughter of **Peter** and **Elizabeth Zinn**, of Lancaster County. To bless their union have come children as follows: Harry E., born May 31, 1869, married **Minnie C. Roush**, daughter of **John** and **Maria Roush**, and died in Carlisle, May 15, 1903, his widow still residing in that city: she has one child. **Earl Bryan Swarner**. **Frank**, born Oct. 18, 1873, in South Middleton Township, married **Effie Albright**, daughter of **William** and **Fannie Albright**, and lives on one of his father's farms in Dickinson Township, four and a half miles southwest of Carlisle; they have two children, **Paul Z.** and **Frank B.** **Charles C.**, born Feb. 4, 1884, is at home.

Peter Zinn, father of **Mrs. Swarner**, was born and raised in Lancaster County. About 1832 he came with his family to Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, and located about seven miles from Carlisle, at a place called Mooredale. He married **Elizabeth Kegerries**, who was also born and raised in Lancaster County, and they became the parents of the following children: **Mary**, who married **John King**, who lives in Iowa, and has a family of five children: **Amos**, who was drowned at the age of eleven, by falling into a well, about two miles from home: **John**

H., mentioned below; **Elizabeth**, who married **Charles Feree**, of near Williamson, Franklin County, and has two children, **Harvey** and **Clemie**; **Catherine**, born Jan. 21, 1843, in Dickinson Township (where she was educated), who married **George W. Swarner**; and **Frank**, who is married and has one child, and who makes his home in Peoria, Illinois.

Rev. John H. Zinn was born in Dickinson Township, Cumberland County, Pa., July 25, 1836. He was the second child and son born to his parents. At the age of six years he entered the public school at Shady Grove, in sight of the "Old Stone Tavern." and continued his training there until his common school education was completed. He engaged as teacher, his first term being in 1856, at the Richland school, known at that time as the William Line School. After his first term he entered the first normal school of the county, being held at Newville, Pa., and conducted by the county superintendent, Daniel Shelly, one of the foremost educators at that day in the county. He alternated teaching and studying, until the breaking out of the Civil war. At this time he was pursuing the study of the classics, privately, but was interrupted by entering into the United States service in 1863, connecting himself with a regiment already organized, the 17th Pa. Cavalry, being a member of Company F. By a reference to "Bates' History" it will be seen that this regiment, in common with others, saw much hard service, being led by the gallant Sheridan in many victorious battles. The last battle in which he was engaged was at Winchester, Va., on the 19th of September, 1864. Being on detailed service, subsequent to this battle, on the 24th of the same month, he was captured by Moseby's men at Summit Point, on a reconnaissance between Harper's Ferry and Winchester. He was held as a prisoner of war, passing through the Libby, Belle Island (Va.) and Salisbury (N. C.) prisons, and came out from the last place on the 22d of February, 1865. He was paroled at Goldsborough, N. C., on the 26th, and was discharged from the service on general order No. 76, at Annapolis, Md., on the 28th of June, 1865. After his return home he immediately entered his old profession, that of teaching, but soon became impressed with the idea that he should prepare himself for the Gospel ministry of the church of which he was a member, the Evangelical Lutheran (General Synod). He entered the Theological Seminary at Selinsgrove, Pa., and after a three-year course of hard and faithful study he was ordained by the Susquehanna Synod at Jersey Shore, Pa. He was called to the charge at St. Clairsville, Bedford County, Pa., beginning his labors there July 16, 1871, and served the charge eleven years. From there he was called to Glade, Somerset County, Pa., and served nine years. Then he was called to Tippecanoe City, Ohio, where he remained three years, and then to Leetonia, Ohio, serving that charge six years, after which he removed to his present charge, Akron, Ohio, on March 1, 1900. In an official capacity he served Allegheny Synod as secretary from 1882 to 1884; was president of Allegheny Synod from 1889 to 1891; president of the East Ohio Synod from 1899 to 1901.

Rev. Mr. Zinn has been twice married, the first time on Aug. 19, 1858, to **Sallie A. Weaver**, of Rossville, York County, Pa. To this union there were born three children: **Ada A.**, now the wife of **Samuel K. Moses**, of Osterburg, Pa.; **Florence Esther**, who died at the age of one year and four months; **Clara Edna**, now the wife of **Ed. S. Frease**, of Akron, Ohio. His wife died March 13, 1882. On Sept. 18, 1884, he married his second wife, **Mary E. Campbell**, of Addison, Pa., who is in full sympathy with her husband's calling and is a most efficient help in his arduous labors. He is successfully serving a laborious charge in the growing city of Akron, and while he is growing in years, with the inheritance of a robust constitution and care in living he appears as a man of twenty years less his age.