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George W. Taylor, farmer of Newport, Perry County, Pa., son of **Robert** and **Sarah (Brown) Taylor**, was born at Newport, June 29, 1853. His paternal grandfather was born in England, and lived there until after his marriage, when he emigrated to America. During the voyage he lost a part of his effects. He landed at Baltimore, Md., with his wife and family he came to Middle Ridge, Perry County, Pa., where he pursued his occupation of confectioner, and where his wife died, leaving a family of several children. Here he married his second wife who was **Miss Kline**, and by whom he had several children. He died here and is buried in the cemetery of the Old Stone Church. His son, **Robert Taylor**, was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1813. After reaching manhood, he came to Perry County with his father and was for some time engaged in teaming between Middle Ridge, Pa., and Baltimore, Md. Subsequently, he bought property in Newport, where he worked at house carpentry until the partial failure of his sight compelled him to change his occupation. In 1855, he bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son, **George W. Taylor**, on which he built a log house; in 1870 that primitive structure gave place to the modern and substantial residence which is now the home of his son. **Robert Taylor** continued to give his attention to farming until his death in 1891. The flood of 1889 proved very disastrous to the family, causing them a heavy loss, the water having risen to the height of nine feet on the first floor of the dwelling. **Mr. Taylor** was a member of the Lutheran Church.

On December 25, 1837, he was married at Newport, Pa., by A. W. Monroe, justice of the peace, to **Miss Sarah Brown**, born August 5, 1820, in Oliver Township, Perry County, Pa., on the farm now occupied by **Isaiah Carl**. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and died in the triumph and comfort of the Christian faith, April 28, 1889. Their children are: **Lewis**, born October 24, 1840, died June 2, 1848; **Sarah P.**, born April 1, 1844, died July 20, 1844; **Emma B.**, born May 13, 1846, died June 6, 1876; and **George W.** **George W. Taylor** was two years old when the family removed to the farm where he was reared, and where he found employment as soon as he was old and strong enough to give assistance in the farm work. His education was received in the public schools, which he was permitted to attend during the winter months, when he could be spared from the farm work. In 1870, he went to work in the tannery of **John A. Bechtel** and Son. Here he improved his opportunity and became a complete master of the trade, continuing to work for the firm for several years. When the time came for his father to retire from active work, he took the farm and has continued to cultivate it up to the present time. **Mr. Taylor** is a staunch Republican; he has served as auditor for one term and in 1893 was tax collector.

George W. Taylor was married August 5, 1875, to **Miss Mary C. Toomey**, of Juniata Township, Perry County, Pa., daughter of **Cornelius** and **Mary (Smith) Toomey**. Their children are: **Harry B.**, attending school at Harrisburg, Pa.; Laura M., at home; and Prank E., at home. The family are members of the Lutheran Church at Newport, and in the work of which **Mr. Taylor** is very active; he is a member of the executive committee of the Sunday school.

The **Toomeys**, to which family **Mrs. Taylor** belongs, came originally from England, but her maternal ancestors came from Scotland. Her father, **Cornelius Toomey**, was born in York

County, Pa., and in early boyhood was brought by his parents to Perry County, where he grew up on the farm and received a good common school education. His special efforts were directed towards preparing himself for teaching, and he finally entered upon that occupation and pursued it for twenty years. After his manage, he became a resident of Juniata Township, Perry County, where he died August 10, 1880. He married **Mary Smith**, who still survives him. Their children are: **Louisa (Mrs. T. W. Tressler)**, of Juniata Township; **John C.**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Mary C. (Mrs. George W. Taylor)**; **Alonzo**, died young; **Elmira (Mrs. John Newlin)**, of Newport, Pa.; **Belle (Mrs. E. S. Whitekettle)**, of Mifflin County, Pa.: **Isaac Newton**, died November 18, 1894; **Sally M. (Mrs. John P. Constine)**, of Harrisburg, Pa.; **Olive R. (Mrs. John Shaffer)**, of Bloomfield, Pa.; and **Harry M.**, of Harrisburg, Pa.

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