

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.

**Harry S. Thomman**, who bears a name familiar among agriculturists in Cumberland County, is a prosperous farmer of Middlesex Township, where he is located on a farm formerly owned and operated by his father. His great-grandfather, who was a native of Switzerland, came to America in boyhood, and located in York County, Pennsylvania. **Henry Thomman**, grandfather of **Harry S.**, was born in York County, where he remained until his marriage. Some years after that important event he moved to Juniata County, where he lived on a farm for a few years, and then purchased a farm in Perry County, near Milford, where he passed the rest of his days. He died there, and is buried in the New Bloomfield Cemetery. He married **Magdalene Hoffman**, of York County.

**Adam Thomman**, son of **Henry**, was born in York County, and there passed his boyhood. He attended the German schools in his native county, but after the removal of the family to Juniata County he was given the advantage of the English subscription schools. After this marriage he lived three years on a rented farm in Lykens Valley, and in 1843 he moved to what is now Middlesex Township, there purchasing a farm of 120 acres, mostly cleared land, from the **McClintock** family, consisting of **Robert, Alexander, Abraham** and **Polly McClintock**. This farm was one of the first settled in that section, and was first owned by one **Henderson**. The original house, a log building, stood until 1854, when **Mr. Thomman** tore it down and erected the present dwelling. The old log barn was moved farther east and stood until 1901, when the present fine structure, 78 x 46 feet, was erected. Until 1875 **Adam Thomman** worked industriously in the cultivation of his fine farm, which that year he placed in the hands of his son **Harry S.**, who was to receive half the proceeds for his work. **Adam Thomman** married **Nancy Strickler**, who was born near Wrightsville, York County, in 1811, daughter of **Christian Strickler**, and was reared to womanhood in her native county, but was living with her sister at Milford when she met **Mr. Thomman**. She died in 1850 and in 1853, for his second wife, **Mr. Thomman** married **Margaret Ziegler**, who was born in Adams County, daughter of **Martin Ziegler**. She died in 1892 in the faith of the Reformed Church. The father passed away in 1886. He, too, was a member of the Reformed Church. His first wife, the mother of his children, was a member of the River Brethren. To **Adam** and **Nancy Thomman** were born six children: (1) **Magdalene** married **Philip Ziegler**, and died in Harrisburg. (2) **Mary** married **John Bucher**, of Carlisle. (3) **Susan** became the wife of **John Ceiling**, and died in Carlisle. (4) **Harry S.** is mentioned below. (5) **Sarah** is **Mrs. David Voglesong**, of Silver Spring Township. (6) **John**, when of age, learned the milling trade in York County, but later came home, and afterward spent one year in Illinois, going thence to California, where he also spent a year. Failing health caused him to return to Pennsylvania, but after six months he again went to California, and was heard from in Nevada, then from Chile, South America, which latter place he left on account of earthquakes, and he was last heard from in Bolivia, South America.

**Harry S. Thomman** was born in Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, Nov. 7, 1841. His early years were passed on the home farm. His first schooling was received in the old Elliott school, which was built on a part of his father's farm, and he continued at school until he was twenty years old. He has been accustomed to hard work from his early boyhood, and has all his life had

a practical knowledge of farming, about 1875 he began farming the home place on shares, this arrangement lasting until 1892, when his stepmother died. At the father's death the farm was left so it could not be sold as long as the widow lived. In 1892 the farm was placed at public sale and **Harry S. Thomman** bought it. Since it came into his possession he has greatly improved it, and is entirely remodeled the dwelling-house, making of it a comfortable modern home. The neat surroundings and the generally orderly appearance of the farm betoken the industrious, practical farmer who takes just pride in his possessions.

On Nov. 7, 1878, in Middlesex Township, **Mr. Thomman** was married to **Emma C. Garman**, who was born in Silver Spring Township, Dec. 19, 1856, daughter of **Michael** and **Susan (Albright) Garman**, the former a native of Lancaster County, who was brought by his parents in boyhood to Cumberland County. **Michael Garman** spent the greater part of his life as a farmer in Silver Spring Township, on the farm formerly owned by his father, and late in life retired to New Kingston, where he died in 1897. **Mrs. Susan (Albright) Garman** was born in Perry County, daughter of **William Albright**; she married first **Benjamin Garman**, and after his death, **Michael Garman**. To **Michael** and **Susan Garman** were born the following children: **Emma C.**, **Mrs. Thomman**; **Benjamin**, who married **Susan Ziegler**, and lives on the home farm; **George**, who married **Annie Burget**, and lives in Cumberland County; **Savilla Jane**, who married **John Young**, of Cumberland County; **Sarah Alice**, wife of **Clayton Snell**, of Silver Spring Township; and **Ida Elmira**, wife of **Leonard Ziegler**, of Silver Spring Township. After the death of the mother of these children **Michael Garman** married **Caroline Daron**, who bore him two children: **Daniel** (who died at the age of seven) and **Harry**. The marriage of **Harry S.** and **Emma C. Thomman** has been blessed with two children: **John H.**, born in April, 1880; and **Ida Laura**, born July 22, 1882. The family all belong to the Reformed Church, and are much interested in its work, the husband and father having for eighteen years served as deacon. **Mr. Thomman** has been keenly alive to public questions, and he keeps thoroughly posted on the events of the day. He cast his first presidential vote for Gen. George B. McClellan, and has ever since been a staunch Democrat.

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