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\*\***Thompson** is spelled **Thomson** throughout the sketch.

**G. W. THOMSON**, M. D., retired physician, Mount Union, Huntingdon County, Pa., was born in Half Moon Township, Centre County, Pa., May 16, 1826, and is a son of **John** and **Lydia (Blake) Thomson**. **John Thomson** was born May 13, 1799, on the farm where all his family were raised. He made farming his life-long occupation. **Mrs. Thomson** was the daughter of **John Blake**, and was born in Chester County, Pa. Besides **Dr. G. W. Thomson**, their children were: **Joseph**, deceased; **John K.**, physician, who practiced in Indiana County, Pa., where he died eight years ago, not married; **Martha**, single, lives in Williamsport, Pa.; **Lydia**, wife of **George Harrlocker**, resides in Montoursville, near Williamsport, Pa.; **H. A.**, resides in Dayton, O.; **J. F.**, a physician, married to **Nettie Pauling**, resides in Liverpool, Perry County, Pa.; **Homer S.**, of Shade Valley, Juniata County, Pa.; **A. J.**, lived on the old homestead, was for years the junior of **Dr. G. W.**, died in the fall of 1895; and three children who died in early childhood. The mother, **Mrs. J. Thomson**, died in 1872; her husband survived her until January of the centennial year, 1876, when he also died, at the age of seventy-nine.

The education of **Dr. G. W. Thomson** was begun in an old log school house on his father's farm, in Half Moon Township, Centre County. When grounded in the elementary branches, he studied for two years at Allegheny College, in Westmoreland County. He began reading medicine with his brother, **Dr. J. K. Thomson**, in Indiana County, and afterwards became a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he received his diploma, and began practice in 1854. He had had an experience of fourteen years in the profession when he came to Mill Creek, Huntingdon County, from which place he removed to Mount Union, and has ever since resided there. During the war, **Dr. Thomson** was assistant surgeon in the Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was formerly a member of the Order of Red Men, also of the Lodge of I. O. O. F., at Mill Creek. He has a life-long attachment to the Democratic Party, and is an active worker for its interests. He is a school director and was for two terms mayor of Mount Union.

The first marriage of **Dr. G. W. Thomson** was to **Rebecca**, daughter of **Robert** and **Charlotte Dougherty**, of Clearfield County, Pa. Their children are: **Homer K.**, deceased; and **J. Harry**. The present **Mrs. Thomson** was **Miss Linnie McGarvey**, of Orbisonia, Pa., whose children, three in number, are: **George W.**; **Charles B.**; and **Frank A.**

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