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John B. M. Todd, Patterson, Juniata County, Pa., son of **Thomas** and **Margaret (Beale) Todd**, was born in Beale Township, Juniata County, March 8, 1827. His grandfather, **Patrick Todd**, emigrated to this country from County Antrim, Ireland, in 1791, and settled in Milford Township, Juniata County. During the voyage across the ocean, his son **Thomas** was born. **Thomas Todd** combined the business of a tailor with that of a farmer and drover. He was prominent as a business man, as a local politician, and as a member of the church. He was a Democrat, and was elected on the ticket of his party to various township offices. As a Presbyterian, he was active in the service of his denomination, and was largely instrumental in the building of the church at Academia. He belonged to the Masonic order, having the degree of master, and was so attached to his lodge as willingly to travel to Carlisle for the sake of attending its meetings. **Mrs. Thomas Todd** was a daughter of **Col. William Beale**, of Milford, Juniata County. Seven of their children attained adult age: **Mary Ann**, deceased, was the wife of **Joseph Middagh**, county surveyor and prothonotary of Juniata County; **Catherine (Mrs. Christian Heilman)**, of Blair County, Pa., deceased; **Margaret H.**, deceased; **John B. M.**; **Sarah Ellen**, deceased; **Louisa C.**, of Spruce Hill Township, Juniata County; and **Martha M. (Mrs. Robert Meminger)**, of Spruce Hill Township. **Thomas Todd** died in Beale Township in 1853; his wife survived until 1859.

Having passed his youth in Beale Township, and completed his education at Tuscarora Academy, **John B. M. Todd** became engaged in farming, and continued in that vocation until 1855, when he removed to Patterson, and took a contract for carrying the mails to Academia, besides keeping a livery stable. For three years, beginning with 1859, he was engaged in the grocery business. In 1863 he purchased his present property, built a storeroom, which he stocked with general merchandise, and meeting with encouraging success, carried on business there until 1875. In 1864 he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of county treasurer. During his term of office he paid cash for all orders, establishing a precedent which has ever since been followed in Juniata County. In 1884 he was appointed by the president judge to be crier of the county court, which position he retained for seven years. **Mr. Todd** also served in Patterson as justice of the peace for seven years and as clerk to the borough council for six years. He was for twenty-five years a member of the Masonic fraternity, but takes no active part in the order at present. He belongs to Cocolamus Lodge, No. 397, K. of P. He was formerly a stockholder in the Juniata Valley Bank, and influential in its management, contributing to its success.

John B. M. Todd was married, July 31, 1856, to **Mary Adeline**, daughter of **Andrew Leonard**, of Walker Township, Juniata County, and his wife **Sarah (Sanders) Leonard**, of Perry County, Pa. **Mr. and Mrs. Todd** have children as follows: **Margaretta J. (Mrs. William Pennock)**, of Pittsburg, Pa.; **Emma**, died aged sixteen years; **Thomas Elmer**, died aged nineteen; **Andrew A.**, died at the age of thirty-one; **Samuel Louden**, clerk to the supervisor of the Middle Division, Pennsylvania Railroad; **Mary Alice**; **Anna P.**; **Flora Nita**; and **James Cloyd**. The family have been members of the Presbyterian Church at Mifflintown since 1856, and are active in church work.