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The Ulsh (Ultz) Family

This is a corrupted form of the Irish surname **Ultz**, but in the Juniata Valley family, **Ulsh** seems to be the prevailing spelling and pronunciation. The founder of this branch was **John Ulsh**, who was born in Centerville, Union County, Pennsylvania, and was a son of **George Ulsh**, who was born of Scotch-Irish parentage. He married **Judith Bruce**, and they had five children, four daughters and one son, **John** being the son's name. **John** settled in Snyder County, where he was a cabinetmaker, and spent the balance of his life in that county, dying in Beavertown, where he is buried. **Hannah Ulsh** is buried at Yeagertown, Pennsylvania; they were both Lutherans. He married **Hannah Nitze**, and ten children blessed their union, four sons and six daughters, of these, **John Ulsh** is the father of **E. E. Ulsh**.

(II) **John** (2), son of **John** (1) **Ulsh**, was born in what is now Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and since 1886 has been a resident of South Main Street, Lewistown. He grew to manhood in Snyder County, and attended the public schools and learned the tanner's trade. Later he became a stonemason. He located when a young man in Ferguson's Valley, Mifflin County, lived there for several years, then entered the employ of the Logan Iron & Steel Company, of Burnham, with which he is yet connected. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married **Susan**, daughter of **John Price**, who came early to Mifflin County, later moving to the state of Missouri, where he died. Children: **Harry**, killed in a railroad accident; **Hosea**, **Cora B.**, **Elmer E.**, of whom further; **Clarence**, twin of **Elmer E.**

(III) **Elmer E.**, son of **John** (2) and **Susan (Price) Ulsh**, was born in Ferguson's Valley, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1875. He attended the public schools of the valley until 1886, when his parents moved to Lewistown, where he finished his studies in the public schools. He became an expert carpenter and since 1900 has been engaged successfully as a contractor and builder in Lewistown. In 1903 he located his residence at No. 21 Depot Street, which he still owns, and in 1911 erected his present place of business at No. 9 Montgomery Avenue. He has established an excellent reputation as an honorable, capable builder, and is held in high esteem as a man and neighbor. He is a Democrat in politics and is now serving a term of six years as school director, to which he was elected in 1912. He is a member of the board of trade, and uses his influence to further all movements for the public good. His fraternity is the Improved Order of Red Men. In religious faith he is Methodist Episcopal as is also his family.

He married, in 1902, **Mary Ella**, born in Newport, Perry County, Pennsylvania, daughter of **Thomas White**, who came to Lewistown in 1891, now residing at No. 23 Depot Street. Children: **Thomas J.**, born March 11, 1908; **Grace Elizabeth**, April 12, 1909.

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