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**John W. Wagner**, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born in Perry County, January 12, 1839; he is a son of **John Wagner**, who was born in Württemberg, Germany, came to America while he was young, and settled in Chester County, Pa. He afterwards removed to Saville Township, Perry County, where he passed the rest of his life in farming. He was twice married; the children of his first wife are: **Jacob**, deceased; **Catherine**, deceased; **Samuel**, enlisted, was in service, and was among the missing; **Mary Ann (Mrs. Henry Harshberger)**, deceased; **Dorothy (Mrs. Henry Turnbaugh)**; **John W.**; and **George**, resides in Chester County. **Mr. Wagner's** first wife died, and he was married again to **Mrs. John Miller**, a widow, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mogel**. The children of the second marriage are: **David**, died May 22, 1896; **Margaret (Mrs. Solomon Gatshaw)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Hoover)**, of Steelton, Dauphin County, Pa.; **William**; and **Emma (Mrs. Frederic Morgenthal)**, of Harrisburg, Pa. **Mr. Wagner** died September, 1876, aged seventy-three years. His second wife survives him, residing in Harrisburg. Both were members of the Reformed Church, in which **Mr. Wagner** was elder and deacon for many years. Educated in the public schools of his township, and taking in the intervals of attendance at school, practical lessons in farming, **John W. Wagner** grew up to be an intelligent and capable agriculturist. Except during one year given to the service of his country in the time of her sorest need, **Mr. Wagner** has spent his whole life in the important pursuit of farming. He enlisted in August, 1864, and served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged June 1, 1865. He was constantly detailed on special duties, and was therefore not a participant in any battles. Since that time he has continuously resided upon and cultivated the homestead.

**John W. Wagner** was married October 24, 1861, to **Sarah**, daughter of **George** and **Elizabeth (Woomer) Eby**. Their children are: **William W.**, deceased; **George W.**, died September 1, 1887, aged twenty-four; **Lewis L.**; **Edward M.**; **John C.**; **Scott R.**; and **Clara M.** **Mrs. Sarah (Eby) Wagner** was born June 12, 1843, in Dauphin County, Pa. Her father, **George Eby**, a native of Lancaster County, was a farmer throughout his life, except during six years when he was engaged in the coal mines. He was a well known and highly esteemed man; besides filling other township offices, he was for a number of years in the school board. An active member of the Lutheran Church, he was successively deacon and elder, bearing office for many years. He was married February 18, 1838, to **Elizabeth Woomer**, daughter of **John** and **Elizabeth (Kentner) Woomer**, born March 19, 1819. Their children are: **John**, died in August, 1885; **Peter**, died in 1880; **William H.**, died in February, 1893, aged fifty-two; **Sarah E. (Mrs. Wagner)**; **Benjamin F.**; **George D.**; **Thomas J.**; and **Susan C. (Mrs. Calvin Hensch)**. **Mr. Eby** died in 1858; his wife resides at the home of **Mr. Wagner**, enjoying excellent health at the venerable age of seventy-eight. She is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. Her father, **John Woomer**, was a native of Schuylkill County, Pa., where he was engaged for many years in the coal mines. The coal used then to be transported by rail, the cars being drawn by horses; **Mr. Woomer** used to take coal to Schuylkill Haven in this way. He removed later to Dauphin County, and continued to be employed in the coal business there. Both he and his wife, **Elizabeth (Kentner) Woomer**, were earnest members of the Reformed Church. Several of their family died very young; others deceased are: **Catherine**; **George**; **Susan**; **Maria**; those now

living are: **Lucy**, widow of **Joseph Burger**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Eby)**; and **John. Mr. Woomer** died at the age of eighty-five; his wife also lived to a very advanced age; they were members of the Reformed Church.

**Peter Eby, Mrs. Wagner's** paternal grandfather, was a native of Dauphin County, well known as a farmer, having passed his life there. He and his wife spent their declining days with their son, and died at his home, at a good old age. Their children were: **George; William; Peter; Elizabeth; Sarah; Pollie; Annie; Susan;** and **Catherine.**

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