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**William Watson Stiver** is a son of **David Casper** and **Mary (Shartzter) Stiver**. **David C. Stiver** was a native of Centre County, Pennsylvania, but came to Bedford when quite young. Here he learned the trade of a cooper, which occupation he followed all his life. For forty- years he made all the barrels used by the Anderson Ayres Company in shipping from Bedford Springs the famous mineral waters of that noted resort. **David C.** was a Democrat and an active member and class leader of the Methodist Church. He married **Mary Shartzter**, and to them were born twelve children, five of whom are living: **William Watson**, of whom later; **Louise**, widow of **J. Frank Deal**, of Bedford; **Samuel E.**, chief of police of Bedford; **Margaret (Mrs. John Williamson)**, of Bedford; **Ross A.**, liveryman of Bedford. **David C. Stiver** died in 1889; his widow, **Mary**, survived him until 1896.

**William Watson Stiver**, of Meyersdale, was born October 4, 1865, at Bedford Springs, Pennsylvania, where he attended the public schools until the age of fifteen. He learned telegraphy with the Western Union Telegraph Company and for six years was manager of the Bankers' & Merchants' Telegraph Company, of Newburg, Cumberland County. In 1885 he entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Fannettsburg, remaining two years, and in 1887 went to Bittsburg, where he became shipping clerk for **A. M. Byers & Company**, tile and pipe manufacturers. This position he held until 1893, when he returned to Newburg, and after a few months moved to Newport, Perry County, where he entered the cigar and tobacco business. In 1896 he sold out and moved to Greens burg, where he carried on the same business until 1898. He then returned to Bedford and temporarily retired. In 1899 he went to Meyersdale and purchased the Keystone Hotel, of which he has since been the successful proprietor. He is a stockholder in the Sheet Steel Company of Meyersdale, and is a member of Lodge No. 503, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of Cumberland. In politics he is a Democrat.

**Mr. Stiver** married, October 13, 1892, **Jennie Mabel**, daughter of **A. J. Stauffer**, of Newburg, Pennsylvania. Two children, **Marguerite** and **Lucy**.

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