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George Washington Weary, a successful business man who has followed the carpenter trade for many years, was born July 10, 1849, on the old **Jacob Weary** farm.

Jacob Weary, his grandfather, was born at Green Park, then in Cumberland, now in Perry, County, where he followed farming, after his marriage coming to North Middleton, now Middlesex Township, where he bought 223 acres of land, a part of which he sold at a later date. His last years were passed with his sons, **Samuel** and **Jacob Weary**, his death occurring in 1862; his wife passed away ten years earlier. His children were: **Samuel**, father of our subject: **John**, who died in Illinois; **Jacob**, who died in North Middleton Township in 1903; **Polly**, **Mrs. John Dice**, deceased; **Julia**, **Mrs. Henry Evans**, deceased; and **George**, who died in 1864.

Samuel Weary was born in 1812 in Green Park, and was twelve years old when his father settled in Middlesex Township, where he assisted in getting out timber from the woods, instead of going to school. His opportunities were as good as those enjoyed by any child of the time and locality, but were not such as the children of the present day are given. It has been truly said that the time was when it was just as difficult for a child to receive an education as it is now for him to escape it. After his marriage he located on a rented farm, but in 1850 he took the home farm to operate on shares, later buying it from his father and living on it until 1870. He then settled in the village of Middlesex, where he died in August, 1885. His wife died at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Jennie Baker**, near New Kingstown, in 1898. Both parents had been members of the Lutheran Church from childhood and they were both respected and beloved. The father was always a strong Democrat in his political opinions.

Samuel Weary married **Maria Abrahims**, who was born in 1818 at Pennsboro, and they had children as follows: **Jacob**; **John**; **William**; **Catherine**, **Mrs. David Wirt** (of Carlisle); **George W.**; **Jennie**, **Mrs. Baker**; and **Herman A.**, of Carlisle. Of this family, **Jacob** gave four years of his life to the service of his country, being a member of the 2nd Iowa Vol. Inf. After the close of the war, during which he suffered thirteen months' imprisonment, he returned to Iowa, and died in that State in 1902. **John** also served four years in the Civil war, as a member of the 13th Pa. Cav., and now resides in Philadelphia. **William** served one year as a member of the 17th Pa. Cav., and now resides near Plainfield, Pa., one of the country's honored G. A. R. men.

George W. Weary secured a good common school education in Middlesex Township and made very fair progress as he was studious and had good teachers. At the outbreak of the Civil war, when his brothers marched away to serve the country, he was just as enthusiastic and as loyal as others, but was induced to stay at home to look after the farm. This he did very unwillingly as, although only fifteen years of age, he was large and strong, but he could not succeed in convincing a very wise father that his duty was on the battlefield instead of behind the plow. Finally he resigned himself to the inevitable and assisted his father until the latter quit farming, when he started to learn the carpenter's trade with a contractor who built his father's barn. He seemed well fitted for this industry, learned quickly, and has followed the same very successfully ever since. In 1885 he built his own handsome home in the village of Middlesex and has done

much of the carpenter work in this locality for many years, his reputation being that of a skilled and careful workman.

On Jan. 3, 1884, **Mr. Weary** was united in marriage with **Miss Amanda Albright**, who was born July 8, 1847, in Middlesex Township, and died Feb. 9, 1904. She was a daughter of **Solomon** and **Caroline (Corman) Albright**, the former of whom was born in Perry County, and the latter in Cumberland County, and they resided at Carlisle Springs, where the mother died in 1897. **Mr. Albright** now resides with his son-in-law, **Amos Gutshall**, at Sulphur Springs.

After his marriage **Mr. Weary** located in the village, where he is most highly esteemed. Formerly he and his wife belonged to the Reformed Church, but later became leading members of the United Brethren Church. **Mr. Weary** has always taken a lively interest in politics, and like his father, has always supported the principles of the Democratic Party. He has served in a number of local offices, having been township clerk for one year and township constable for nine years. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 91, of Carlisle. He is one of the substantial and representative citizens of his section.

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