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Samuel P. Whistler. The agricultural interests of the Cumberland Valley are very important, and those connected with the development and cultivation of the rich farming land are numbered among the prosperous and substantial men of this region. Among the men of this class the biographer finds the name of **Samuel P. Whistler**, a retired farmer of Shippensburg, Southampton Township, Cumberland Co., Pa.

(I) **Paul Whistler**, the grandfather, married a **Miss Daniel**, of Cumberland County, and reared a large family.

(II) **Daniel Whistler**, father of **Samuel P.**, was born in Mifflin Township, Feb. 12, 1807, and after a long and useful life as a farmer died in 1880. His wife, who passed away June 3, 1852, was **Nancy Hershey**, born June 16, 1804, near the birthplace of her husband, daughter of **Peter** and **Nancy (Baer) Hershey**, who were early settlers of Cumberland County. The children of **Daniel** and **Nancy Whistler** were:

1. **Benjamin**, born May 3, 1828.
2. **Elizabeth**, born May 3, 1831, married **John Gochenauer**.
3. **Maria W.**, born Feb. 8, 1836, married **Frank Guise**, of Middleburg, Dauphin County.
4. **Anna**, born March 2, 1840, married **Philip Reed**, of Perry County.
5. **Samuel P.**, born June 24, 1843 (III).
6. **Carrie**, born July 26, 1844, died May 19, 1845.

(III) **Samuel P. Whistler** was born June 24, 1843, in Mifflin Township, Cumberland County, near Heberlig. He was reared upon the farm, and attended the district school in Mifflin Township until he reached his eighteenth year. Until he was twenty-one he assisted his father on the farm. In 1866 he was united in marriage with **Miss Eliza**, the third daughter of **Ephraim A.** and **Elizabeth (Baer) Adams**, formerly of Perry County and early settlers of Mifflin Township, Cumberland County, becoming in time prosperous farmers of that locality. After his marriage **Mr. Whistler** settled on the old Whistler homestead in Mifflin Township, in 1866, and engaged in general farming until 1891, when he moved, locating near Shippensburg. His Mifflin farm, which he still owns, contains 175 acres, well improved. The farm upon which he resides adjoins the town of Shippensburg, and contains forty acres, which **Mr. Whistler** farms himself, with the help of hired men; he rents his other property.

Four children have been born to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Whistler**:

1. **Frank Blair**, born May 12, 1867.
2. **Mabel Grace** married **Harry Foglesanger**, and resides at Greenvillage, Franklin County.
3. **Martha E.** is at home.
4. **Rhoda E.** married **Wallace Kann**, and lives in Southampton Township.

In politics **Mr. Whistler** is a Democrat, and he served twelve years as a member of the school board. With his wife and family he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, worshipping at Shippensburg. **Mr. Whistler** is a pleasant, genial man, an excellent talker and most highly respected throughout the county where he has been so long and favorably known.