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**James A. White.** Shermansdale, Perry County, Pa., son of **A. G.** and **Margaretta (Robinson) White**, was born in Penn Township, Perry County, February 16, 1855. His grandfather, Elder **Thomas White**, of Irish ancestry, was born in Perry County, and for many years was largely engaged in the lumber business. He was married to **Mary Taylor**, and they had three children: **James M.**; **A. G.**, died in 1886; and **Elizabeth**, died in April, 1895, aged seventy-two years. The family was Presbyterians, **Mr. White** being an elder in the church at the time of his death. The maternal grandfather of **James White** was **Maj. George Robinson**, a native of Perry County, and a cooper. He served in the late war, was inspector of military service, and then promoted to the rank of major. He married **Margaretta Graham**, and their children were these: **Esther (Mrs. Robert Wilson)**; **Sarah**, widow of **Andrew Pannell**; **David**; and **Sydney (Mrs. John Smith)**, deceased. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. Robinson** were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died in 1874, aged eighty-five years, and his wife died in 1879, aged eighty-five years.

**A. G. White**, father of **James A. White**, was born in Perry County and engaged in farming and the lumber business. At Allens Cove, now known as Cove Forge, Perry County, he built the Good Hope tannery and there carried on the tanning business. He was a prominent and influential citizen, filling many township offices, among them being those of supervisor and school director. He also served in the late war. For many years he was a member of the I. O. O. F., at Duncannon, Perry County. He was married to **Margaretta L.**, daughter of **Maj. George and Margaretta (Graham) Robinson**. They had eleven children: **James A.**; **Margaretta**; **David**; **Richard**; **Ann (Mrs. Henry Branyan)**; **William**; **Thomas**, died at the age of one year; **Ravada**, twin sister of **James A.**, died in infancy; **George**, deceased; **Mary (Mrs. Joseph Hawley)**, died aged thirty-eight years; **Nancy (Mrs. Lynn Shull)**, deceased. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, the father serving as elder. He died in 1886, aged sixty-five years; **Mrs. White** having died ten years before, at the age of fifty-five.

**James A. White** attended the public schools of his district during the winter term, and at other seasons he worked on the farm. In the spring of 1878, he went to O'Brien County, Ia., where he secured a position on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, remaining there for a year and a half. After an absence of two years in the west, he returned home. Since then he has been engaged in farming. For four years he farmed in Penn Township, and then removed to his present place which he purchased of the home John McCord. He served on the election board, and as supervisor.

**Mr. White** was married in March, 1880, to **Jane S.**, daughter of **Wilson** and **Margaret Smiley**. Their children are: **Jesse M.**; **James W.**; and **Clara**, died in infancy. **Mr. White** and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is also connected with the Sunday-school.