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William White, Jr., Grafton, Huntingdon County, Pa., was born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 24, 1856, son of **William White**. The elder **William White** is of Scotch descent, a native of Ireland; he emigrated from Ireland with his parents when he was a boy, and settled in Philadelphia. He was formerly employed as a railroad man, but is now, since 1876, in the employ of the city of Philadelphia. He has been three times married. The children of his first wife are: **James Lewiston**, machinist; **William**; and **Bella**, wife of **A. Leonard**, of Byron, Ill. The first **Mrs. White** died in Philadelphia in 1858. **Mr. White's** second wife was **Elizabeth Fennkerd**; she had no children, and died in Philadelphia. **Mr. White** afterwards married her sister, **Amanda Fennkerd**. Their children are: **Alexander**, of Altoona, Pa.; and **Martha (Mrs. Robert Preston)**, of Orange, N. J. **Mr. and Mrs. William White, Sr.**, still reside in Philadelphia. **Mr. White** is a Republican, and belongs to the Episcopal Church.

The younger **William White**, when a child, went to Champaign County, Ill., with his grandfather. There he attended school, and while still young, worked on a farm. When the boy was eleven years of age, they returned to Pennsylvania, and resided in Perry County, where **William** continued to attend school and to work on farms. Two years later, he went to live in Shamokin, where he remained until 1877, working as a miner in coal mines. He then removed to Perry County, and there mined iron ore for eight years, and was a contractor. He was then engaged in teaming at Newport, Pa., for a year; next he was employed for four months by the P. R. R. upon bridge work. In 1888 **Mr. White** came to reside in Penn Township, Huntingdon County, as contractor for Marshall Bros., in their ore mines. A year later, he was promoted to general superintendent. In both positions he has performed his duties intelligently and thoroughly, showing himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. Besides this engagement, **Mr. White** conducts a farm of 120 acres, cultivating the land and raising stock. He has been all his life a diligent and faithful worker, is a man of agreeable manners, and is enjoying well-earned prosperity. **Mr. White** is a member of Newport Lodge, No. 102, I. O. O. F. His politics are Republican.

William White was married in Newport, Perry County, Pa., in 1879, to **Caroline**, daughter of **Daniel Reichdorf**. **Mrs. White** is a native of Perry County, and is of German descent. Her father was in the army, and was killed during the war of the Rebellion. The children of **Mr. and Mrs. White** are: **Bella**; **Sarah**; **Albert**; **James**, who died young; **Esther**; **Mary**; **Marguerite**; **Ruth**; and **Grace**. **Mr. White** is a member of the Episcopal Church, and has been a teacher in the Sunday school.

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