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Rudolph H. Wingert, Newport, Perry County, Pa., was born September 24, 1826, at Annville, Lebanon County, Pa., son of **Henry** and **Mary (Shindle) Wingert**. His grandfather, **Loretz Wingert**, was born in Alsace, then a French province, and was descended from a Huguenot family. During political disturbances in Europe, he left his native country, and came to America, landing at Charleston, S. C. From that city he made his way north to Lancaster County, Pa., where he became engaged in farming, and later came to Perry County, at that time included in Cumberland. Here he settled on a farm near Landisburg, at St. Peter's Church. **Loretz Wingert** was married January 14, 1766, to **Barbara Gamber**. Their children were:

- i. **Simon**, born November 29, 1768, died unmarried.
- ii. **Elizabeth**, born May 27, 1771, died unmarried.
- iii. **John**, born February 14, 1773; some years after removing from Landisburg, **John** married **Miss Moore**, of Baltimore, Md., he was a merchant in Landisburg when he died, a short time after his father's death. His widow afterwards went back to her friends in Baltimore with their only child, **Mary**, and later removed with her friends to Cincinnati, O.
- iv. **Jacob**, born November 6, 1776, removed to the State of New York, and thence to the State of Indiana.
- v. **Eva**, born October 26, 1778.
- vi. **Annie Mariah**, born April 13, 1781. One of these daughters became **Mrs. Hacket**, and the other **Mrs. Fulweiler**.
- vii. **Barbara**, born January 2, 1785, married **Dr. Benjamin Phreanor**, of Lebanon, Pa.
- viii. **Valentine**, born October 16, 1787, married **Miss Todd**, of Carlisle, Pa., had children:
 - i. **Isaac**;
 - ii. **Rebecca**, became **Mrs. Bingham**, and they with her brother, **Samuel**, live in the State of Washington; they changed the spelling of the family name to **Wingard**;
 - iii. **Eveline**, married to **General Albright**, of Allentown, Pa., who was in the iron business
 - iv. **Samuel**;
 - v. **John**;
 - vi. **Edmond**;

Samuel and another brother were graduates of Dickinson College, in Carlisle, the home of their mother.

- ix. **Henry**, born January 16, 1790.

Loretz Wingert died in Landisburg about 1802 or 1803; his wife died at the home of her son, **Valentine**, in Petersburg, Huntingdon County, Pa. **Loretz Wingert** became a member of the German Reformed Church in 1798.

Their son, **Henry Wingert**, was endowed with fine natural abilities, and great force and decision of character; he was a consistent Christian, and as an elder in the Church of God, gave much time and attention to studying and imparting Scripture truth, and exerted a powerful influence in his

denomination. He had received a common school education, and learned the trade of hatter, which calling he followed all his life. **Henry Wingert** was married to **Mary Shindle**, of the town of Lebanon, Pa., her father being a prominent citizen of that place. Their children are: **Jeremiah**, married **Hetty Gunday**, a daughter of **John Gunday**, a leading citizen of Union County, living near the town of Lewisburg, Union County, Pa.; he died some time in 1867 or '68, leaving one child, **John G. Wingert**, now living near Lewisburg; **Mary Ann**, married to **Dr. George Brickley**, a homoeopathic physician, who died in the town of York, Pa., some years ago, had three sons and two daughter, of whom **Dr. Obadiah C. Brickley** is still a practicing physician, and one sister, **Rebecca**, unmarried, is yet living at the same place; **Louisa Ann** (**Mrs. Henry Preisler**), had four sons and one daughter, the parents are both dead, their oldest son, **Rudolph H.**, served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, in Company B, Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; **Peter S.**, married **Miss Mariah Rynard**, moved to Illinois in 1866, thence to Cameron, Neb., and their eldest son, **Salmon M.**, served in the Union army in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; **Andrew S.**, married to **Miss Mary Hatz**, of Lancaster, also served in the Union army in Company F, Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry; **John F.**, was married to **Anne Eliza**, daughter of **Robert McKee**, of Fulton County, Pa., and was a practicing physician from 1850 till 1873, when his health failed, and he has since acted as a justice of the peace, and served as postmaster in Landisburg under the administration of President Harrison; **Elijah**, the youngest child, was in the Union army in Company D, One Hundred and Eighteenth Com Exchange of Philadelphia, Pa., went west and died in the State of Washington several years ago; **Susan**, married first to **Mr. Shelley**, after his death to **Philip Zigler**, and after his death to **Zacharias Rice**; **Isabelle**, married first to **John Bingham**, of Maryland, afterwards to **Mr. Sanderson**, of Newport, Pa.; and **Rudolph H. Henry Wingert** died in 1873, at Landisburg; his wife, who was an excellent Christian woman, had preceded him to the grave.

Being only nine years old when his parents removed from Lancaster, Wolf's Hill, to Landisburg, Perry County, **Rudolph H. Wingert** was educated in the schools of the latter place. After learning his trade, which was that of shoemaking, he went to work at Loysville, but finally, after his marriage, he opened a store at Newport, manufacturing and selling boots and shoes. His skill and honorable methods of business made him prosperous, and his trade increased, enabling him to give employment to many workmen. He is what may very well be called a "self-made" man, meriting all the credit which the term implies. He has served in all the offices of the borough; is a "free silver" Democrat, and very decided in his political opinions. He was elected justice of the peace first in 1868, then he served five years. Although a Democrat, he was elected on the Republican ticket, with a majority of nine. His second election was on the Democratic ticket, in 1889; majority nine. In 1894, his term of five years having expired, he was again elected with a majority of fifty-four.

Rudolph H. Wingert was married May 19, 1853, to **Mary Oren**; their children are: **Oren D.**, merchant at Millerstown, Pa.; **Harvey H.**, butcher, resides with his father. The family are connected with the Church of God.