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Wisehaupt

Among the many sturdy excellent German families that came to Pennsylvania in the early days was that of **Wisehaupt**. The ancestor, **Valentine**, born in Germany, settled in the Juniata Valley and became a large land owner and prosperous farmer of Juniata County. He married and left male issue including a son **John**.

(II) **John**, son of **Valentine Wisehaupt**, was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, and grew to manhood at the old homestead which he helped to clear and improve. Later he inherited a part of the home farm from his father, which he further improved by the erection of the good farm dwelling that is yet standing. He and his wife, **Susan Hench**, were members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of eight children: 1. **Valentine**, died aged twenty years. 2. **Leonard**, died in the west aged sixty years. 3. **Sarah**, married **William Stewart**, both deceased. 4. **John**, of whom further. 5. **Jacob**, yet residing on the old homestead. 6. **Caroline**, married **Wilson Robinson**, both deceased; their son **Kenney** now owns and cultivates that part of the old homestead known as the "North Farm." 7-8. **Two** other children died in childhood.

(III) **John** (2), son of **John** (1) and **Susan (Hench) Wisehaupt**, was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1834. He attended the public school and inherited one hundred and fifty-two acres of the original **Wisehaupt** tract in Juniata County, to which he moved after his marriage. He further improved his farm by the erection of new buildings and there lived and prospered. In later years he retired and now lives at Port Royal. He is a Democrat, has always taken an interest in public affairs and held several township offices. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

He married **Mary Rice**, born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, in November, 1838, died November 21, 1911, daughter of **Conrad Rice**, a farmer of Perry County. She was one of a family of eight: **Johnson: Mary**, who married **John Wisehaupt**; **William, Lizzie, Sarah** and **Susan**, all deceased; **James**, now living retired at Port Royal, Pennsylvania, and **Kate**, married **George I. Rice** and lives in Perry County. Children of **John** and **Mary (Rice) Wisehaupt**: 1. **Sarah**, married **George P. McConnell**, a farmer, and resides at Port Royal. 2. **George B. M.** of whom further. 3. **David**, died aged seven years. 4. **Laura**, married **H. G. Frazer**, a grain, coal and lumber merchant of Port Royal. 5. **Anna**, married **C. C. Book**, a farmer and school teacher, now residing at Port Royal.

(IV) **George B. M.**, son of **John** and **Mary (Rice) Wisehaupt**, was born in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1864. He was educated in the public schools and at Port Royal Academy, which he attended five years. After leaving school he worked with his father one year on the farm, then for two years engaged in the butcher business. He then established in the grain, coal and lumber business at Port Royal, which he successfully conducted until 1903, when he sold a one half interest to his brother-in-law, **H. G. Frazer**, the firm now being **Wisehaupt and Frazer**.

Leaving **Mr. Frazer** in charge of the Port Royal business, **Mr. Wisehaupt** located in Lewistown in 1903 and became vice-president of the Heverly Manufacturing, Storage & Supply Company, so continuing until 1909, when the company was re-organized as the Lewistown Ice & Storage Company, with **George B. M. Wisehaupt** as president and manager, **S. P. Weber**, vice-president, and **J. A. Muthersbaugh**, secretary and treasurer. The company does a large business, manufactures six thousand tons of ice annually, has a floor storage space of one hundred and eleven thousand cubic feet, employs twelve men and ships ice to the nearby towns, as well as supplying the home market. **Mr. Wisehaupt** is also president of the Lewistown Market House Company, director of the Lewistown Trust Company and director and general manager of the Sunbury Ice & Storage Company, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania. He is an active, capable man of affairs and wisely manages the companies of which he is in charge. He is a Democrat in politics and in 1902 represented his district in the Pennsylvania house of assembly wisely and well.

He is a member of Mifflintown Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He married in August, 1888, **Margaret Snyder**, born in Juniata County, daughter of **George Snyder** of an old county family. Children: 1. **David Franklin**, now connected with the Sunbury Ice & Storage Company and resides in Sunbury, married **Mary Boyer**. 2. **Charlotte**, married **Russell Pugh**, resides in Mansfield, Ohio, and has one child, **Margaret Elizabeth**. 3. **John S.** 4. **Mary Jane**. 5. **Gertrude**.

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