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John Wisehaupt, farmer, whose post-office address is Port Royal, Juniata County, Pa., was born in Turbett, now Spruce Hill, township, Juniata County, February 16, 1834.

Valentine Wisehaupt, grandfather of **John Wisehaupt**, was born in Germany, and came to this country and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he was engaged in farming. Later he bought a tract of land in Turbett Township, Juniata County, to which he removed, and which he improved and developed into a farm, and cultivated it until his death. He was married in Germany to **Miss Bender**, and their children are: **John; William; Valentine; Maggie; Mrs. Piper**, of Ohio. **Mrs. Wisehaupt** died on the homestead in Turbett Township, and he contracted a second marriage with **Miss Myers**, who died without issue. **Mr. Wisehaupt** died and is buried on the homestead in Turbett Township. In his political views he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Wisehaupt (1), father of **John Wisehaupt**, was born in Germany, and when quite a young man came to this country with his parents. He attended subscription schools in Juniata County, Pa., and could speak both English and German. He was reared to farming and spent his entire life in Spruce Hill Township, where he owned 106 acres of land, on which he began in the woods, cleared the land, erected dwelling house, barn and other structures, planted an orchard and engaged in general farming. His death occurred in the township, and he is buried at Church Hill. He was married in Milford Township to **Susanna Groninger**, of the same township. The children of this marriage are: **Valentine**, died a young man; **Leonard**, was a Lutheran minister and died in Missouri; **Sarah A.**, wife of **William Stewart**; **John; Jacob**, a farmer of Spruce Hill Township; **Caroline**, deceased, wife of **William Robinson**; **Jesse**, died young. In his politics, **Mr. Wisehaupt** was a Democrat, and served in the offices of supervisor, school director, overseer of the poor, tax collector and assessor. He was one of the first members of the Lutheran Church, and aided in building the first house of worship, which was constructed of logs, and he took a prominent part in all church matters.

John Wisehaupt attended the township schools during three months each year, and obtained a good common school education. He learned the business of farming with his father, and remained with him until he was eighteen years of age, after which he learned the trade of chair maker with **Joseph Kessler** at Port Royal. During the winter months for twenty-two years he worked at this trade, and in the summer months was engaged in house painting. Having come into possession of a part of the homestead, he built a dwelling house and bam and made the improvements required for a first-class farm, and for the remainder of his life gave his time solely to agricultural pursuits. In 1862, **Mr. Wisehaupt** was married in Saville Township, Perry County, to **Mary Jane Rice**, a native of Perry County, and a daughter of **Conrad** and **Elizabeth (Noleshun) Rice**, the former a farmer and of German descent. The children born to **Mr. and Mrs. Wisehaupt** are: **Sarah E.**, the wife of **John McConnell**; **George B.**; **David**, deceased; **Laura**, wife of **Horace Frazier**, of Port Royal; **Annie**, at home. **Mr. Wisehaupt** was a school director of the township for three terms, and was a candidate for the associate judgeship, but failed to secure the nomination. He is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, has filled the office of deacon and elder for thirty-one years and was a teacher in the Centre Sunday-school.