

S. S. Witherow, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., was born September 19, 1836, son of **John** and **Margaret (Sunderland) Witherow**. His paternal grandparents were of Scotch descent. Their family consisted of six children: **Sarah (Mrs. Cyrus Stine)**; **Samuel**; **John**; **Rebecca**; **Robert**; and **Thomas**, all of whom are deceased. Their son **John Witherow** was born in Chester County, Pa., in 1803. He was a miller, and removed to Perry County in 1836; he resided there during all the rest of his life. He was three times married. His first wife was **Margaret Sunderland**; of their seven children, four are living: **Sarah (Mrs. William McGowan)**, of Baltimore, Md.; **Mary E.**; **Rebecca (Mrs. H. C. Dem)**; and **S. S. Mrs. Margaret Witherow** died in 1838. **Mr. Witherow** afterwards married her sister, **Sarah Sunderland**. Their children are: **Clara (Mrs. J. W. Klinepeter)**; **John K.**; **Alice V. (Mrs. Philip Strauss)**, of Juniata County; and **Cyrus S.**, who was drowned in the Missouri River. **Mrs. Sarah Witherow** also dying, **Mr. Witherow** was married in 1852 to **Maria**, daughter of **Philip** and **Sarah (Fritz) Roth**. They have one son, **C. Thomas**, residing in Altoona, Pa. **Mr. Witherow** died November 18, 1890, at the venerable age of eighty-seven. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church; his wife survives him.

After attending the public schools for some years, **S. S. Witherow** finished his education at the Bloomfield Academy. He left school, at the age of fourteen, learned from his father the management of a woolen-mill, and continued in that employment until his enlistment in the Union army, in August, 1864. He was enrolled in Company G, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. Returning after rendering this gallant service to his country, he continued in the woolen business until the death of his father, when he rented the mill for two years. He is at present leading a life of retirement and leisure. **Mr. Witherow's** political convictions are Democratic.

S. S. Witherow was married, February 23, 1860, to **Marcella**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Ann (Rumbaugh) Clark**. Their children are: **William M.**, business manager of the Altoona Tribune, Altoona, Pa., married **Laura Adams**, of Lancaster, Pa.; and **Lauren C.** **Mr. Witherow** is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has for some time been a trustee.

Mrs. Witherow's paternal ancestors were Scotch. **Edward Clark**, her grandfather, settled in Cumberland County, Pa., early in life, and afterwards came with his family to Perry County. He was a farmer. He married **Magdalena Phillips**, and has children: **Anna (Mrs. Thomas Hollipeter)**; **Benjamin**; **Solomon**; **David**; and **Robert**; all of whom are deceased. The **Rumbaugh** family, **Mrs. Witherow's** maternal ancestors, were German; her grandparents, **David** and **Elizabeth (Miller) Rumbaugh**, had five children: **Julia**; **George**; **Julia Ann**; **Leah**; and **Allen**. Her father, **Thomas Clark**, was born in Cumberland County; he was a plasterer. For a number of years, he was treasurer of Perry County; he resided nearly all his life in New Bloomfield. The children of **Thomas** and **Ann (Rumbaugh) Clark** are: six deceased, as follows: **James B.**; **Thomas**; **Edward**; **Charles**; **George**; and one that died in infancy. Those living are: **Marcella (Mrs. Witherow)**; and **Annie (Mrs. Luke Davis)**, of Thompsontown, Juniata County, Pa. **Mr. Clark** died in 1881, aged seventy-five years; his **wife** died May 18, 1887, at the age of seventy-nine; both were members of the Presbyterian Church.