

Biographical Annals of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of The Early Settled Families. Illustrated. Chicago: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905.

Henry Witmer. Among the residents of Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County, who spring from old substantial families, is **Henry Witmer**, who was born Feb. 16, 1840, son of **John Witmer**. **John Witmer** was born in York County, near York, but settled in Cumberland County, and followed the occupation of farming.

He married **Miss Lydia Lefevre**, of York County, and they had a family as follows: **David** married **Sarah Landis** of York County, and had five children; **Henry** is our subject; **Leah** married **John Stauffer**, of York County; **Catherine** married **Andrew Coulson**, of Adams County, and had children: **John, William, Frank, Milton, Mary, Sarah** and **Eliza**; **Eliza** married **Israel Flohr**, of Adams County; **Lydia** married **Daniel Landis**, of York County, who died, and she later married **Levi Becker**, of York County; **Daniel** married **Lydia Rhodes**, of York County, and they had five children: **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob**, and **two** whose names are not known; **Abram** married **Lizzie Hikns**, of York County, and they had six children; **Samuel** married **Barbara Hostetter**, of York County, and they were the parents of four children; and two died in infancy.

Henry Witmer attended the common schools of York County until he was eighteen years of age, after which he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and followed it for about two and a half years. He then worked on a farm for about a year, when he bought a farm, and he now owns 216 acres of excellent land, all of which is under cultivation, and well improved.

In October, 1861, he was married to **Miss Mary Kunkle**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Catherine (Myers) Kunkle**, of Silver Spring Township. Two children were born to them: **Daniel**, who married **Clara Babble**, daughter of **Henry C.** and **Isabella (Wertz) Babble**, of Middlesex Township, and they had ten children, **Howard, Florence, John, Glenn, Mary, Lee, Foster, Ernest**, and **two** who died in childhood; **John Witmer**, the second child of **Henry Witmer**, married **Annie Wertz**, daughter of **Daniel** and **Elizabeth (Foose) Wertz**, of Perry County, living in Middlesex Township, and they had ten children, **Lloyd** (married **Hetty White**, of Sandwich, Ill., and they live in Kane County, Ill., near Elgin), **Herbert, Esther, Mabel, Henry, Beatrice** and a baby all at home, and **three** who died in childhood. In religious matters **Mr. Witmer** is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, of which he is a trustee. He has been a Democrat all of his life, and heartily supports the candidates of that party. He is an industrious, upright man, an excellent farmer, and a man who is most highly respected wherever known.

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