

History of Perry County, Pennsylvania, Including Descriptions of Indian and Pioneer Life from the Time of Earliest Settlement Sketches of Its Noted Men and Women and Many Professional Men, By H. H. Hain, Harrisburg, Pa., 1922 - Hain-Moore Company, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rev. Robert W. Woods was born at Blain, May 30, 1873, the son of **William Wharton** and **Catherine Jane (Loy) Woods**. **William Wharton Woods** was the descendant of **General Anthony Wayne**. **Rev. Woods** attended the public schools at Blain, and at an early age joined the Zion Lutheran Church. He attended the Blain schools, Gettysburg Academy, and graduated from the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg in 1898. In 1901 he graduated from the seminary there. During the summer prior to his graduation he had worked up a charter membership for the organization of a new Lutheran Church at Pittsburgh, to be known as the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. On his graduation he was called as its first pastor, and is still connected with this church, although twenty years has elapsed, and he has received calls from elsewhere. He has taken into this church over 1,500 adults, and has had an average annual increase in salary of \$100. He has served as the president of the Homewood Christian Committee for social betterment, and as secretary, treasurer, and president of the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Pittsburgh at different times. For eight years he was president of the Perry County Association of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Committee on Jewish Mission Work of the United Lutheran Church, and has served as president of Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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