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Worden, James H., was born in Luzerne County, October 9, 1855, son of **Hiram B.** and **Mary A. (Lockwood) Miller Worden**. **Hiram B. Worden** was born in Luzerne County, Pa., November 8, 1826. His early life was spent in the coal business in the Wyoming Valley. He was at that time one of the most prominent coal operators in the valley. He continued in the business until 1861. He was first married to **Miss Vangelia C. Lockwood**, daughter of **William** and **Hester Travis Lockwood**. There was no issue of this marriage. **Mrs. Worden** died in 1853, aged twenty-four years. In his second marriage **Mr. Worden** was united to **Mrs. Mary A. (Lockwood) Miller**. She was born February 5, 1821. The children by this marriage are: **James H.**, **H. M. F.**, **Vangelia C.**, **Carrie K.**, who died September 27, 1886, aged twenty-seven years; **Hiram B.**, and **Annie M.** The mother died February 26, 1878, aged fifty-seven years. **Mr. Worden** was married the third time, April 21, 1880, to **Mrs. Almira Walker Geer**, daughter of **Marshall K.** and **Anna M. Walker**. After leaving the coal business in 1861, **Mr. Worden** went into farming and stock raising, to which he gave his attention until 1878, after which he was in the milling business until 1882, when he engaged in the hay business, in which he is still engaged. **Mr. Worden** is prominent in the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities. He is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he has filled all church offices.

James H. Worden received a good education in the public schools, finishing at the Keystone Academy at Factoryville, Pa., and at a very early age began teaching school in Wyoming County, where he was employed during three winter terms; in the summer he assisted his father on the farm. During the year 1875 **Mr. Worden** was clerk in the Chenango Valley Savings Bank, Binghamton, N.Y.; during 1876 he had charge of the books of his uncle, **George Worden**, at Pittston, Pa., in the meantime teaching school three months of an unexpired term. He also taught six weeks of another term in 1878 at Yatesville, Pa., in May of which year he resigned and entered the employ of the Lochiel Rolling Mill Company at Harrisburg, Pa., which position he held for one year when the mill was closed down. In 1879 he took charge of the books of **D. W. Gross & Son**, 119 Market street, Harrisburg, and remained with them until 1882, when he connected himself with **C. E. H. Brelsford & Co.**, of Harrisburg, having charge of the accounts of this company until January, 1892, when it was reorganized and incorporated in the name of the **Brelsford** Packing Company, and **Mr. Worden** was made secretary and treasurer of the corporation, which position he still holds. He is also connected with and is the president of the Columbia Baking Company of Columbia, Pa. He is also president of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association, and president of the Harrisburg Shooting Association. Among the fraternities, **Mr. Worden** is past master of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., of Harrisburg; past councilor of Capital City Council, No. 327, Jr. O. U. A. M., and for twenty years has been an Odd Fellow. In politics he is and always has been a Republican. The family are Episcopalians.

James H. Worden was married January 17, 1883, at Carbondale, Pa., to **Elizabeth I. Joyce**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Margaret (Hartley) Joyce**. They have two children: **Lockwood Brelsford**, born July 4, 1886, and **Margaret Hartley**, born October 14, 1892. **Mrs. James H. Worden** was born at Carbondale, Pa., May 1, 1857. Her father, **Thomas Joyce**, was born in the north of Ireland, June 27, 1809, and emigrated to America in 1844. He was a farmer

and sheep raiser. He first married **Anna**, daughter of **John** and **Anna Adams**. Their children were: **Emily**, who resides near Scranton, Pa., and **Robert**, who died June 17, 1859, aged twenty-one years. In his second marriage, **Mr. Joyce** was united to **Margaret**, daughter of **Henry** and **Margaret Hartley**, by whom he had four children: **Thomas H.**, **Annie M.**, wife of **William Kelley**, of Oneonta, N. Y.; **Elizabeth Isabella**, wife of **Mr. Worden**, and **John**, who died June 12, 1860, aged sixteen. **Mrs. Margaret Joyce** died August 23, 1869, aged fifty-six. **Mr. Joyce** was married the third time December 24, 1872, to **Eliza**, daughter of **Robert Reynolds**. Of this marriage there is no issue. **Mr. Joyce** entered the services of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company in the capacity of engineer, assisting in the building of the first railroad in Luzerne County, and remained in the employment of this company until 1868, when he retired. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church until his death, June 13, 1881, in the seventy second year of his age. **Mrs. Eliza Joyce** survives him and resides at Factoryville, Pa., where she holds membership in the Methodist Church.

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