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George B. Yocum, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa., was born at Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., July 3, 1845, son of **Samuel** and **Mary (Skandish) Yocum**. His paternal grandparents were **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Yocum**. Three of the children of **Samuel Yocum** and his wife died in early life. The others are: **Sarah Emma (Mrs. John Forsythe)**, who had two children, and died aged twenty eight years; **George B.**, and **John**, of Ohio married to a lady of that State, has three children, **Adam, George** and **Annie**. **Samuel Yocum** died aged sixty-six years; his wife reached the age of seventy-three.

The removal of the family to Lewistown took place when **George B. Yocum** was about five years old. He was accordingly educated in the Lewistown schools. He resided with his parents until he attained his majority. Soon after this he began the business which he has carried on efficiently and profitably all his life since, that of making excavations and constructing masonry under contract. This work has been done principally in Lewistown and its vicinity. But before the start in this handicraft came **Mr. Yocum's** connection with the great event of the century, for our country—the war of the Rebellion. He was not yet of age when, on July 14, 1864, he enlisted at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa., for four months' service, under Capt. A. B. Selheimer, in Company H, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was honorably discharged November 4, 1864, but was not long out of the patriotic struggle. He re-enlisted March 28, 1865, in Company E, Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and, having faithfully served at Monocacy and Petersburg, and amid other stirring scenes of the last days of the Rebellion, he was discharged June 25, 1865. **Mr. Yocum** adheres to the Democratic Party. He was elected on its ticket to the borough council, in which he served three consecutive terms. In 1894 he received the Democratic nomination for chief burgess, and was elected for a term of three years. He is a member of Lodge No. 170, K. G. E., and of Colonel Hulings Post, No. 176, G. A. R., and of Lodge No. 270, K. of P., all of Lewistown.

George B. Yocum was married August 5, 1866, to **Rebecca**, daughter of **John** and **Sarah Soles**. Their children are: **Samuel**, married **Hettie Bilger**, has four children; **Sarah Jane**; **John**, married **Amanda Beatty**, has one child; **Edward**, married **Laura Willey**, has one child; **Harry**; and **Charles Hurlbut**, who was born May 20, 1873, and died at the age of eleven years. **Mr. Yocum** and his family attend the Lutheran Church. The parents of **Mrs. Yocum, Mr.** and **Mrs. Soles**, are both deceased. Their children are: **Eva**; **Eliza**; **Sarah A.**; **John**; **Mary**; **Harry**; **Rebecca (Mrs. Yocum)**; **William**; **Hannah J.**; and **George**.

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