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**Jacob Zang**, Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born in Friedewald, Kreis Hersfeld, Hesse Cassel, Germany, October 29, 1832, son of **Nicholas** and **Anna Barbara Elizabeth (Reimiller) Zang**, both natives of Germany. **Jacob Zang** spent his early life in his native country, where he received the thorough education of the German schools. He also acquired the trades of masonry, stone-cutting and wood-turning; and worked for some years as a mason. On his twentieth birthday, October 29, 1852, he left his native land for America, landing at Baltimore, Md., January 24, 1853. Here he remained for a short time, in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. He went to Bridgeport, Cumberland County, Pa., March 17, 1853, and there worked for a year on the construction of what is now the Northern Central Railroad, after which he remained in Bridgeport until the fall of 1851, engaged in various occupations. In September of that year he began a service of over forty-two years, as a valued employee of the Northern Central Railroad Company. He has held various positions, and is one of the oldest locomotive engineers on the road, having served in that capacity for thirty-three years. **Mr. Zang** was among the earliest settlers of Marysville; his house was the third one built within the present limits of the borough. For thirteen years, he has served the borough as school director, and for eleven years of that time was treasurer of the board. He is a member of Perry Lodge, No. 458, F. and A. M., and of Beulah Lodge, No. 269, K. P., both of Marysville. He has been a member of Monumental Division, No. 52, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of Baltimore, Md. Since September, 1867, he is a supporter of Democratic principles.

**Jacob Zang** was first married, June 30, 1861, at Bridgeport, Cumberland County, to **Susan**, daughter of **John** and **Anna N. (Garber) Eppler**, of Rye Township. **Mrs. Susan Zang** died December 23, 1874. Of their eight children, five died in infancy. Three sons survive: **William F.**; **George W.**; and **John Wesley**. **Jacob Zang** was married the second time in Marysville, October 3, 1875, to **Elmira B.**, daughter of **John D. C.** and **Henrietta (Jones) McNaughton**, born in Oliver Township, Perry County, April 22, 1847. Their children are: **Jacob Milton**, born December 4, 1881; and **Foster R.**, born April 11, 1886. **Mr. Zang** and his family are members of the Reformed Church, of which Rev. J. David Miller is pastor.

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