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**John Solomon Zimmerman**, Falling Spring, Perry County, Pa., was born in Cumberland County, November 9, 1848. He is a son of **William** and **Margaret (Bower) Zimmerman**. His grandfather, **John Zimmerman**, was a farmer, and also kept a hotel for a number of years in Andersonburg, Perry County, Pa. His children are: **Henry**; **Mary (Mrs. Henry Kell)**; **George**; **Matilda**, wife of Judge **Joseph B. Garver**, of Perry county; **David**, deceased; **John**, deceased; **Margaret (Mrs. James Black)**, deceased; **Eliza (Mrs. Ewing)**, deceased; and **William**. **Mr.** and **Mrs. John Zimmerman** are both dead. **Mr. Zimmerman's** maternal grandparents were of German ancestry. **Solomon Bower** was a farmer; he married **Mary Fosselman**. Their children are: **Margaret**, widow of **William Zimmerman**; **John**; **Isabella (Mrs. F. Gray)**; **Sarah (Mrs. John Gray)**, mother of Sheriff **Gray**; **Eliza (Mrs. William Skinner)**, **Mr. Skinner** was a major in our late war; **Susan (Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_)**; **Solomon**; and **Mary (Mrs. William Bickley)**, died May 10, 1896. These children are all dead but **Mrs. Zimmerman**. **Mr.** and **Mrs. Bower** are both dead. **William Zimmerman** was a farmer, and a native of Perry County. He served the township as school director and supervisor. He married **Margaret**, daughter of **Solomon Bower**, of Perry County. Their children are: **Lizzie (Mrs. A. F. Hohenshilt)**; **B. F. G.**; **John**; **William H.**; **Reuben A.**; **Sarah A. (Mrs. Daniel Bosserman)**; **Mary M. (Mrs. Stewart Lightner)**; and **Dr. George L.**, of Blosserville, Cumberland county; **Madison F.**, died in 1881. **Mr. Zimmerman** was a member of the Lutheran church, in which he was for many years an elder. He died in 1887. **Mrs. Zimmerman** resides with her children, and is a Lutheran. **John S. Zimmerman** attended school until he reached the age of twenty-one, and remained with his father until he was twenty five; then, in 1873, he began to farm for himself. For nine years he rented the Nelson farm above New Bloomfield, in Centre Township. Since then he has lived on his farm in Spring Township, which he has made one of the finest in the county. **Mr. Zimmerman** is a Republican; he has served as school director in Centre Township, for three years, and in 1893 was elected to a three years' term of the same office in Spring Township.

**John S. Zimmerman** was married November 12, 1874, to **Mattie**, daughter of **George Washington** and **Fannie (Rice) Hench**. Their children are: **Daisy A.**; **Robert N.**; **Sallie J.**; **William N.**; **Roy H.**; **Eulalia T.**; **Rebecca May**; **Delia F.**; **Ruth Esther**; and **Jacob L.**, died April 2, 1886, aged one year, one month and one day. **Mr. Zimmerman** and his family are all members of the Lutheran church. **Mr. Zimmerman** is deacon, and has held this office for six years. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for five years. He is a good citizen and is much respected.

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