

miah A. Bansher. He married Catherine Seaman, and they had these children: Katie m. William Fegley; Benneville m. Hannah Eisenhaur; and Elias. Benneville lived on a small tract of his own in Maxatawny township, about one mile west of New Smithville. He had six children: Alfred, Giles, Addison, Simon, Matilda and Sarah.

Elias Schmick, son of Christian, was born July 23, 1820, in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, and died March 20, 1901. He resided in Tilden township, along the railroad, and owned a small farm, his winter occupation being butchering among the farmers. He married Lydia Kahler, who died in 1896, aged seventy-three years, and they had these children: Addison E.; S. Matilda m. Edwin C. Mayer; J. Henry, m. Katie Diener; Kate m. Michael Hartman; and Elias H.

Elias H. Schmick, father of Henry J., who is in the employ of his son in the broom manufacturing business, was born June 3, 1842, in Perry township, Berks county, and now resides in Hamburg. He was married in 1865 to Esther Strasser, daughter of Jonas and Katie (Rissmiller) Strasser, and they have these children: Henry J.; Kate m. Jacob Casper; Harriet m. Richard Fox; Wilson m. Gertie Matz; and George m. Lizzie Mengel.

Henry J. Schmick attended public school for but a short time, commencing work when still a lad, in the brick yards, where he remained three years. In 1882 he began working in the Hamburg Rolling Mills, continuing there for some years, when he engaged with the Pottstown Rolling Mills, being in this concern's employ until his twentieth year. At this time he went to work for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as brakeman, and later as fireman, and while thus employed he conceived the idea of the patent fish plate, which was patented and was adopted by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Co., who are using it at this time. In 1897, when but twenty-eight years old, he became president of the Allentown & Kutztown Trolley road, but three years later resigned in favor of his attorney. He remained on the board of directors for one year longer, when he sold out his interests for a large sum, and organized the Kutztown & Fleetwood Trolley Company, of which he became president, remaining at the head of this road until its sale to the Allentown & Kutztown Company. Since this time Mr. Schmick has devoted all of his attention to his inventions. He has invented various valuable and useful machines, railroad joints, car couplers, and the "radio," a hoisting device, which was patented in 1905 and is now being manufactured in Reading. He occupies a conspicuous place among the financiers of his section of the country. He has risen from a common laborer to one whose business dealings have brought him into contact with such men as the Goulds and Depew of New York, and his business dealings have been such as to win the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated. He resides with his family in Hamburg.

In 1889 Mr. Schmick was married to Molly Epler, and they have these children: Minnie, Elias, Bessie, Mabel and Harry, the latter of whom died in his ninth year.

JAMES M. SAVAGE, a well known business man of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., who is senior member of the milling firm of Savage Brothers, was born Aug. 10, 1870, in Tilden township, son of James and Fayette (Kauffman) Savage.

John Sauvage, a French Huguenot, was born in Alsace-Lorraine in 1698, and is the American progenitor of the Savage family in Berks county. In 1738, when forty years old, he emigrated to the New World on the good ship "Winter Gallev," and it is said that soon after landing in his adopted country he settled in Berks county, Pa., where his descendants live to this day. His grandsons, Joseph and Johannes Savage, lived in Upper Bern township. Joseph Savage, grandfather of James M., was born probably in what is now Upper Bern township May 13, 1794, and there he died March 26, 1873. He was a farmer in Upper Bern township where he owned his own

farm. In 1815 he married Magdalena Stahl, who was born in 1796 and died in 1855. They were members of St. Michael's Church and are buried in the cemetery of that church. In the father's will, in which are mentioned Wm. A. Ludwig and William K. Haag as executors, children as follows are mentioned: (1) John, a blacksmith at Shartlesville, was born in 1817 and died in 1886. He married Ellen Schlappig and they had three children: Franklin S.; Mary Ann, and Sarah Ellen. (2) Joseph, born in 1820, died in 1890. He owned and cultivated a 120-acre farm in North Heidelberg. He married Christian Clauser, and their children were: Albert, Matilda, Emeline and Allen. (3) Charles, born in 1823, died in 1893. He married Lydia Marburger. (4) James is mentioned below. (5) Mary Ann (married William Schlappig). (6) Sarah (married Jared Daubert). (7) Mary Magdalena (married Charles Fisher). (8) William is said to have gone to Michigan where he married and then went further west.

James Savage, father of James M., was born in Upper Bern township, Nov. 30, 1831, and died July 11, 1903, in his seventy-second year. He followed the trade of millwright for some years and for over twenty-five years conducted a farm which he owned in Upper Bern township. He married Fayette Kauffman, born Oct. 20, 1826, who survives her husband and resides in Hamburg. Mr. and Mrs. Savage had these children: James M.; Charles K. married Sallie Stump; John K., who is in business with his brother James, was married in 1897 to Ellen Moyer and they had three children, William and two who died in infancy; William married Georgie Cooper; Francis married Rosie Renninger; Matilda (married Mahlon Spangler); Fayette (married S. F. Riegel); Caroline (married George Seaman); and Sallie (married Thomas Meck).

James M. Savage was educated in the local schools of the place of his nativity, and when a young man learned the milling trade with Moses B. Seaman, then proprietor of the Union Roller Mill at Hamburg, remaining with that gentleman for a period of six years. After working at Shoemakersville and Yocom's for some time, and at Reading for eight years, in 1901 he and his brother John K. formed a partnership under the firm name of Savage Brothers and leased the Union Roller Mill (formerly the old Shomo mill) Hamburg, which they have been conducting ever since. The firm carries a large stock, and manufactures a large and fine line of flour, which is in great demand in this section, and consequently finds a ready market. The firm is one of the successful business enterprises of Hamburg. In 1906 it suffered a heavy loss, during the historic flood which caused a \$75,000 damage to Hamburg.

Mr. Savage married Ella Adam, daughter of Alfred and Esther (Hollenbach) Adam, farming people of Perry township, and to this union there were born two daughters and one son, Virgil, Mabel and Evan.

JACOB DUSER, JR., former councilman from the Ninth ward of Reading, who holds an important position with the Reading Hardware Company, was born in Tresckow, Carbon county, Pa., son of Jacob and Susan (Huster) Duser, of Reading.

The parents of Jacob Duser, Jr., were of Wendelheim. Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and emigrated to this country in their youth, settling at Hazleton, Pa. They were married on July 8, 1849, shortly after their arrival in this country, by Rev. Father Salmon, of Hazleton. They lived in the coal regions for the next nineteen years, Mr. Duser becoming a foreman, and in 1868 located in Reading, where they continued their residence. Until 1884 Mr. Duser was employed at the Philadelphia & Reading foundry, but since that time has been employed with the Reading Hardware Company.

On Sept. 14, 1899, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Duser, it having been postponed until that date because some of the children could not be present on July 8. On the morning of Sept. 14th, at 7:30, the solemn wedding vows were