

Kindly submitted by: Pauline Anthony

Nary Peter

Nary Peter. This gentleman will be counted among the old residents of Lehigh County, for he was born in Heidelberg Township November 6, 1831. He is one of the wide-a-wake and enterprising farmers of Whitehall Township, where he has one hundred acres of land, well tilled and under a high state of cultivation, and the many improvements on the place indicate the thrift and energy of the owner.

Daniel and Maria (Fenstermacher) Peter, the parents of our subject, were likewise natives of this county, while the paternal grandfather of our subject came from Germany and located in the above county. There were four brothers who made the trip to America at the same time, and they all made a settlement in the vicinity of Slatington.

Our subject was reared to man's estate on his father's farm, and received a fair education in the German language, and at the same time acquired a good knowledge of the English tongue. He has followed farm pursuits throughout his entire life, although for several years he added to this branch of work the trade of a tailor, which he carried on for a time in Illinois. February 27, 1857 Mr. Peter was married to Miss Serena Scheiry, a native of North Whitehall Township, this county, and a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Houseman) Scheiry. To them have been born the following eight children: Ellen J. (Mrs. David Newhart), Robert, James W., Joseph D., Lewis F., George, Mary (Mrs. A. Betts) and Ida.

Our subject is the proprietor of one hundred acres of valuable land, and, as a leading and influential citizen, has the confidence and high regard of a large circle of friends and acquaintances in his community. In political matters he is a staunch Republican, and a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church.