

life. His last days were spent in Catasauqua, Pa., where his death occurred in 1874. His father, Jacob Hunsicker, was of German lineage, and the family was probably founded in America during early Colonial days.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent in Allentown and in Cherryville, Northampton County, and until eighteen years of age he attended the common schools. He then learned the wheelwright's trade with his father, and followed that business until 1861. At that time he laid aside all business cares and responded to the country's call for troops to aid in crushing out the Rebellion. He enrolled his name among the boys in blue of Company I, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Infantry, under Col. Charles Miller, and with his regiment was sent to Virginia, where they were attached to the command of General McClellan. Mr. Hunsicker took part in the seven-days Battle of the Wilderness, and on the sixth day was shot through the shoulder and sent to the hospital in Washington, D. C., where he remained for two months. He was then transferred to Philadelphia, where he was confined in the hospital for seven months, but his wound unfitted him for further duty, and on the surgeon's certificate of disability he was honorably discharged and returned home.

When he had sufficiently recovered his health, Mr. Hunsicker went to Philadelphia, where he joined the firm of Seltzer & Miller, and engaged in the wholesale liquor business, which he successfully carried on until 1893. In that year he sold out, and soon after came to Allentown, where he purchased the interest of Samuel Moyer, of the well known firm of M. C. Ebbecke & Co. The firm style continued the same after Mr. Hunsicker was admitted to partnership. They carry a large and well assorted stock of hardware, guns and sporting goods of every description, and occupy a store 20x130 feet, utilizing all three floors of the building. Their business has assumed extensive proportions.

In 1865 Mr. Hunsicker was united in marriage to Miss Sabina S. Mohry, of Whitehall, daughter of Benjamin Mohry. They have three children, Irwin J., Harry H. and Howard P., all of whom are still at home. In his political affiliations, Mr.

Hunsicker is a Republican, and socially is connected with E. B. Young Post No. 87, G. A. R. He belongs to St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and is a worthy and valued citizen of the community. He possesses excellent business and executive ability, and enterprise and industry have been the important factors in his success.



WILLIAM C. SHERRER, chief clerk and one of the stockholders of the Old Bangor Slate Company, was born in Bloomsbury, Hunterdon County, N. J., October 18, 1844, being a son of Joseph and Margaret (Smith) Sherrer, also natives of New Jersey. The original representatives of the Sherrer family in America came hither from Germany, and made settlement in New Jersey early in the history of that state. William C. was early orphaned by the death of his father, which event, throwing him upon his own resources, developed in his character the traits of self-reliance and persevering industry which have been important factors in his success.

In the public schools of Easton Mr. Sherrer received the rudiments of his education, and afterward fitted for Lafayette College, which, however, he did not enter. His first situation was with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in which, after having held various positions, he was promoted to conductor in 1865, remaining thus engaged for six months. Then going to Philadelphia, he embarked in the commission business, which he conducted for a year. Yielding to the urgent request of his grandfather, he returned to New Jersey to take charge of the estate and financial interests of the latter, and continued to reside there for two years.

Coming to Bangor in 1871 or 1872, Mr. Sherrer became Superintendent of the Elmira Slate Company, with which he remained three years. At the expiration of that time he entered the employ of the Old Bangor Slate Company, of which he is now the chief clerk, and in which he is a stockholder. He is also a Director and stockholder in the Mer-

chants' National Bank of Bangor, and is connected with various enterprises that have given an impetus to the commercial and material development of the place. Of the Banner Slate Company he is serving as Secretary, and is one of its Directors. This quarry is located at Danielsville, and is one of the best in Northampton County.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Sherrer has officiated as Chief Burgess, Town Clerk, School Director and in other posts of honor. His membership is in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a Deacon. In Sunday-school work he is especially active, and has served for some time as its Superintendent. Socially he affiliates with the Royal Arcanum, and formerly was actively connected with the Knights of Pythias. His marriage, which occurred October 12, 1869, united him with Miss Mary Angelica, daughter of Samuel Straub, of Bath, Pa. One child has blessed their union, a son named H. Straub, who was born October 18, 1875, and is now (1894) a Junior in Lafayette College.



JACOB RAUB has done more, perhaps, toward the upbuilding and improvement of Easton than any other citizen of the place. For about three years he has been much interested in real estate, and his success is owing almost entirely to his financial ability and sound judgment. Many local enterprises he has fostered and aided, among these being the shoe and felt factories, the suspension bridge and the market house. For some three terms Mr. Raub was a member of the City Council, was President of the Select Council for one term, and inaugurated the first Democratic Mayor ever elected in Easton.

John Raub, the father of our subject, was born in Forks Township, Northampton County. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and in politics was a Democrat. For some years he engaged in carpet-weaving, and at one time operated a cooperage. He was a man of diversified talents, and won considerable fame as a local doctor. He was also a great hunter, and very fond of fishing, taking

much pleasure in these sports. He was twice married, having five children by his first wife, namely: Daniel, William, John, Sarah and Mary. By his second marriage, the lady being Sarah Everhart, he had four children: Peter; Amanda, Mrs. Kutzler; Emma, Mrs. Franzer; and Jacob. The father died in 1860, but his wife is still living.

Jacob Raub was born January 25, 1854, on his father's farm in Forks Township. He received a common-school education, but early engaged in making his own living. His first employment was as a farm hand at \$4 per month, though for five years previous he had received only his board and clothing. At the age of seventeen years he began learning the trade of carpentering, and was only twenty years old when he built his first house. At this time he received \$275 from his father's estate. In 1876 he became a partner in the firm which was subsequently known as Raub, Franzer & Arner. This partnership was dissolved in 1878, and for a time our subject worked as a journeyman. He built and paid for his home and went into business on his own account. He succeeded very well from the first, as on casting up his accounts at the end of the year he found that he had cleared \$1,200; the second year he cleared \$5,000, and the following year \$3,000. His small shop was at first only 10x12, but its dimensions were necessarily increased in a short time. For years he has given employment to twenty-three men during the entire year, and has frequently done a business of \$75,000 per annum.

In 1891 Mr. Raub associated with himself William J. Daub, and embarked in real-estate business. They bought a farm lying within the city limits of Easton, this place being known as Easton Heights. It comprised seventy-six acres, a large portion of which has been sold off in lots and improved with good buildings. The ground on which stands the Moravian Church was donated by the partners, who have contributed liberally to many philanthropic societies and works in Easton. About \$75,000 worth of land has been sold, fifty houses have been erected, and numerous others are in process of construction. Mr. Raub was the first person to build a house in this portion of the city, and has been untiring in his efforts to provide in-