

rest in the cemetery at Dingman's Ferry. Mrs. Margaret (Steele) Angle was born December 4, 1808, in Delaware township, Pike county, a daughter of Cornelius Steele and his first wife, Catherine (Reeser), who were both of Holland-Dutch descent, their parents having been among the first settlers in Pike county. Five children were born of this union: Margaret (Mrs. Angle); Isaac, who was twice married, his first wife being H. Latimore; Ellen, wife of Ransom Shaw; Jane, who married Barton Carhuff; and Elizabeth, wife of Abram Carmier. By his second wife Cornelius Steele had two children: Cornelia, who married Shepard Manes; and Cornelius.

**SHRAWDER LEE**, a prominent agriculturist of Stroud township, Monroe county, is the owner of one of the most attractive homesteads of the locality. A fine orchard, containing fruit trees of all kinds suitable to this climate, is a notable feature, and in fact everything about the place gives evidence of progressive and scientific management.

Mr. Lee comes of good pioneer stock, his great-grandfather, Ebenezer Lee, having been one of the first settlers in what is now Monroe county. Joseph Lee, our subject's grandfather, married Sarah Smiley, and made his home near Stroudsburg. John Lee, the father of our subject, was born and reared near Stroudsburg, and became a prosperous lumberman, operating a sawmill for a number of years. Later he purchased a farm near Spragueville, where he resided until his death in 1872. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Anna Bush, died at East Stroudsburg in September, 1880. Our subject is the youngest in a family of eight children, all of whom are living. (1) Sarah married Hiram Walters, of Stroud township, and has a numerous family. (2) Susan married Abram Rockafeller, of East Stroudsburg, and has a large family of children. (3) Daniel married Miss Sallie Bisbing, of Pocono township, Monroe county, who died a few years ago, leaving several children. (4) Catherine married Lewis Plattenberg, of Stroud township (now deceased), and has several children. (5) Rachel married Charles Lee, of Stroud township, and also has a family of children. (6) Emma married William Turner, of Stroud township, and has four children. (7) John, a resident of Easton, Penn., married (first) Jane Long, of Monroe county, who died some years ago, and (second) Miss Lake. By his first marriage he had one child, Anna, now Mrs. William Hillman, of Dover, N. J., and by the second there is one son, Andrew.

Shrawder Lee was born June 4, 1834, at Spragueville, and remained at the farm with his father until 1860, when he purchased his present homestead near Spragueville, not far from the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western R. R. The tract was not improved, but Mr. Lee cleared it and brought it under cultivation and erected the present substantial and commodious buildings, the dwelling being of a fine type with modern conveniences.

Politically Mr. Lee is a Jackson Democrat. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he and his wife have been consistent members of the Church at Spragueville for more than forty years.

In 1860 Mr. Lee married Miss Susan Plattenburg, and seven children have blessed this union: (1) Fannie, born in 1864, married Urias Price, of East Stroudsburg, and in 1898 they removed to his farm in Pocono township, Monroe county. They have three children—William, Lula and Lizzie. (2) Mary, born May 1, 1867, married Joseph Peters, of Stroud township, and has had five children—Fannie, Norman, Robert, Adda and Harry. (3) Flora, born September 13, 1869, married Monroe Wise, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and has one son, Bloom. (4) Nettie, born November 22, 1872, married Oscar Ruster, of East Stroudsburg, and has one daughter, Susie. (5) Samuel, born September 12, 1875, who is now engaged in factory work at Spragueville, is not married and resides at home. (6) John, born September 11, 1878, and (7) Miss Grace, born in 1881, are at home. The family is highly esteemed, and the children show the influence of a refined Christian home. Mrs. Lee, whose loving care has been rewarded by seeing her sons and daughters entering upon useful and honorable positions in life, is a member of an old Northampton county family, her grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Plattenburg, having been early settlers in that region. John Plattenburg (deceased), the father of Mrs. Lee, was born in Northampton county, but made his home in Monroe county, where he cleared a farm. He and his wife Catherine had nine children, two of whom are now living: Susan, wife of our subject; and George, a resident of McKean county, Penn., who married a lady from Bradford county.

**ATHERTON B. STEVENS, M. D.**, an able representative of the medical fraternity, is now engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at South Canaan Corners, Wayne county, where he also carries on a drug store. He is a native of Wayne county, born in Sterling township June 18, 1857, a son of Nicholas and Isabella (Caterson) Stevens, natives of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Philadelphia, Penn., respectively. They became acquainted and were married, however, in Sterling township, Wayne Co., Penn., where the father, who was born March 9, 1798, died July 28, 1880.

Upon the home farm Dr. Stevens remained until seventeen years of age, when he entered Media College at Media, Penn., pursuing his studies there for one term. The following year he attended the Unionville Seminary, and then matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, whence he graduated in March, 1880. He also attended lectures at the Philadelphia School of Anatomy and Surgery in 1879 and 1880, graduating from that institution in the latter year. He then returned home and cared for his father until the latter's death, when he came to South Canaan Corners.

he has made his way to prosperity without sacrificing his integrity and honesty. In politics he is a Democrat, has always been one of the active workers in local affairs, taking special interest in educational matters, and for nine years past has been a member of the school board of Texas township. He is now treasurer of the board, and for three years he served as collector of the school fund. He and his family are devout members of the Catholic Church, with which he has been connected from childhood.

In 1879 Mr. Smith married, for his first wife, Miss Elizabeth Rimlinger, of White Mills, Wayne county, a native of France. Her father, Michael Rimlinger, came to America with his family some years ago, and is now a highly-respected resident of White Mills. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith died in 1888, leaving four sons, all of whom give promise of becoming substantial citizens. Frank and Joseph are employed as cutters in the Dorflinger factory, and August and John are still attending school. In 1890 Mr. Smith married Mrs. Mary Doetsch, *nee* Tuman, a daughter of George Tuman, of Wayne county. Her first husband, Dr. Doetsch, was a successful physician at Pittston, and later at Honesdale, where he died in 1884, leaving two children: Jacob, born in 1872, who is now engaged in the book-binding business at Honesdale, and Miss Christina, who was born in 1877, in Scranton, Penn., and received an excellent education in the schools at Pittston and Honesdale, her fine mental gifts enabling her to make good use of her opportunities. She now resides with her mother, at the homestead.

PHILIP S. LEE, a prominent agriculturist of Stroud township, Monroe county, is a man whose industry and thrift have won for him a comfortable competence, and his attractive homestead near Stroudsburg gives evidence of his judicious management.

Mr. Lee belongs to one of the pioneer families of Monroe county, his grandfather, Ebenezer Lee, a native of Ireland, having settled there at an early day. This worthy citizen had four children, among whom was a son, Edward, our subject's father. Of the others: (1) Jesse died in Monroe county, unmarried. (2) Joseph, a farmer in Stroud township, Monroe county, married Miss Peggie Bush, of the same township, and died in 1892, leaving three children, George, Charles, and Miriam, wife of Michael Briske, of Stroud township. (3) Mary married John Miller, of Stroud township, and both are now deceased; they had four children, (a) Salie married Birchie Canard, and died in Ohio some years ago. (b) Elizabeth married James White, of Stroud township and died leaving three children—

Edward Lee, the father of our subject, was born in Monroe county, in 1801, and in early manhood married Miss Rachel Platenburg. Soon afterward he purchased forty acres of wild land, two and one half miles north of Stroudsburg, which he cleared and improved for a homestead, erecting good buildings. He died there in 1893; his wife, who had shared all the hardships of their years of struggle, passed away in 1874. They had three sons—William W., Philip S. and Sydenham W. William W. born February 10, 1828, in Stroud township, is a retired farmer in Susquehanna county. He married Miss Caroline Detrick, of Wilkes Barre, and has two sons, Edward and George, who are married and reside in Susquehanna county. Sydenham W. Lee, born February 1, 1836, in Stroud township, occupies his father's old homestead. He married Miss Frances Berry, of the same township, and has two children, Bertha and Harry, who are both at home.

Philip S. Lee was born February 10, 1831, at the old home in Stroud township, and was reared a farmer boy. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade with William Rowe, of Stroudsburg, and this business he followed successfully for eighteen years. In 1855 he purchased a small tract of wild land in Stroud township, where he cleared a farm and built a substantial residence and other buildings. In 1877 he sold this property, and bought 100 acres of the Joseph Dusenbury farm near Shirley's bridge, on the road from Stroudsburg to Spragueville. He has made many improvements, including the building of a commodious and comfortable modern residence and a bank barn. Politically Mr. Lee is a Republican of the old-time Whig stock, his father having been an ardent Whig until the war issues brought about readjustment of party lines. Our subject has at times held office in his township, including that of supervisor, and as a citizen he is active in promoting the best interests of the locality. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he and his wife are leading members of the Church at Mt. Zion.

In 1853 he married Miss Esther Brutzman, who was born in 1836, daughter of Lewis Brutzman, well-known resident of Stroud township, and his wife Phoebe (Posten), who now resides with our subject at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mr. Lee has had three sons, all of whom are taking honorable places in life. (1) William O. born September 7, 1862, received a public-school education, and is now employed as a street-car conductor in Scranton. In 1885 he married Miss Rhoda Brish, of Stroud township, and they have three children, Mahlon, Anna and Carrie. (2) Alexander born May 7, 1867, was educated in

Edward Martin, born July 21, 1874, continuing a public-school course, and in 1892 entered the road Company as a fireman. Two years later he returned to the old homestead and assisted his father in 1896 they began prospecting for coal; and they are drilling 266 feet below the surface, as well as business ability, and plays the coronet prospect of success. He has fine musical

Spragueville band. On December 16, 1894, Philip S. married Miss Elizabeth Werkheiser, of Kellerville, Milton township, Monroe county. Philip S. has three daughters, Mary, Carrie and Mildred, Hiram, and one grandchild, Milton, all now sed.

GEORGE H. ROBACKER, an energetic and prosperous farmer of Greene township, Pike county, comes of good old stock. His paternal grandfather, Christopher Robacker, was a native of Baden, Germany, all were reared and married. On his emigration to America he located in Dreher township, in Baden, Germany, May 1, 1812, at five years old when brought by his parents to the United States. On attaining his majority he began operating the old homestead in Greene township, Pike county, where he engaged in farming and lumbering until his death, January 24, 1856. He was married in Waymart, to Miss Elizabeth Fribley, who was born September 3, 1820, a daughter of John Fribley, January 14, 1889. The children born to them were Moses K., a resident of Newfountain; George, the subject of this review; and George, a farmer of Greene township, Pike county, who is now a wife and five children: Milana, wife of Charles D. Waltz, of Newfoundland, Penn.; George Waltz, of Newfountain, Penn.; and George H. Robacker, whose name is not known, of Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Penn., who is living with our subject.

George H. Robacker, whose name is not known, was born in Dreher township, May 9, 1843, but his boyhood and青年, passed in Greene township, Pike county, during school during the winter months in the farm work during the summer months. In 1864-65-66 he spent the greater part of his time at lumbering in the counties of Clearfield, Penn., meeting with go

the youngest clerk that had ever been employed served continuously from his duties so well-pointed paying teller and receiver in 1882 to 1895, meantime he had worked up a profitable list in the bank in order to give his entire time business in life, fire, and accident insurance have already brought him a well-directed. He is also active in municipal affairs, small fort as a member of the city council, and having section with that body he held the office of treasurer 12, 1888, Mr. Lane was married to

C. E. Petersen, and their home is brightened prominent in social life, and Mr. Lane is fond with various fraternal orders, including the Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men; the O. O. F., Fredonia Lodge of Honesdale; Honesdale Lodge, No. 218, F. & A. M., in which he holds rank of worshipful master; Palestine Commandery, at Carbondale; and the Ancient Arabic Order the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Wilkesbarre.

**FRANK PETERS**, a well-known farmer and prominent citizen of Hamilton township, Monroe county, was born at Gouldsboro, Wayne Co., Penn., January 31, 1858.

Barney and Catherine (Foster) Peters, parents of our subject, are both natives of Germany, the father born in July, 1824, the mother in 1834, and when young came together, with Nicholas Ruster, to the New World. In his younger days the father was a tanner, later devoting his time to farming, but is now living retired. During the war of the Rebellion he entered the Union army, and he lost his right hand in the service of his adopted country. Now in their declining years he and his wife are enjoying a well-earned rest, at their pleasant home in East Stroudsburg. In religious faith they are Lutherans, and in political sentiment the father is a Democrat. Frank is the eldest of their family; Philip married Bertha Heller, and is engaged in farming at East Stroudsburg; Joseph wedded Mary Lee, and operates his father's farm; Elizabeth is the wife of John Row, a railroad conductor of Scranton, Penn.; Conrad married Sally Peters, and is engaged in farming in Stroud township, Monroe county; Mary, widow of Robert Colbt, is a resident of East Stroudsburg; George married Emma Kramer, and is employed as fireman at the Normal School in East Stroudsburg; Charles married Martha Prutzman, and is engaged in farming in Middle Smithfield township, Monroe county; and Elbina and Lena are at home with their parents.

Frank Peters remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, aiding his father in the labors of the farm. He then worked in a tannery at Sciota, Monroe county, for eight years and

in a limestone quarry for one year, after which he purchased his present farm from Susanna Transue and he has since given his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, with good results. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, and a business man of known reliability. Success has attended his well-directed efforts, and he is now the possessor of a comfortable home and competence. His political support is always given to the Democratic party and in his church relations he is a Lutheran.

On October 30, 1881, at Sciota, Hamilton township, Mr. Peters married Miss Cecelia Steimetz, by whom he has two children, Martin and Lavine. Mrs. Peters was born in that township April 1, 1866, and there her father, Reuben Steimetz, is still engaged in general farming. He was born in Northampton county, Penn., June 8, 1824, a son of John and Polly (Stoudler) Steimetz, also natives of Northampton county, whence they came to Monroe county in 1838. The parents of John, Philip and Betsy (Oberidge) Steimetz, spent their entire lives engaged in farming in Northampton county, and his wife's father, George Stoudler, was also a resident of that county. In Monroe county John Steimetz carried on farming throughout his active business life. He died there in November, 1881, aged eighty-four years, his wife in April, 1868. Their children were John, George, Philip, Charles, Thomas, Levi, Reuben, Lydia A. (wife of Samuel Haney), Polly (wife of John Rodder), Mary Ann (Mrs. Shaffer), Clara (Mrs. Searles), and Katie J. (Mrs. Wallet).

Reuben Steimetz came to Monroe county in 1842, and also engaged in farming as a life work. He holds membership in the Reformed Church, and casts his ballot with the Democratic party. On December 24, 1856, in Monroe county, he married Miss Sarah J. Murphy, and to them were born three children, namely: Clarissa, now the wife of Robert Hartman, a farmer of Hamilton township, Monroe county; Cecelia, wife of our subject; and Lavine, who married Hattie Shafer, and is engaged in farming in Hamilton township. Mrs. Sarah J. Steimetz was born in Chestnut Hill township, Monroe county, in October, 1833, a daughter of John and Margaret (Shook) Murphy, also natives of that township, where her father died in 1881, aged seventy-four years; her mother passed away in 1897. Their children were Hannah M., wife of Samuel Wells; Sarah J., mother of Mrs. Peters; Daniel, a resident of Polk township, Monroe county; Susan, wife of Lane Phillips; Elizabeth, wife of Jack Anthony; Juliette, wife of John Shaffer; Adam; Catherine, wife of Jacob Hagley; Mary, wife of George Brader; Jane, Mrs. Phillips; Ella, wife of Silas Shoop; Caroline, wife of Samuel Wein; and Louise, wife of Joseph Flight. John Murphy was a son of George and Mary (Arnold) Murphy, farming people, who always made their home in Monroe county, and his wife's parents, Henry and Margaret (Konkle) Shook, were also well known agriculturists of Chestnut Hill township, Monroe county.

Dear Mr. Blattenberger.

Your letter of 14 Oct. 1981 has been forwarded on to me from the director's office in Bad Boll since I am responsible for answering all genealogical questions that the Moravian's receive. So perhaps it is possible that I can help you with your genealogy.

In our archives can be found the ciruculum vitae (or resume) of the wife of your sought after Johannes (John) Plattenberger, of which I am sending you a photo copy. You can discern from it that Barbara Plattenberger nee Palmer, was born 1712 "instant from Sinsheim" and came from a Mennonite Family, but later joined the "Reformed Religion". In 1734 she married Johannes Plattenberger and immigrated to Pennsylvania with him and two children. That she was 9 years older hardly seems possible. Then the family most probably settled in Warwick PA, the place where the current Lititz Moravian Congregation still exists today. Their entrance into the Moravian Brotherhood was in 1749. Barbara Plattenberger died in Warwick 26 Jan 1758, and left altogether 9 children, 4 sons and 2 daughters (living). The oldest daughter, which you already mentioned, Anna Maria, had already entered the "Sister's House" in Lititz, a Moravian facility for the "community" of single women.

Anna Maria Plattenberger, who was not the subject of my search, was in any case born in the homeland as you also wrote. "Lower Palatinate" or "Palatine" is more correctly called "Unter-Pfaltz". In addition it could mean anywhere from lower to south Germany since the English officials in North America used this as a generic term for all of Germany.

Regarding the fate of Johannes Plattenberger, I did not find any documents. In Warwick/Lititz it does not show his death, since he is not contained in the list of people buried in God's Acre. The list only contains two deceased children. They were:

Philip b. in Warwick 11 Apr 1749, 8 years old  
Anna Rosina b. Lititz 25 May 1756  
d. Lititz 12 Apr 1758 of small pox

Of the history, a little more follows: The beginnings of the work of the Moravians in North America goes back to the year 1735. The main cngregation in Bethlehem PA was creatd in 1742. Only then is there a regular settlement as well as sponsorship of the brothers and sisters in Germany and their own ships in part began after that.

The Plattenbergers came in 1743, not with a Moravian sponsored transport to North America, they joined only afterwards - as I already mentioned.

The existing Moravian congregation at Lititz (Lancaster County), was founded in 1756, and came out of the Warwick Congregation.

I would recommend you continue this matter with the Moravian Acrvhives, 41 West Locust St., Bethlehem PA 18018, Vernon H. Nelson Archivist. Perhaps they will calmly refer you back to me. But I would be very grateful if you would keep me informed about your efforts so I can make my records complete.

In the hope that I have somehow helped you, yours sincerely,