

HENRY RISHEL, a farmer and dealer in live stock of Canoe township, was born in that township, on the old Rishel homestead, Jan. 26, 1857, son of Christopher Rishel.

Christopher Rishel, who came of German ancestry, was the grandfather of Henry Rishel, and father of Christopher Rishel. He was the first of the name to come to this part of Pennsylvania, and settled in Center county, later lived in Young township, Jefferson county, and then located two miles west of Punxsutawney, Pa., where he bought a farm. Afterward he went to the State of Ohio, where he died; his wife died years before in Jefferson county. The children born to this worthy couple were: Daniel was a farmer of Jefferson county, Pa.; Lewis, a farmer of Canoe township, died on the battlefield while serving in the Civil war; George, who was a farmer of Canoe township, died of smallpox; John was a buggy manufacturer of Mifflinburg, Pa.; Christopher is mentioned below; Susan married Adam States and lived in Canoe township; Elizabeth married John Pierce and lived in Iowa; Polly, who married a Mr. Shafer, lived in Clearfield county, Pa.; Sallie, who married a Mr. Pentz, lived in Clearfield county; Christy Ann married a Mr. McCracken, of Clearfield county; Nancy, who married Solomon Weaver, lived in the vicinity of Plumville, Pennsylvania.

On Sept. 27, 1848, Christopher Rishel married Catherine Wingert, who was born Oct. 30, 1826, in Germany, daughter of George Wingert, also a native of Germany. In 1839 Mr. Wingert brought his family to Jefferson county, buying a farm on which he and his estimable wife lived until they died. Their children were: Frederick, who lived in Clearfield county, Pa.; Charlotte, who married Conrad Staley, and lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Margaret, who married Abram Keller, and lived at Big run, Pa.; and Catherine, who became Mrs. Christopher Rishel.

Children as follows were born to Christopher Rishel and his wife: Mary is the widow of Robert Calderwood, of Canoe township; Henry is mentioned below; Rev. Emanuel W., for some years a school teacher, but for the last quarter of a century engaged in ministerial work, being a clergyman of the United Evangelical Church, now at Windber, Pa., married Mina Ferner, and their children are Charlotte, Madaline, Preston and Ruby;; Miles is unmarried and lives on the old homestead in Canoe township; Emma, who lives with Miles, is also unmarried; four children died in infancy.

Henry Rishel was given but common school advantages, adding to his store of knowledge by observation and experience. He remained at home until his marriage, after which he located on his present farm in Canoe township, then known as the George Bradenbaugh place. His original holdings amounted to fifty acres, but recently he added thirty acres, and has about seventy acres under cultivation, raising stock upon his property, as well as carrying on general farming. Mr. Rishel built the residence and made many other important improvements. He believes in carrying on his work according to modern methods, and has equipped his farm with good machinery.

On Aug. 20, 1878, Mr. Rishel married Jennie Knox, who was born at Marchand, Pa.; daughter of David and Maria Knox, the latter born in Canoe

township, daughter of Solomon Braughler. A sketch of the Braughler family may be found elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Rishel have had children as follows: Iva D. married Joseph States, of Washington county, Pa., a patternmaker for the American Steel Corporation, and has children, Ronald and James Henry; Gertrude, who married William Richardson, a rural free delivery mail carrier of Richmond, Pa., has had two children, Robert and Carl, the latter deceased; Rhoda married Sharp Caylor, a clerk in the post office at Punxsutawney, Pa., and has three children, Helen, Ray, and Gertrude Jane (Prior to her marriage she taught school for two terms, being the first school teacher at Rossiter, Pa.); Emery C., now an electrician for the American Glass Company at James City, Pa., formerly a teacher for three terms at Juneau, and one term at Rossiter, married Lillian Sutter, and has a daughter, Virginia; Teoka was educated in the home and private schools and at several academies, and has been a teacher for the last eight years, one term at Juneau, two terms at the Grant school, two terms at Big Run, Jefferson county, one term at Crawford No. 1, one term at Cold Springs, in North Mahoning township, and one term at Rossiter; David K. was educated in the public and private schools of his neighborhood, and has been a teacher for our years, having been stationed at the Shaffer school for one term and for the same period at the Gaston school, the Henry school and the Locust Lane school. Three children died in infancy. All of the survivors have been carefully reared and are a credit to their parents.

Mr. Rishel has been constable, school director, member of the election board, treasurer and supervisor of his township, always elected on the Republican ticket. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Pa., and is active in the good work of the church and the missionary society. The family is one of the best known and most highly respected of any in the county, and its members richly deserve the regard they command.

KNOX. Hugh Knox, grandfather of Mrs. Rishel, was born in County Down, Ireland, as was his wife, Ann (Blakely). They came to Indiana county, Pa., and located in North Mahoning township, where Mrs. Knox died, her husband surviving her and passing away at Atwood, Pa. Their children were: John, who lived in North Mahoning township and Brookville, Pa.; James, who lived in Canoe township; David, mentioned below; Samuel, who lived on the homestead in North Mahoning township; Susan, who married Henry Coy, of Covode, Pa.; Abbie, who married James Wadding, of Atwood, Pa.; Nancy, who married Joseph Coy, and they lived at Covode, Pa., until they died; Mary, who married Hugh Knox, and lived in a Western State; and Peggy, who married and lived at Marchand, Pennsylvania.

David Knox, son of Hugh Knox and father of Mrs. Rishel, had few educational opportunities, but he became a useful, successful man. He carried on farming and merchandising, and lived on the Knox homestead. His death occurred in 1889, when he was sixty-three years old. His widow survived until April, 1911, when she died aged seventy-three years. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church at Covode, Pa. The following children were born to David Knox and wife: Hood, who married Anna Morrison, lives at

Reynoldsville, Pa.; Jennie is Mrs. Rishel; Lizzie married Henry Pentz, a coal and oil dealer of Dubois, Pa.; Rhoda married William Prescott, a farmer and owner of a coal bank at Adrian, Pa.; Dawson, deceased, married Jessie Stanley, and lived on the old homestead; Hannah, who is unmarried, owns a store in Buffalo, N. Y.; Nettie married Milligan Calderwood, a farmer of Canoe township; Myrtle married Thomas Strouse, a conductor on the Cleveland street railroad; and Martin, who married Grace Hirshberger, is a dairyman of Cleveland, Ohio.