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George Schnure, Esq., was born in Penn township on December 23, 1811, of German ancestry. His grandfather, John George Schnure, according to the records of the church in Dudenhopfen, Germany, was married to one Anna Catharine Mennor. Of this union John Christian Schnure, the father of George, was born at Dudenhopfen, in the principality of Hesse Cassel, July 2, 1763. In 1781, John Christian Schnure left his home and native land and emigrated to this country, knowing that upon the termination of the voyage a bondage for a term of years awaited him to pay his passage. Upon his arrival the captain of the vessel bound him for three years to a farmer named Ege, residing in Berks County, and all he earned in that time went to pay his fare, clothing and board. After serving out his time he moved to what is now Middle Creek township, Snyder County, where he was married to Elizabeth Pontius, who, at an early age, had removed with her parents from Philadelphia to that locality. She was born February 19, 1776, and died in Hartley township. Union County, Sept. 17, 1852. John Christian Schnure died July 27, 1827. Their children were Catharine, who married Tobias Miller, and settled in Venango County; Henry, who has descendants living in Michigan and Indiana; Elizabeth, married to Charles Smith, descendants living in Centre and Union Counties; Christian, descendants living in Centre and Union Counties; Michael, descendants living in Union County; Mary, died unmarried; George, who is the subject of this sketch ; Levi, descendants living in Ohio; Margaret, married to Robert Lucas, descendants living in Union County.

During his early life George Schnure assisted his father on the farm. During the winter season he had from two to three months' instruction in schools where some were taught in English and others in German. The remainder of the year was spent at work. When but nine years of age he left the parental roof and was employed by Robert Foster, who kept a store in Hartleton. This early beginning impressed upon his youthful mind a love for mercantile pursuits and laid the foundation for that industry and thrift, which, in after years,, resulted in financial success. After serving Mr. Foster a short time, he returned to his father's farm, where he remained during the summer, and then entered the service of A. D. Hahn, who kept store and tavern in Hartleton, and remained four years. In 1825 Mr. Hahn moved to New Berlin and engaged in the mercantile business, and George Schnure accompanied him, remained his clerk for one year and then went to Northumberland, and for three years was a clerk in the store of John A. Sterrett. The store then being purchased by John Guyer, he continued with the new owner nine months.

In 1833 Mr. Schnure came to Selin's Grove, and at the age of twenty-two entered into partnership with his former employer, John A. Sterrett. Their store stood on the second lot from the northeast corner of Market and Walnut Streets. After continuing this partnership for three years, Mr. Sterrett, having sold his interest to Henry C. Eyer, retired from the firm. Eyer & Schnure remained in business for seven years, when they disposed of the store to Gundrum & Reichard. Two years later Mr. Schnure entered into partnership with James K. Davis, Jr., and opened a general store on the southeast corner of Market and Pine streets. Mr. Schnure having bought the property on the northwest corner of the said streets, the

store was moved to that place, where he and Mr. Davis continued in the general mercantile, grain and shipping business for twelve years. In 1858 the store was sold to Charles S. Davis and Lewis R. Hummel. About 1860 Mr. Schnure bought back Charles S. Davis' interest, and engaged in business with Mr. Hummel. This new firm continued four years, when Mr. Schnure withdrew and devoted the several years following to settling up the partnership affairs. In 1868 he formed a partnership with Daniel Carey, and purchased the Maine Saw- Mill property from Scribner & Perkins, at a cost of twenty-two thousand dollars, and continued in the lumber trade until 1873, when, upon the death of Mr. Carey, he devoted his time to settling up the business affairs as well as the estate of his deceased partner. In September, 1879, Mr. Schnure bought out A. Krieger's and J. Pawling's interest in the flouring-mill at the upper end of Selin's Grove, and became a partner with his son, H. D. Schnure, who had previously been in partnership with Krieger & Pawling. Mr. Schnure continues in the milling, grain and flour business with his son. They have rebuilt the mill, added new and improved machinery, erected a large grain-house and connected the mill with the railroad by means of a siding. About 1850 Mr. Schnure was elected a director in the Northumberland Bank, and was frequently re-elected. Upon the removal of the bank to Sunbury he was continued, and is a director at the present time. On January 21, 1864, he was elected the first president of the First National Bank of Selin's Grove (formerly the Northumberland Bank), and for almost twenty-three years has continued to fill this position. He has frequently served as a school director, as chief burgess and as Councilman. About 1868 he was president of the Sunbury and Lewistown Railroad, then known as the Middle Creek Railroad, and during his administration part of the grading was done. For many years he was president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute. Throughout this eventful business career Mr. Schnure was always successful, resulting in the accumulation of much wealth and property. He was married, September 23, 1841, to Miss Cordelia Davis, a daughter of James K. Davis, Sr., and a granddaughter on her maternal side of Anthony Selin, the founder of the town. Mrs. Schnure died March 1, 1859. Their children are Francis Marion, born November 13, 1845, married to Miss Laura Gross, of New Berlin, November 11, 1868, died October 5, 1871; John Sylvester, born January 21, 1848; died March 15, 1881; Howard Davis, born October 30, 1850, married to Miss Sarah J. Six, of Mechanicstown, Md., September 20, 1876; Mary Elizabeth Eyer, born January 12, 1853, married to Ira C. Schoch October 23, 1878, died June 5, 1884; Emma Catharine, born January 4, 1857, married Harvey H. Schoch September 20, 1882.

On the 15th of April, 1863, Mr. Schnure was married, the second time, to Miss Amanda Spyker, of Lewisburgh. She died January 11, 1877, after an illness of a few hours.

In the various walks of life Mr. Schnure has ever been held in the highest esteem. His opinion and advice have for many years been sought and carefully followed by many of his fellow-men. His economy, perseverance and discretion have been carefully studied and practiced by those desiring to advance in life. When a cause was just and deserving of aid, his heart contained a sympathetic chord that could always be touched by the hand of charity.



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