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JOSEPH ESREY (18xx-1886) AND FAMILY

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JOSEPH ESREY was a prosperous farmer of Delaware county. He married Hannah Bittle. He was a birthright member of the Society of Friends, and his wife was of the Lutheran faith. Joseph Esrey died in 1886, and his wife died in 1876. They reared a family of seven children, namely:

1. Dr. Louis K. Esrey, who is a graduate of the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia; he married Cecilia Lindsay, and they had four children; his wife died and Dr. Esrey married, secondly, Clara Elliot.
2. Rebecca Esrey, who is Mrs. James Worrell.
3. William Esrey, died in early manhood.
4. Nathan Esrey, who married Annie Martin; no issue.
5. James Esrey (see below).
6. Sarah Esrey (Mrs. Howard Vandegrift), of Rosemont, Delaware county.
7. Hannah Esrey (Mrs. Walter Hood), of Ardmore, Montgomery county.

JAMES ESREY of Haverford, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, was born on the 3d of November, 1850, near Manoa, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. received his early education in the public schools of Delaware county; he completed his studies by taking a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College of Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated. Returning to the farm in Delaware county, he began his career as an auctioneer, in which line of business he has forged ahead until he is now well known in this capacity throughout the county.

Mr. Esrey married Ella Virginia McAfee, a daughter of John and Margaret M. (Heden) McAfee, on February 24, 1881. Their children are as follows:

1. John M. Esrey, born February 14, 1882.
2. Horace J. Esrey, born February 25, 1884.
3. Anna Margaret Esrey, born May 13, 1886.
4. James Leroy Esrey, born March 27, 1890.
5. Ruthella May Esrey, born May 24, 1893.
6. Lucy Campbell Esrey, born November 6, 1896.

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