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## **SAMUEL GEORGE WATT (1854-19xx)**

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**SAMUEL GEORGE WATT**, who conducts one of the oldest milk routes in Upper Darby, and one of the leading citizens of Llanerch, was born in Ireland, County Donegal, August 12, 1854, a son of John and Mary Ann (Rankin) Watt. John was a son of John, Sr., of County Fawn, Ireland, and Mary Ann was a daughter of James Rankin, County Boncrannon, Ireland. Nothing further is known of the ancestral history.

John and Mary Ann (Rankin) Watt were the parents of ten children, surviving, the majority of whom are living in America today. These children are as follows:

1. Elizabeth, married George Brown and has two children;
2. Mary, unmarried, now dead;
3. David, unmarried;
4. Robert, married Tillie McCartel, and has seven children;
5. Alexander, married a Miss Chambers, no issue;
6. Samuel G., married for his first wife Caroline Transue, and had four children: Mary, Bertha, Ellwood and Sylvester, and his second wife was Jennie Warwick, of Newtown Square, and she is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hillpot) Warwick, and they have two children: Willie and Jennie, and she came of a family of five children: Annie, William, Greer and Grace, all single;
7. Joseph, unmarried;
8. John, unmarried;
9. Annie, married William Bogg, no issue;
10. James, unmarried.

Samuel George Watt emigrated to America in 1872, having obtained his education in his native land. He began working upon a farm in Haverford township. For some time he continued in this way, accumulating money and increasing his fund of information, until he had sufficient means to purchase a milk business. At that time he came to Upper Darby, in the early seventies and has continued on the same route, and many of his first customers still buy their milk of him. In 1885 he purchased the farm owned by John Smith, of twenty acres, and he now operates it as a dairy farm, delivering his milk himself, and practicing the same honest methods which won him business in the beginning of his career. In politics he is a Republican, and he supports the candidates of the party upon all occasions. His religious belief makes him a Presbyterian, and he gives liberally to the church. Hardworking, thrifty and honest, Mr. Watt has steadily worked his way upward, and is respected in his community by the many friends he has won through his excellent traits of character.

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