

JOSEPH SEAMAN, of Zanesville, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1816, son of John and Elizabeth (Loeb) Seaman, also natives of Pennsylvania. John Seaman was a son of Eberhardt Seaman, who was born in Germany. His wife was also born in Germany, and they were married in that country. They immigrated to America and were among the earliest settlers of Berks County. They had five children—Jonathan, George, John and Elizabeth; the name of the other child is unknown. The children all lived and died in Pennsylvania, except the youngest, who moved to Maryland. Joseph removed to Trumbull County, Ohio, in the spring of 1836, where he married Maria Bailey, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Rupright) Bailey, of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. Her parents had nine children—Peter, John, George, Maria, Elizabeth, Susanna, Barbara, Catherine and Sarah. They were all reared and married in Ohio.

Mr. Seaman, after his marriage, worked at the carpenter's trade until he removed to Indiana in 1854, although he had a farm. Their children were all born in Ohio, and all came with them to this State. Mary A. married Lewis Raber; Sarah A. married William Raber, and died in 1855; Eliza became the wife of Noah Blouser; Jonathan married Betty McBride; George A. married Maria Schunk; Adaline married Jacob Kaiser; Angeline married Daniel Shoup; William H. married Kate Kaiser; Emanuel R. married Clara J. Bechtel. Only four of these children are living—Jonathan, Adaline, Mary and Eliza. Adaline and Angeline were twins.

When Mr. Seaman came to Union Township in 1851 he settled upon the farm that he now owns. A small frame house had been built, and fifty acres partially cleared. His wife died March 18, 1883, and February 10, 1884, he married Mrs. Hannah Rupright, daughter of William and Susan (Furney) Shepler. They settled in the village of Zanesville, and have resided there ever since. Mr. Seaman made the first land appraisalment in Union Township under the new law, and has also served as trustee of the township. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran church in Union Township, and his labor aided largely in its establishment. From its organization in 1860 he has been an elder, and was clerk for many years. Politically he is an earnest Democrat, and never loses faith in the ultimate success of his party. Of the children of his parents, Catherine married Samuel Stein, and resides at Caledonia, Michigan; Benjamin married Elizabeth Kauffman; Reuben, deceased, married Catherine Loeb, and after her death, her cousin, Sarah Loeb, also deceased.

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