William J. Campbell, M. D., Mapleton, Huntingdon County, was born in Huntingdon County, May 18, 1862. He is the son of Hance R. and Annie (Smith) Campbell. Mr. Campbell's father, Hance R. Campbell, was born in Glasgow, Scotland; his mother was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell came to America and settled in New Germantown, Perry County, Pa. Mr. Campbell was a farmer and a dealer in stock. He was a man of good judgment, and merited the confidence of the community. He afterwards filled various offices in Shirley Township. Mr. Campbell and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children are: Sarah (Mrs. C. Ballentine); Thomas H.; William J., M. D.; Robert B., M. D.; Sophia (Mrs. A. W. Jones); Belle L. (Mrs. M. C. Alexander); Frank S., M. D.; Elizabeth (Mrs. John Skiles); Samuel, deceased; and Mary, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are both dead.

William J. Campbell attended the public schools of Shirley Township until he was fourteen, and then spent three terms in a private school in Orbisonia, Huntingdon County. Far from being satisfied by this taste of the delights of study, his eager mind was only aroused and stimulated. He determined to secure for himself a better education. So well had he improved his opportunities that he obtained a school, and after teaching for two winters his savings enabled him to have another course in the school at Orbisonia. When this course was completed Mr. Campbell again taught school for three successive terms, and was then able to spend one term in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, Pa. In 1885 he returned to Huntingdon for one term in the Normal College of Huntingdon.

In 1887, Mr. Campbell entered the United States Mail Service, retaining this position for two years. The following winter he again taught at Mt. Union, Pa. This was Mr. Campbell's last term as a teacher; he had advanced step by step toward the education which he had determined to secure, and in October, 1890, he entered the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated May 4, 1893. In the same year he opened an office in Mapleton, and at once began the practice of his chosen profession. Dr. Campbell still resides in Mapleton, where he has won for himself a large and increasing practice, and has become one of the prominent physicians of Huntingdon County. In 1893 Dr. Campbell was appointed United States pension examiner, a position which he still holds. He is also a member of the Huntingdon County Medical Society. Dr. Campbell is highly esteemed by all who know him. He has taken an active part in all the affairs of the township, and has held various offices. In 1888 he was mercantile appraiser of Huntingdon County, and in 1894 was elected school director. Dr. Campbell is a member of the Masonic Order, Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 300, of Huntingdon, Pa, and of the P. O. S. of A., Mount Union Lodge, No. 346. Dr. Campbell is self-made, never having received a dollar except that which he earned by hard work and industry. His life has been one unbroken struggle to prepare himself for usefulness.

William J. Campbell, M. D., was married December 5, 1889, to Laura E., daughter of George and Mary (McCoy) Spanogle. They have one child, Mary H. Dr. Campbell and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church at Mapleton, Pa.
Mrs. Campbell's father, a native of Huntingdon County, spent most of his life as clerk in various offices. He taught school for some years, teaching only in the winter. Mr. Spanogle was clerk in the House of Representatives for one term. He filled various township and county offices and was many years auditor of Huntingdon County. He married Mary A. McCoy a native of Juniata County, Pa.. Their children are: Laura E. (Mrs. Wm. J. Campbell); Gertrude (Mrs. William E. Kieferle); Frank; Charles; Bessie (Mrs. W. E. Hack); Nora; Mary; Nellie; and Clara Blanche (Mrs. Samuel Lutz), deceased. Mr. Spanogle and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are living at Huntingdon, Pa.

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