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nre company. He is a member of the fractual Order of Eagles and the Foresters. In 1900 Mr. Keogh was united in marriage to Miss Bridget, daughter of Patrick and Julia Dolphin, both natives of Ireland, though Mrs. Keogh was born in Shenandoah.

Kessler, John M., one of the oldest residents of Hegins township, was born in that township, Nov. 13, 1822. His grandfather, Michael Kessler, was a native of Berks county, but came to Schuylkill county in the year 1800. Here he bought a tract of wild land, cleared a farm and built a mill. He gave the site for the first school house and church in the township. He married Polly Grim and they both died on the farm he thus established. His son Michael, the father of John M., came with him to this county, and married a Miss Arnold, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Abraham, Michael, John M., Christiana, Philip, Catherine, Harriet and Magdalena. Abraham was a farmer. He married Kate Riekel and moved to Lykens Valley. They had one son, Reuben, who became a distiller. Michael died, unmarried, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a miller at Hegins. Christiana is the widow of John Lucas and lives in Barry township. Philip, now dead, was a farmer and mason. Catherine died, single, at the age of sixty-five years. Harriet is the widow of Joseph Staub and lives at Lancaster. Magdalena is the widow of Gabriel Barth and lives in Hubly township. The mother of these children died and Michael Kessler married Catherine Boyer, who had been twice married before and had two sons: Franklin Haupt, now of Mount Carmel and Charles Overfield deceased. To this second

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