

COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA BIOGRAPHIES
SUGARLOAF TOWNSHIP
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CHRISTIAN LAUBACH

CHRISTIAN LAUBACH, merchant, Danville, was born in Sugarloaf Township, Columbia Co., Penn., February 22, 1816; a son of Christian (a farmer) and Mary (FRUTCHY) LAUBACH, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent, former of whom died in Columbia County in 1825. Our subject, the youngest of eleven children, was only nine years of age when his parents died, and he then went to live with his brother. He acquired his education at the old log schoolhouse of his township, and when seventeen years of age resolved to enter mercantile business. He obtained a position as clerk in a general store in Orangeville, Columbia Co., Penn., and in 1845 went into business in Danville, having removed thither in 1837, he having been engaged as clerk during the intervening period. During that time he had saved enough, together with \$410 received from his father's estate, to enable him to open a mercantile establishment, and since then he has done a successful trade. He has increased his business from time to time and now also operates in separate stores, groceries and dry goods. By prudent management he has acquired a handsome fortune, and is now one of the oldest merchants in the place. He married, in 1842, Hannah, daughter of Jacob HEFLER and of German descent. Six children were born to their union: Martha B., wife of S. T. LEES; Emma A., wife of Lewis E. WOODS; Mary Ellen., widow of William Root; Sally; George, a salesman in the store, and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. LAUBACH are members of the Methodist Church, of which he has been trustee and steward. He is treasurer of the Danville Mutual Insurance Company, a member of the board of trustees of the First National Bank, and also served three years as president of the First National Bank of Danville. In politics he is a Republican. (History of Columbia and Montour Counties Pennsylvania, Battle, 1887, Danville, pg. 162)

ANDREW LAUBACH

Andrew LAUBACH, Guava, was born January 10, 1826, in Mount Pleasant Township, this county, son of Frederick and Mary (LURISH) LAUBACH. He was twice married, first time February 22, 1848, to Nancy BRITTON, of New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Penn., by whom he had the following named children; John Britton, born January 8, 1849, a dentist in Benton, this county; Mary E., born July 24, 1850, wife of G. L. HESS; Almira, born October 2, 1851, wife of Westbrook HOWELL, in Michigan; Clarence, born July 6, 1853 married to Martha COLE, who was born May 3, 1863 (they have the following children: Horton, William H., Glenn, Freeze and Emma); and Nancy, born March 10, 1856. Mrs. LAUBACH dying March 22, 1856, our subject marrying for his second wife, February 17, 1857, Emeline, daughter of William STEPHENS, and to this union five children were born: Benson, born April 27, 1858, in Lairdsville, Lycoming County, Penn.; Edwin F., born December 4, 1859, married to Mary E., daughter of William BELLES, of New Columbus, Penn. (they have one child, Nora B.); Nora Catherine, born September 9, 1862; Sarah Eugenie, born May 12, 1865, died March 1, 1868, and William B., born April 15, 1870. E. F. LAUBACH after his marriage lived two years in New Columbus, Penn., and was in the hotel business during 1884 and 1885, coming to Guava April 1, 1886, where he has since remained. In politics Mr. LAUBACH is a Democrat. (History of Columbia and Montour Counties Pennsylvania, Battle, 1887, pg. 541)