

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MANN.

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In January, 1849, the contract for the new factory at Mill Hall was made, and very soon after, I was married to Miss Christina Reesman, so that the business and matrimonial enterprises started out on the venture of life almost simultaneously.

The wedding was conducted very quietly, and was a surprise to the neighborhood. As I did not want to move to Mill Hall until August, when I expected the factory would be ready to start, I rented a kitchen and one room up-stairs back of a log house, the same that is now used for a railroad station at Mackeyville. Here we commenced house-keeping. I mention this to show the very small beginning from which we started, and I will say, in candor, that I have not been happier in any quarters I have since occupied. We were visited here by my brother William, my sister Maria, and Harvey Mann's daughter Rachel, who, I know, were surprised at the situation, but I am not conscious of having been the least ashamed; perhaps my wife had so much influence over me that I saw nothing but her at that time.

Here I will venture to say that there has not been a couple in the county of Clinton who have contributed so much to the industry of the common people so continuously, and for so long