

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT MANN.

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claim much advantage in after life from my experience in his shop. My father was a man of tenacious convictions; sometimes erroneous for the want of a greater breadth of intelligence, mainly owing to his very limited education; in politics a Jackson Democrat, in principle an honest man, he heartily despised all forms of dissimulation and untruthfulness; remarkably methodical in his habits and care of his health, he did not know what sickness was until extreme old age.

My brother William, twenty-two years my senior, came to Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania, about the year 1824. He made the first axes in a blacksmith-shop a short distance below Boiling Springs. Probably one year after, my next oldest brother, Harvey, came to Bellefonte and joined his brother William, renting a shop at Bellefonte owned by John Hall. There was a water-power here, and they put in a trip-hammer and grindstones for the making of axes and tools. The business seems to have prospered, and after, say, four years they built the works at Boiling Springs, having purchased the site from Judge Burnside, located about two miles above Bellefonte. Here they continued in business for several years, and were apparently suc-