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Biographical Sketches Perth Amboy, New Jersey - p. 549 & 550 Morris SLOBODIEN, was one of the leading carriage builders and wheelwrights, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, is a son of Solomon & Meenyxa Slobodien, and was born at Bobryck, Russia , March 1, 1858.

Labo SLOBODIEN (grandfather) was a native of Slaboda, Russia, and after acquiring the education afforded by the school system of that country, chose the occupation of a farmer, and, by industry and good management, acculated a competence and became the proprietor of a farm, which he managed successfully at Slaboda, up to his death, in 1845. He was a member of the Jewish synagogue, at Bobryck, Russia, and by his marriage became the father of two children: Solomon and Nehanna.

Solomon SLOBODIEN (father) was born at Bobryck, Russia in 1810, and as a boy recieved his elementry instruction in the Jewish schools of his native place. He then learned the tailoring trade, and, after thoroughly acquainting himself with the details and requirements of that occupation, began business on his own account, and has had a very successful mercantile career. Father SLOBODIEN possess a vigorous physcial constitution, and has long since passed the allotted time of man, being fourscore years of age, and enjoys the health of a man half his years. He is a member of the Jewish synagogue, at Bobryck, and is a substantial supporter of the same. Solomon SLOBODIEN married FAYWESHOVITZ, daughter of Herman FAYWESHOVITZ, and their family of children are as follows: Sophia, Freddie, Elizabeth, Balie, Michael, Joseph, Morris, Phillip and Joseph.

Morris SLOBODIEN (subject) attended the Jewish schools of Bobryck, Russia, and was duly instructed in the elements of knowledge as perscribed by that system. At the age of fourteen his school days terminated, and he began a term of service as an apprentice at the trade of blacksmithing, and worked at the same in Russia for about 15 years, when he emigrated to America, coming to Perth Amboy in 1887. Here he was in the employ of John H. KENT, Edward APPLEGATE, and various other parties in South Amboy, until 1893, when he started his present business of blacksmithing, wheelwright and carriage building, on New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, and has built up a profitable trade, which is continually on the increase. Politically Mr. SLOBODIEN is a republican, and , as a voter and a man of business, is deeply interested in the public affairs of his community. In religious belief and connections, our subject is a member of the Jewish synagogue, of Perth Amboy. On March 15, 1889, Morris SLOBODIEN was united in marriage to Miss Sophia FREEFON, daughter of Aaron and Bessie FREEFON, and this union has been blessed by the birth of 2 sons and 2 daughters: Michael, Benjamin, Bessie and Sarah.