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Rev. Henry Irving Comfort, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Brough) Comfort, was born August 19, 1830, at Gettysburg, Pa. He prepared for college at New Oxford, Pa., under Dr. Pyfer, and entered the Freshman Class in 1853. He graduated in 1857, and was a member of the Goethean Literary Society.

Mr. Comfort was a minister of the Reformed Church, though he did not take the regular theological course. Licensed by the Maryland Classis in 1858, and ordained in 1859, his first charge was at Mechanicstown, Md., [Thurmont] from 1859 to 1865. In 1866 he entered his second charge at Germantown, Ohio, where he remained until 1867, when he became pastor of the Burkittsville charge in Frederick county, Md. From 1872 to 1880 he served the Grindstone Hill charge, Franklin county, Pa., and during the years 1881 to 1883 he served charges at Bradford Junction and St. Paris, Ohio. Returning to Maryland, in 1884 and 1885 he taught in the public schools of Frederick county. From 1886 to the time of his death he served as pastor of the Burkittsville charge for the second time. He died of Bright's disease at Burkittsville, February 18, 1888, and was buried at Mt. Olivet cemetery, Frederick.

Rev. Comfort was married three times. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Shrom, of Mercersburg, Pa., in 1858. Charles Irving Comfort, of Newport, R.I., is the surviving child by this marriage. On October 6, 1864, he was married in Baltimore to Miss Margaret A. Miller, by Rev. E.R. Eschbach, D.D. She died March 15, 1865, and on January 30, 1866, he was married to Miss Williamanna Colliflower at Jefferson, Md. The third Mrs. Comfort and five of her children are now living: William Henry, Newton Colliflower, graduate of pharmacy, Philadelphia, Anna Elizabeth, now Mrs. Obert, of Lehighton, Pa., Sarah Catherine, and Mary E. Comfort.